



# NOT NEWS

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## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top six teams from the Womens play a round robin today with full VP scores carrying forward, while the top two Senior teams playoff for the title.

The National 0-149ers Teams Championship event is finished. Category winners in this event were:

### Best 0-99 team:

J Manton  
M Lynch  
F Duncan  
G Rudd

### Best 0-49 team:

S Lau  
S Crompton  
B Anderson  
J Bell



## WHERE ARE YOU PLAYING TODAY?

### Events at Rydges Hotel

NWT Finals  
NST Finals  
Australian Mixed Pairs

### Events at Hyatt Hotel

Australian Open Pairs  
\*\* Flighted Pairs  
ABDA course  
Walk In Pairs sessions

\*\* This event was previously held at Rydges but this year it has moved to the Hyatt. (Apologies for the error in yesterday's NOT NEWS).

## TOP 10

### National Womens Teams (80 teams)

Congratulations to the six qualifiers for the next stage.

			VP's
1st	9	K NEALE, C WRIGHT, L KING, C HERDEN	175
2nd	5	J THOMPSON, P EVANS, K SMITH, J DEL PICCOLO A BOOTH, L SHIELS	172
3rd	1	B TRAVIS, E HAVAS, J COURTNEY, A CLARK, J CORMACK, D MOIR	168
4th	6	G TUCKER, M MILLAR, R CLAYTON, A KEMPTHORNE	165
4th	3	V CUMMINGS, C FEITELSON, L STERN, B FOLKARD, K YULE, J HAY	165
6th	21	P RICKARD, M REID, J TWIGG, J ROCKS	164
7th	33	J MAHER, M POGANY, S LALOV, J HUNTER	160
8th	24	C BRISCOE, Y CAINS, S KING, B GRIFFITHS	159
9th	30	R TREND, T GARBUTT, J PRINCE, G JONES	153
10th	27	B SEAR, N TUXWORTH, D LEES, L GOLD	152

### National Seniors Teams (74 teams)

Congratulations to the two finalists.

1st	1	B HAUGHIE, J BORIN, J LESTER, G LORENTZ, A WALSH, R KLINGER	203
2nd	17	E HURLEY, B RAAPHORST, C JOHNSTON, R SLOBOM	172
3rd	13	S KLOFA, C SCHWABEGGER, A MEYDAN, D WHITE	168
4th	11	J STRETTON, D DAVIS, T MORRIS, B BRADSHAW	161
5th	2	B EVANS, T MOSS, D ZINES, B TENCER	159
6th	5	W WESTWOOD, L KALMIN, R JANUSZKE K ANDERSON	158
7th	8	M BLOOM, R RAWKINS, N MOSES, K MOSES	157
8th	23	J GRIGG, K BROOK, A SAMUEL, E SAMUEL	156
9th	3	J ASHWORTH, J BROCKWELL, G JESNER, E RAMSHAW, T HANCOCK, B HUNT	154
9th	22	B MARE, T WELLS, V DAWES, T STRONG	154

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

1st	105	A STEPHENS, J DALY, S SCERRI, A SCERRI, G MCCALARY, M WEDDELL	147
2nd	109	A STRUIK, T MARKER, R HILL, D TOAKLEY	146
3rd	104	J MANTON, M LYNCH, F DUNCAN, G RUDD	143
4th	103	P THRESHER, A CURTIS, Y MEARS, T STEWART-UDEN	142
5th	118	B YOUNG, J MERCER, M KODER, K KODER	140
6th	111	J HILTON, T CHAN, E CHAN, D CUNNINGHAM	137
7th	128	A BALDWIN, G GRAY, K CULLANM, C BEATON	136
8th	117	B ROSENBERG, B ROSENBERG, J STEWART J BAILEY	134
9th	112	G LYNGA, C LANDAU, S FILLER, M COPPING	131
9th	107	J SEAR, E MOENS, R CUNLIFFE, D HATCHER	131

# THE MORE YOU BID, THE MORE YOU MAKE

by Ron Klinger

## Exhibit 1:

Womens / Seniors Round 5, Board 18

Dealer E, Vul NS

♠T7532	♥AK8
♥AT6	♥853
♦Q53	♦KJ9
♣82	♣QJ54
	♠AKT96
	♥QJ94
	♥K42
	♦T864
	♣73

## Table 1

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

John Lester, East, led the ♠A and switched to a heart, low, ten, queen. Declarer played a heart back to the king and ace and West, Gabi Lorentz, shifted to the ♣8, ten, jack. East now switched to the ♦K, which was allowed to hold, followed by the ♦9 to the queen and ace and a third diamond to East's jack.

Lester now cashed the ♠K and put North on lead with the third heart. Unable to reach dummy's winners, declarer had to lose another club. The defence scored two spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs to take 2NT two down.

## Table 2

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1) P	
1♠	X	2♠	P
P	3♣ (2) P	3NT	
All pass			
(1) 2+ clubs (2) Natural			

West led a spade to the king and East continued with the ♠A and a third spade. South, Jim Borin, played a club to the ten and jack and East switched to a low heart, low, ace. West played a fourth

spade to South who finessed the ♣9, losing to the queen. The defence took two clubs, two spades and a heart.

Thus 3NT went one down and 2NT went two down.

## Exhibit 2:

Womens / Seniors Round 5, Board 3

Dealer S, Vul EW

♠T2	♥AKQ5
♥53	♥KQ976
♦KQ763	♦J
♣AT72	♣J84
	♠987
	♥A2
	♦T954
	♣K965
	♠J643
	♥JT84
	♦A82
	♣Q3

## Table 1

West	North	East	South
		1♥	P
1NT	All pass		

North, Bill Haughie (pronounced Hoy, nickname 'Shipper'), led the ♠9, ducked in dummy to the jack. Jim Borin returned a spade, won in dummy. The ♦J was allowed to hold and then came the ♣J, queen, ace. The ♦K was won by the ace and Borin now played the ♣3, ducked to the ♣9.

Haughie cashed the ♠K and then stuck declarer on dummy with the third spade. Declarer was down to just hearts and the ♥K was taken by the ace. The ♥2 continued declarer's discomfiture. It was ducked to South's eight and the ♥J return created another trick for the defence. Declarer made three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club, six tricks, one down.

## Table 2

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

1♣ = strong club  
2♥ = both minors  
2♠ = relay  
3♣ = 2-2-5-4

With no inkling of East's shape, South led the ♥4 to the ace and North returned

the ♥2, won by the king. Declarer, John Lester, played the ♦J which was allowed to hold and then came the ♣4 to the ten and king. North shifted to the ♠9, won by the ace, and Lester cleared the hearts with the ♥Q and a heart to South. The ♣Q exit was won by the ace and Lester came to hand with a club to the jack.

Declarer already had enough tricks for his contract but when he cashed the fifth heart, South discarded a spade and so Lester made the rest. Declarer scored four spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Thus 1NT was one down while 3NT made an overtrick.

## WALK IN RESULTS

19 January 2001

### Morning session

#### N/S

- 1 F Taglietti, S Potts
- 2 A Donovan, J Bell
- 3 H Brooksbank, B Lewis

#### E/W

- 1 T Carr, P Thiem
- 2 I Jamieson, M Nekuda
- 3 G Little, H Roberts-Thomson

### Afternoon session

#### N/S

- 1 M Thorn, A Anlezark
- 2 P Lilly, L Lilly
- 3 M Jefferson, T Wheatley

#### E/W

- 1 V Cariola, J Gee
- 2 S Arnold, R Fitzgerald
- 3 P Havlicek, B Knight

### Evening session

#### N/S

- 1 E Pallos, M Woods
- 2 P Liphay, A Ivanovski
- 3 J McCulloch, B Peters

#### E/W

- 1 R Pringle, B Nash
- 2 D Leslie, H Leslie
- 3 H Walsh, G Walsh

An apology goes to the E/W winners of the afternoon Walk In session yesterday as they were not included in the printed results. They were A Delivera and R Hills.



### Womens Teams Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	410	-290	180
2	70	-20	190
3	-190	60	220
4	-70	-740	-560
5	-170	630	-60
6	100	50	-1060
7	-80	-60	-120
8	-10	-30	-10
9	-670	240	-20
10	-490	-800	-110
11	480	-420	230
12	20	150	-140
13	30	-140	230
14	380	-550	-230
15	130	-160	-130
16	-60	-270	-570
17	-390	40	450
18	70	-40	580
19	40	-10	-480
20	-550	-210	110

### Seniors Teams Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	430	-280	190
2	100	40	60
3	-230	80	250
4	-60	-660	-560
5	-110	570	-90
6	180	70	-1280
7	0	-40	-80
8	-50	-60	-80
9	-670	170	-70
10	-580	-650	50
11	480	-440	180
12	50	10	-190
13	-80	-60	160
14	400	-520	-330
15	250	-100	-130
16	40	-480	-630
17	-180	70	450
18	180	-10	670
19	40	-30	-620
20	-630	-530	140

## PROPOSAL FOR MIXED PAIRS, 2002

The increasing popularity of the Mixed Pairs event indicates that next year the event could have a third session allowing more pairs to play each other. This session would have to be on the Saturday morning.

So I ask you to consider whether you would play in the Mixed Pairs in 2002 if there were to be a third session in the morning or not. Session times would be something like 10:30, 3:00 and 8:00. This would mean that you could not play the same hands as the Australian Open Pairs. There will be an informal poll by a show of hands during this year's Mixed Pairs event.

Please write to the bulletin with your opinions. I am particularly interested to know if the early start would interfere with player's normal travel times. For example, leaving Cairns on Saturday morning means that you can not get to Canberra until 1pm.

**John Scudder**  
Convener

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## ALL QUIET ON THE EASTERN FRONT

By Richard Webb

NWT Session 5 Board 19

Dealer S, Vul EW

Beale  
♠J72  
♥K86  
♦AKQ853  
♣T

Moir  
♠4  
♥AJ32  
♦T  
♣AQJ9862

Cormack  
♠98  
♥QT974  
♦J  
♣K7543

Smart  
♠AKQT653  
♥5  
♦97642  
♣—

After Di Smart opened 4♠, Debbie Moir overcalled 5♣ and Felicity Beale supported partner with 5♠. Jan Cormack then chose to pass in tempo despite her excellent club support and singleton diamond. Jan's reasoning was that 6♣ was probably making and did not want to push the opposition into a slam that they might not be bid. She

also discarded the idea of the stripe-tailed ape double for the same reason. All passed and twelve tricks were taken for +480. At the other table the bidding went:

4♠ - 5♣ - 5♠ - 6♣  
6♠ - X - All pass

The ♠A was led and declarer proceeded to wrap up 13 tricks for +1310 and a 13 IMP swing to the Travis team. In Jan's words, there are times when a pass is the strongest bid you can make - and here she was proven right.

*Editor's note: Beverley Carmichael mentioned to me that she and her partner Alison Farthing were delighted to find the save in 7♣ (vulnerable against not) on this hand for -800, only to find that their partners had missed the slam!*

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

## TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 19/1/00

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Bon Appetit!!!

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# 5 YEARS AGO – THROWING THE DICE

by Earl Dudley

One of the toughest decisions in bridge for me occurs when I have the opponents where I want them and it is time to cash in. However, cashing in by doubling the opponent's contract or redoubling when the opponents double me in my contract which I expect to make often entails some risk. The opponents might escape to another contract where the profit for our side is far less.

Experts are divided on the best strategy to employ in these situations. Some argue that if the opponents have already made a mistake in the bidding then they are likely to make another mistake when you choose to up the ante by doubling or redoubling. Others of a more conservative bent are grateful for any chance to beat par and are reluctant to give the opponents a second chance in the bidding.

While round 6 of the qualifying rounds of the 1996 NOT may have kept the NOT News busy with its preponderance of slams for the N/S pairs (six in total), round 12 was the horror round for my team when we were thrashed by a strong South Australian team. Two hands provided difficult competitive decisions.

On the first hand, you hold:

♠ QT94  
♥ 5  
♦ AKT43  
♣ KJ3

Your side is vulnerable (the opponents are not) and your left hand opponent opens proceedings with 4♥ promptly doubled by partner showing values (roughly 16+ HCP) and balanced or moderately unbalanced distribution. You now figure that slam is on and the only question is which suit. So you bid 5♥ and partner bids 5♠. You are about to raise to 6♠ when your right hand opponent chimes in with a double. The bidding has been:

4♥	X	P	5♥
P	5♠	X	

What is your next move?

The slam could well be on despite the double but chances are that you are in a 4-4 fit and the opponents are hinting that the suit is splitting 5-0. You are confident that 5♠ is secure but what happens if you redouble? The opponents may well elect to escape to 6♥ which can't be too expensive.

I chose to "take the money" by passing. This was not an inspired decision as the full deal shows.

Brd. 12           ♠ AK832  
Vul. NS           ♥ A  
Dir. W           ♦ QJ96  
                     ♣ Q52

♠ ---	♠ J765
♥ KQT98763	♥ J42
♦ 85	♦ 7
♣ 74	♣ AT986
	♠ QT94
	♥ 5
	♦ AKT43
	♣ KJ3

Our opponents at the other table bid and made 6S and my score of +1050 was not sufficient compensation. Note that E/W have an incredibly cheap save in 7♥. Adherents of the LAW should also note that there are 22 tricks in the combined hands – two more than are suggested by the LAW.

My second exhibit from Round 12 is one of those hands that crop up from time to time at the NOT. You hold:

♠ ---  
♥ ---  
♦ Q98642  
♣ AKQT965

Once again your side is vulnerable (the opponents are not). Partner passes as dealer and your right hand opponent opens 1H. Anything less than 5♣ with this monster is criminal in my view. Okay, you might try 4NT but I think it is best to get as high as possible in the bidding and force the opponents to guess. It worked this time since left hand opponent now bid 5♦ would you believe and this is passed around to you. Do you double?

Frankly, I was far from certain that E/W would sit the double and surely they would smell a rat if I doubled having previously pre-empted. I passed and we collected +200. On this occasion, I think I was right to pass though I needed to double to give us any chance to square

the board. The full deal:

Brd. 5	♠ J965	
Vul. NS	♥ T98743	
Dir. N	♦ ---	
	♣ 874	
♠ T873		♠ AK42
♥ KJ		♥ AQ652
♦ KJ73		♦ T5
♣ J		♣ 32
	♠ ---	
	♥ ---	
	♦ Q98642	
	♣ AKQT965	

The par spot is 5♠ for E/W which will surely be found if South chooses to overcall 2NT initially. Whether E/W will find this contract after a penalty double of 5♦ is anybody's guess. A more normal action after the 5♣ overcall is to double. Some ultra-modernists would play this as for take-out but the more conventional treatment is to play it as showing values. East will convert to penalties.

This is what happened at the other table. 5♣ fails by one trick on a trump lead (yes, declarer has just enough trumps to do all the work required to establish a diamond winner). However, it is curtains for any West defender who chooses to lead a top diamond – to have a look at dummy. This is what occurred. The declarer was content to wrap up 11 tricks on a combined 12 count but could have scored 12 by pinning the ♦T.

## Postscript.

The 1996 NOT News featured an auction starring "The Legend", who goes by the name of Henry Hudson in non-bridge circles. The Legend elected to overcall 1H with 1S! In times gone by, this would have been given the treatment it deserved. West would double for penalties and when our hero is forced to come out of the bushes on the second round, East will compete in spades confident of an eight card fit or better. In the modern game, however, West is obliged to pass (a double would be take-out) in the expectation that East will reopen with a double on most hands. If East has length in spades, he can pass on the basis that West is probably short in spades and hence weak through the failure to make a negative double. Thus, the Legend managed to play the hand in one spade. Somehow, he succeeded in scrambling

3 tricks to do marginally better than par.

It is just possible that future editions of the 2001 NOT News will feature more legendary tales since the Legend is a member of our team in the SW Pacific Qualifying event starting next week.

## AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAMS PLAY-OFF

by Earl Dudley

I spent most of Friday kibitzing the first 32 boards of the play-off match to select the 2001 Australian National Youth Team. The combatants were the Gold team from Victoria and the Brayshaw team from Western Australia. When I left the match, the Gold team had built up a substantial though not insurmountable lead.

The popular myth about youth bridge is that it is a bit wild and woolly. I think this a bit unfair. Our top youth players are very strong and able to hold their own in open competition. It is true they can be somewhat adventurous in the bidding and are unfazed about conceding the occasional -1100 or -1400 as long as their opponents are generous enough to return the favour from time to time. However, it is normally pretty solid stuff – getting to the percentage contract and playing the contract with skill and defending tenaciously. Nevertheless, the teams in the Play-off managed to turn over an average of 5 IMPs per board for the two sessions I watched.

And now for some hands.

Brd. 1      ♠ AJT8  
Vul. Nil    ♥ AQJ8  
Dir. N      ♦ KQ6  
              ♣ 83

♠ Q74  
♥ KT984  
♦ 7  
♣ AK82

♠ —  
♥ 2  
♦ AT9542  
♣ QJT954

♠ K98532  
♥ 753  
♦ J83  
♣ 7

The Bidding:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	3♣	P
4♣	X	5♣	P
P	X	All pass	

I particularly enjoyed West's (Leigh Gold) gentle raise of 3♣ to 4♣. It must have been music to his partner's ears (Tim Johnson).

Spare a thought for Paul Brayshaw in the North seat who no doubt thought he was being got at. The unexpected friendly distribution of the diamond suit meant 12 tricks for the Gold team. At the other table East (Greg Dupont) overcalled the 1NT opening with 4NT but the conversion to 5♣ was not doubled. It takes a diamond lead and ruff to defeat 5♣.

Board 2 was a loss for the Gold team but unlucky. Everyone got into the act by bidding diamonds.

♠ Q43      ♠ KJ97  
♥ AQJT542 ♥ K863  
♦ A          ♦ 4  
♣ 52        ♣ AKT3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
		1♣	P
1♥	2♦	4♦	5♦
6♦	P	6♥	

North led his singleton spade for a ruff. Unlucky.

The Gold team's bad luck was more than compensated for by the following hand:

Brd. 24      ♠ AJT85  
Vul. Nil      ♥ J9  
Dir. W        ♦ —  
              ♣ K65432

♠ Q  
♥ AK85  
♦ KQ8754  
♣ 98

♠ 9  
♥ QT73  
♦ AJ96  
♣ AQT7  
♠ K87432  
♥ 642  
♦ T32  
♣ J

Bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	X	4♠
5♥	5♠	X	

East might have given some thought to bidding 6♥ but elected to take the money. But 5♠X yields only +100 for E/W. At the other table, Tim Lee and Kenneth Wan got to 6♥X. The fate of the slam depends on the club finesse and well-behaved hearts. No problems.

The following hand caused some amusement at one table.

Brd. 23      ♠ T74  
Vul. All      ♥ 842  
Dir. S        ♦ AKQ82  
              ♣ Q7

♠ KQ62  
♥ AQT63  
♦ —  
♣ KJ98

♠ A95  
♥ 95  
♦ JT976  
♣ AT3

♠ J83  
♥ KJ7  
♦ 543  
♣ 6542

With 24 HCP in the E/W hands but no 8 card fit, a part-score looks reasonable. The West Australians bid the hand to 2♥ and made all 13 tricks courtesy of the double hook in hearts, a successful guess in the club suit and 3-3 in spades. There was less amusement at the other table. North did not choose the right moment to overcall 2♦. It is a poor bid I know but I imagine that most of us have been guilty of this kind of indiscretion once in a while. Tim Lee and Kenneth Wan for the Gold team knew what to do and the result was +1100.

You should make a point of watching youth bridge when you get a chance. It is great fun.

## AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAMS PLAY-OFF 2

by Michael Wilkinson

When Earl left he felt the Gold team had the edge – but as anyone who has been involved in youth bridge knows, a 36 IMP lead can easily be overturned. The third set saw Brayshaw reduce the lead to just 14 IMPs. I was at both tables in turn when board 11 hit the table.

Brd 11      ♠ K3  
Vul. Nil      ♥ A7632  
Dir. S        ♦ 42  
              ♣ KQT8

♠ QJT54  
♥ 5  
♦ AQ7  
♣ AJ54

♠ A986  
♥ KQJT94  
♦ J83  
♣ —

♠ 72  
♥ 8  
♦ KT965  
♣ 97632

At the first table EW had a somewhat lucky auction to 6♠ – making when the ♠K was onside. Paul Brayshaw commented that it was a good thing he didn't overcall 2♥ as this was going for 1700.

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

(1) Minors

Now I know in that for some the North hand wouldn't qualify for a 2♥ overcall. Tim Lee felt it was worth a bid. East's decision to rip the double of 3♣ is clear with 4 card support and a void in the opponents suit but his choice of 4♠ made it very difficult to bid the poor slam – 11 IMPs out.

Unfortunately I missed most of the final set. However I watched the GOLD team score-up. With six boards to go they were comfortably in front but two 17 IMP losses; the first from a 1NTXX going for 1600 and the second from a slam bid at both tables which made at one table after an ace wasn't cashed saw the Gold team lose by 15 IMPs.

The Youth Selection event had been extremely close the whole way – at the end of qualifying both ABRAHAM and NUNN were left regretting single boards which had cost them a place in the final. Having lost in the last round to miss the final – I had some idea how Leigh, Tim, Tim and Kenneth felt. They played well – especially in the first half of the match and didn't deserve to lose. Unfortunately there can only be one winner.

BRAYSHAW (Paul Brayshaw-Simon Brayshaw, Greg Dupont-Matt Raisin) defeated GOLD (Leigh Gold-Tim Johnson, Tim Lee-Kenneth Wan) 173-158, a run-rate of over 5 a board.

The four members of BRAYSHAW become the nucleus of the Australian Youth team for 2001. They must now nominate a 3<sup>rd</sup> pair to join them in Singapore for the PABF and in Brazil for the World Juniors.



## PROPOSED BUS SCHEDULE

Saturday 20th January

Bus No	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Rydges
H1			12:30	12:35
R1	12:30	12:40	12:45	12:50
H1	12:45	12:55	13:00	13:05
R1	13:00	13:10	13:15	13:20
H1	13:10	13:20		
H1			17:05	17:10
R1	17:05	17:15	17:20	17:25
H1	17:20	17:30		
H1			19:05	19:10
R1	19:05	19:15	19:15	19:20
H1	19:15	19:25		
H1			23:05	23:10
R1	23:05	23:10	23:15	23:20
H1	23:15	23:20	23:25	23:30
R1	23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40
H1	23:35	23:40		

H1 = Hyatt (Thrifty) Bus  
R1 = Rydges Canberra Bus

## PROPOSED BUS SCHEDULE

Sunday 21st January

Bus No	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Rydges
H1			10:20	10:25
R1	10:20	10:25	10:35	10:40
H1	10:35	10:40		
H1			12:50	12:55
R1	12:50	13:00	13:05	13:10
H1	13:05	13:15		
H1			17:05	17:10
R1	17:05	17:15	17:15	17:20
H1	17:20	17:30		
H1			19:05	19:10
R1	19:05	19:10	19:15	19:20
H1	19:15	19:20		
H1			23:05	23:10
R1	23:05	23:10	23:15	23:20
H1	23:15	23:20	23:25	23:30
R1	23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40
H1	23:35	23:40		

H1 = Hyatt (Thrifty) Bus  
R1 = Rydges Canberra Bus

## COLUMN 8 (NOT)

As the boards were being dealt for the first session of this year's Youth Pairs, one member of the eventual winning pair was nowhere to be seen. Just in the nick of time a disheveled Tony Nunn meandered through the door - straight from bed to the bridge table.

A wag in the field was heard to ask "Finally having Nunn, Kylie?"

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Thanks to Warren Lazer who sent the NOT editorial team an e-mail to put me on the right track about the origin of the term "Column 8". It is of course familiar to regular readers of the Sydney Morning Herald. Column 8 is an established feature of the SMH which contains small bits of news and information not warranting a full-blown article.

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Many thanks to all those people who provided bidding sequences for the infamous Board 10 (see NOT News No 3) including Shirley Trim, Verl Lawrence, Margaret Reid and Pam Rickard. I am sorry that we are unable to publish them all. We even received accounts of how some declarers managed to make 6♦ and 6NT (though not 7NT). Needless to say the defence failed to shine when this occurred.

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Sandra Ground from the Essendon Bridge Club has come up with an unusual alert. Playing in the teams, she was dealer and passed. Her left hand opponent also passed which was alerted by her partner. The explanation was that "partner sometimes miscounts his points". And no – it wasn't on their system card!!

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Spare a thought for our senior citizens. An anonymous contributor to NOT News provided the following tit bit:

On Board 5 of Round 4, the EW hands were:

♠ AQ962	♠ KJ4
♥ KQJ52	♥ T63
♦ J6	♦ AKT93
♣ K	♣ T4

East opened 1♦ (Precision) and rebid 2NT showing 11-13 HCP balanced with no 4 card major in response to West's conventional enquiry of 2♣. West then raised to 3NT (to play). All was well since it made 10 tricks on a spade lead.

At the conclusion of play, West gets the first degree. The excuse – diuretics pitched in – had to go.

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The Men's Pairs was expected to be two seven-table Mitchells, but another two pairs arrived. This meant that the movement needed to change to an Appendix Mitchell, with all the players moving. David Hoffman was heard to say, "That's OK, the men don't have any social skills - they get up and leave the table anyway."

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