

Saturday Events Results National Womens Teams Stage 2 Results (6 teams) The top 2 teams after the Round Robin will go into the Final today. (There IS a carry forward). B TRAVIS, E HAVAS, J COURTNEY, A CLARK, 262

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Australian Open Pairs (72 pairs)

Leading Qulaifiers

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1ST	STEPHEN BURGESS & BOBBY RICHMAN	2457
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National Seniors Teams Final Results

OVERALL WINNER

B HAUGHIE, J BORIN, J LESTER, G LORENTZ, A WALSH, R KLINGER

WOMENS TEAM K LUIKER, P MATHESON, J HARRIS, B PRIESTLEY

THEO ANTOFF & AL SIMPSON

ARIAN LASOCKI & JOHN MADDISON

MIXED TEAM E HURLEY, B RAAPHORST, C JOHNSTON, R SLOBOM

VETERANS TEAM E PAYNE, N MERCHANT, S NUTLEY, R SMITH, M SMITH

COUNTRY TEAM B MARE, T WELLS, V DAWES, T STRONG

 $\diamond \heartsuit \diamond \heartsuit \diamond \heartsuit \diamond \heartsuit \diamond \heartsuit \diamond \diamondsuit \diamond$

THE POST MORTEM

Womens / Seniors Round 7. Board 9

Dealer North : E/W vulnerable

♠ QJ ♡K8732 ♦ J53 ♣ K64

♠ 98 ♥A95 ♦Q74 QJ983

conversation ensued.

and Ron bid 4.

clubs.

Borin: What happened?

Waiting for our team-mates to emerge from the playing room, this

Jim Borin (who had been sitting out): What was your auction on Board 9?

Alan Walsh: Ron opened 14, I bid 1NT

Klinger: Made 11 tricks. South led the

 \clubsuit Q, ducked, and switched to the \bigstar 9.

ran the spades but they had perfect

pitch. South let go the three diamonds and North kept all three. North threw

his clubs and at the end I played A, ♦K and ruffed a diamond, but at trick

11, South threw the ♥A and kept two

Borin: So when did they find out that

you didn't have a heart?

Klinger: About 15 years ago.

Walsh: Yeah, heartless bastard.

♠6

♥ QJ1064

♦ AK1092

105

by Ron Klinger

AK1075432

♡---

♦ 86

♣A72

2110 2105

BORING DEFENCE

By Hilda Lirsch

The most boring thing that can happen at teams is to defend 1NT. Not only are you missing out on the fun of playing the hand, but at most 1VP swings on whether you defeat the contract.

At matchpoint pairs, however, a single trick taken against a 1NT contract can mean the difference between a top and a bottom.

Dealer W, Vul ALL ♦ AQT5 ♡ AKJ ♦ 976 🛧 T74 **Richard Hills** Arjuna Delivera ♠ KJ632 **•** 98 ♥ 9532 **♡** T7 ♦ 85 ♦ AKQJ4 📥 J9 ♣A653 ♠74 ♥Q864 ♦ T32 ♣ KQ82

North opened a weak 1NT. Arjuna Delivera made a cunning tactical pass. He knew that if he made a greedy double, it was likely that one of his three opponents would escape to a major. All passed, so 1NT was the final contract.

Arjuna led an imaginative A (although fourth highest costs nothing), and boringly cashed out the suit.

Richard Hills clung to his four hearts to the nine, throwing a spade and both his clubs. Meanwhile declarer and dummy both discarded a club and a spade.

Arjuna exited safely with $\heartsuit 10$ to North's Ace. Declarer now tried the $\clubsuit 10$ – Arjuna ducked, and Richard carefully threw another spade. Declarer could now make the contract by continuing clubs to establish the King, then cashing $\heartsuit K$ and overtaking the $\heartsuit J$ with the Queen, scoring the $\clubsuit K$ and finally winning two spade tricks. (The spade finesse would not have been necessary, since Richard would have been show-up squeezed down to a bare $\bigstar K$.

Declarer, however, pictured a different lie of the defensive cards, and continued hearts immediately. When Arjuna threw a low club on the third heart, declarer was disappointed but not defeated and now end-played Arjuna with the A(upon which Richard threw his no-longer $necessary <math>\heartsuit 9$. Arjuna accurately returned the A9, instead of a club, conceding one extra trick instead of two and so the setting trick was the AJ.



"Any fool can take a finesse", say the experts. So...

DW (Darling Wife) and I bid to 6♣ on these cards after North (vulnerable) had interposed 1♠ over my 1♣ opening.

West (Me)	East (DW)
🛧 AQJ8	▲ T93
¢Α	♡ K98
♦AQ8	♦ K9
🕭 AJ632	🕭 QT974

North led ♥J and dummy's spades were a disappointment. The King was off side so the only chance was the club finesse. Or was it?

It sure looked like North had the \clubsuit K for her bid. How about an end play?

The evil genie of cards took over. I could be a hero. So I won the \heartsuit A, crossed to the \diamond K, put a spade on the \heartsuit K, ruffed the \heartsuit 9. All had followed so far and so now \diamond A, \diamond Q, pitching one of dummy's spades.

Still O.K.

Now North had seven cards left, at least five of them spades. So if she had $\clubsuit K$, it could fall or she would be end-played. I cashed $\clubsuit A$. Both followed. Now a small club holding my breath.

"*****!!" I muttered as North showed out and South took ♠K. The finesse was right all the time!!

As I waited for South to play a spade through I feverishly thought of excuses. How would I explain this to my team. I was SJ Simons "unlucky expert" (minus the "expert").

I waited. And waited.

The whole hand:

Dealer W, Vul NS **♦** K76542 ♥ QJT ♦ J73 8 ♠ AQJ8 ♠ T93 ΥA ♡K98 ♦AQ8 ♦ K9 ♣ AJ632 ♣ QT974 **é** ----♡765432 ♦ T6542 ♣ K5

As you can see I could have waited till eternity for South to play a spade! Reluctantly he played a red card and I ruffed in hand, pitching a second spade from dummy and claimed.

With unerring accuracy I had aimed to end-play North and skewered South instead!

"I'd like an opal pendant to go with my ear-rings and engagement ring", DW announced.

"So"

"So, otherwise I'll tell everyone how you played that $6 \neq$!"

I can not afford it so I'm telling you all about it myself!!

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WHEN TO BARRAGE By Val Cummings

I have asked about for opinions on the preferred opening on the following South hand at favourable vulnerability.

Hand 19 Session 5 DIr South, Vul E/W

	♠ J72	
	♡ K86	
	♦ AKQ853	
	♣ T	
♠ 4		• 98
♡AJ32		♥QT974
¢Τ		♦ J
♣AQJ9862		K7543
	AKQT653	
	♡5	
	♦ 97642	

Opinions were about equally divided between $1 \triangleq$ and $4 \clubsuit$.

It is very tempting to monster the auction but while this hand fits the bill in terms of lack of defensive values, it is very big in playing strength. The selection of $4 \pm$ will get $5 \pm$ from LHO and will probably see partner bid $5 \pm$ but, unless pushed, the partnership is unlikely to get to slam.

Should you choose to open $1 \triangleq$ on the deal LHO will probably bid $2 \clubsuit$ and partner $2 \diamondsuit$.

From this start, it is pretty easy to get to $6 \triangleq$ and the opponents will do very well to find the rare vulnerable against not-vulnerable save in $7 \clubsuit$.

Editor's note: Val's article introduces a new thought on a hand discussed in yesterday's NOT News. It also provides an interesting addendum to an article in NOT News 1 (there are no copies left but you will find it on the ABF website) which works on a theme expounded by Ron Klinger five years ago for the NOT News. Ron's advice was to consider opening a hand with one suit where this is a plausible alternative to pre-empting.

♠♡**♠**♡**♠**♡**♠**♡**♦**♡

TOP TEN SEEDS FOR THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS

Rydges Hotel Canberra

- 1 M Lavazza, N Bocchi, A Versace, L Lauria, G Ferraro, G Duboin
- 2 A Wilsmore, H Grosvenor, M Courtney, P Gill, D Horton, A Peake
- 3 A Braithwaite, M Ware, S Lester, M McManus, B Haughie, R Klinger
- 4 S Konig, J Wallis, A Bach, K Dyke, S Burgess, B Richman
- 5 B Thompson, B Jacobs, Z Nagy, T Seres, G Smolanko
- 6 S Hinge, P Markey, C Chua, C Hughes
- 7 J Cormack, A Clark, P Rogers, E Havas, J Courtney, J Alabaster
- 8 D Stern, R Grynberg, K Morrison, M Chadwick, M Green, D Appleton
- 9 T Nunn, K Robb, N Croft, L Matthews
- 10 G Finikiotis, J Chan, K Hocking, P Chan

Hyatt Hotel Canberra

- 1 L Burgay, C Mariani, C Balicki, A Zmudzinski, W Malaczynski
- 2 P Marston, M Thomson, G Lorentz, J Lester, I Del'Monte, E Erichsen
- 3 J Roberts, B Neill, M Hughes, T Griffin, A Walsh, B McDonald
- 4 B Noble, T Brown, M Prescott, P Fordham, G Bilski, P Gue
- 5 D Beauchamp, T Chadwick, W Lazer, P Gumby
- 6 P Smith, P Yovich, J Haffer, P Reynolds, S Lusk, D Moir
- 7 A Reiner, M Borewicz, M Doran, H Sawicki, P Wyer
- 8 J Rothfield, C Rothfield, S Browne, R Brightling, V Cummings, C Feitelson
- 9 I McCance, F Beale, D Hoffman, J Hoffman, R Van Riel, D Smart
- 10 I Thomson, M Garvey, I Robinson, C Quail, N Ewart

FLIGHTED PAIRS FINAL RESULTS

(55 Pairs)

Grand & Life

- 1st G. Finikiotis & J. Chan
- 2nd H. Wilson & P. Tarlington
- 3rd D. McRae & A Ivanovski
- 4th S. Lusk & T. Tully
- 5th S. Duxbury & C. Thomas

National

- 1st V. Beresford & M. Maynard
- 2nd D. Turner & B. Goss
- 3rd H. Walsh & G. Walsh
- 4th R. Wydell & J. Clifton
- 5th L. Bonnick & A. Bonnick

State

- N/S 1st M. Galley & D. Mercer
- 2nd R. Wriggles & J. Doherty
- 3rd B. Calcino & L. Jeudwine

E/W

- 1st R. Webb & M. Stroeher
- 2nd R. Rusk & A. Rusk
- 3rd M. Anderson & J. Anderson

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West	North	East	South
Р	1NT ¹	2 ♠²	X ³
Р	3♣ ⁴	3≎⁵	3♡⁰
P^7	3NT ⁸	4 \$⁰	X ¹⁰
4♡¹¹	X ¹²	Р	Р
5C ¹³	X ¹⁴	5◊ ¹⁵	Х
P^{16}	Ρ	Р	

- 1 15-18
- 2 3- way meaning, probably 2suited. Who knows?
- 3 Transfer to clubs, or convertible to penalty.
- 4 As ordered.
- 5 Now revealed as diamonds and hearts.
- 6 Transfer to spades.
- 7 I like this.
- 8 Partner has spades, so I can bid NT.
- 9 I really want to play this!
- 10 What's going on? (Who knows? – author)
- 11 In desperation I hate diamonds!
- 12 I don't know who has what! Better double.
- 13 More desperation.
- 14 I don't know who has what! Better double.
- 15 Definitely diamonds !!!
- 16 I give up !

As the bidding slip was full, everyone gave up. Obviously on any lead ($\bigstar K$) poor East went down four. But with all the confusion they still won the match hands down (no pun intended).

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WALK IN RESULTS

At the time of printing this Not New, the results were not available. However they will be pulished in tomorrow's edition.

MIXED PAIRS POLL

John Scudder reported that he asked the participants of Mixed Pairs field whether they would like to have three rounds in the competition next year. This would entail an earlier start on Saturday morning. The result of the poll was 55 – 45 against the proposal.

CONFUSION REIGNS SUPREME! OR

THOSE DASTARDLY DIAMONDS AGAIN! OR WE REALLY NEEDED A SECOND BIDDING SLIP

by Lilli Allgood

Our opponents were playing an unusual system called TOXIC (very!)

Session 8, B Dealer W, Vul		
	♠ A8	
	♡ T52	
	♦ AK842	
	🕭 KQJ	
9643		🛧 T5
♡ Q4		♡ AKJ83
♦ J		♦ QT9653
AT843		♣
	🛧 KQJ72	
	♡ 976	
	♦ 7	
	9765	

Being Greedy

by Earl Dudley

Karen Creet told me this story from the National Womens Teams Qualifying Rounds which I found interesting.

	,
♠ KQ7632	
♥ Q32	
♦ 32	
♣ T9	
▲ AT985	♠ J4
♡ KT	♡ AJ
♦ Q9	♦AKT75
♣ KQ42	J865
♠—	
♡ 987654	
♦ J864	
♣ A73	

Karen the West player declared in 3NT after opening the bidding with 1 \bigstar . North led her lowest heart in response to a 2 \heartsuit overcall by South in the auction. The \heartsuit J held the opening trick and a club to King and the \clubsuit Q was continued to South's Ace. South now continued hearts, North unblocking \heartsuit Q. Karen now had her nine tricks (3 clubs, 3 diamonds, two hearts and a spade) and started to cash out by playing \diamondsuit Q. North expecting a further club discarded \bigstar 7 but realised her error immediately.

The Director was summoned and ruled that the \bigstar 7 was a major penalty card. If North gained the lead she was required to play the card. If South gained the lead, Karen could demand or forbid the lead of a spade. Confident that she was fully aware of all her options, Karen proceeded to take the "cost free" finesse in diamonds running \diamondsuit 9, ensuring one or two overtricks (or so she thought). It lost of course and Karen wasted no time in asking South to switch to a spade.

South was unable to oblige and in accordance with the rules was allowed to play any suit she liked. South proceeded to reel off 4 more hearts for two off. Ouch!

Thanks Karen for telling this story about yourself.

∻♡**∻**♡**∻**♡**∻**♡**☆**♡

MIXED PAIRS TOP TEN FINAL RESULTS (98 PAIRS) 1st E. Caplan & A. Meydan M. Bourke & R. Oshlag

2nd	M. Bourke & R. Oshlag
3rd	M. Chrapot & M. Tencer
4th	V. Holbrook & P. Fordham
5th	E. Berger & T. Berger
6th	J. Savage & R. Ellery
7th	K. Robb & M. Ware
8th	M. Woods & I. Pallos
9th	G. Varadi & L. Varadi
10th	L. Gold & L. Gold

PLAY SAFE by Andrew Struik

Board 10 of Session 8 in the 0-149ers shows the importance of safety plays. E/W bid to a risky (some would say frisky – Editor) $6\clubsuit$ on this hand:

Dealer E, Vu	IAII	
204101 2, 10	♠K9743	
	© T865	
	♦ K87	
	\Lambda J	
♠ AT8		🛧 J
♡AK43		♡ QJ2
♦ Q2		♦ AJT43
♣ K972		♣A643
	♠ Q652	
	♥97	
	♦ 965	
	♣ QT85	

The diamond finesse must work if the contract is to have a chance. The play is easy if the clubs break 3-2. So what can be done if they break 4-1?

The key card is the ♣9 providing some protection if South has 4 clubs. Win ♣A and then play small towards hand planning to play 9 if South follows low. If South plays the Queen or ten, it is probably best to duck allowing declarer to return to dummy to pick up the trump suit for the loss of one trick.

Editors comment: The hand is a touch more tricky than Andrew is suggesting. With the diamond finesse working, declarer can only count on at most 3 tricks for a discard of only one of the two spade losers (North may have started with four diamonds for instance). A spade ruff will take care of the second spade loser after playing two rounds of trumps but declarer is now headed for lots of undertricks, if the diamond finesse fails. Possibly best is to try the diamond finesse before ruffing the spade. But be gracious enough to congratulate South if she is clever enough to duck the first round of diamonds holding the King.

The dreaded double game swing

by Eva Hardy

Session 4, E	Board 4 Deale	er W, Vul ALL
	♠ T865	
	♡ T52	
	♦ JT2	
	뢒 QJ4	
♠ KQ432		🛧 AJ97
♡ J98		♡AK76
♦—		♦ K98
🕭 AT753		♣ 92
	♠—	
	♥Q43	
	♦ AQ76543	
	♣ K86	

The bidding at our table:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Р	2NT1	4D
Х	Р	P!	All pass

(1) Showing game values with spade support.Opening lead: ♠K

West followed with ♠J to the opening lead (suit preference for hearts). This persuaded West to cover the ♣K lead by declarer at trick two to attack hearts. Declarer was relieved to win ♥Q after East took her winners. Aclub to dummy followed by the diamond finesse allowed declarer to make her contract. This produced 16 IMPs with 4♠ making 11 tricks at the other table.

The E/W decision to double the 4 overcall was unsound but as was ruefully remarked by East in the post mortem, the contract could have been defeated if West ducked the ♣K at trick two and then a club ruff would become available when declarer attempts to force an entry to dummy in clubs.

Editor's Note: Ducking the club yields +500 if E/W subsequently defends passively by playing on spades rather then switching to hearts. Declarer can always escape for –200 by playing a low club towards dummy at trick 2.

WOMENS ROUND OF SIX

by Michael Wilkinson

The major upset in the Swiss was that BEECH would not be contesting this vear's Round of Six in the National Women's Teams. The six qualifiers (with carryforward) were:

NEALE	175
THOMPSON	172
TRAVIS	168
TUCKER	165
CUMMINGS	165
RICKARD	164

This report will cover one match from each round of the round of 6.

Round 1 CUMMINGS v TRAVIS

North: Candice Feitelson South: Val Cummings East: Deborah Moir West: Jan Cormack

Round 1, Board 8 Dealer W, Vul Nil

∳ J7	
♥AQJ3	
♦AT2	
♣ AQ84	
	◆ T86532
	\$7
	♦KQJ96
	♣ 7
▲ K4	
♡986	
\$875	
& K9632	
	 ♥AQJ3 ♦AT2 ♦AQ84 ♦K4 ♥986 ♦875

West	North	East	South
Р	1♣	2♣ ¹	4 🏚
4♡²	Х	4S	Р
5♣	All pa	SS	

(1)	♦s + Major
(2)	Correctable

The first board to hit the table saw Candice judge well to save in 54 over 4♡. 5♣ had to go one off, but -50 was worth 6 IMPs, when NS reached 4♡ at the other table which was doubled for -300.

The TRAVIS team hit back by picking up a game swing on Board 9 through a creative opening lead by Liz Havas.

The next major swing occurred on Board 1.

Round 1, Board 1 Dealer N, Vul Nil

		♠ KJ ♡ 5 ◇ A4 ♣ Q9		
\$ 543				♠ 8
♡				♥ AKQT642
♦ KQ.	19765			♦ 82
🕭 AK6				& 875
		🛧 AQ	Т9	
		♡ J98	873	
		♦ T3		
		뢒 JT		
West	North 1♠		South 2♠	ı
3◊	Р	4♡	Х	
5◊	All pa	ss		

Candice led a small spade and Val had a nasty decision at trick two. She played partner for AQ of clubs resulting in -400, when a diamond switch leads to +150. The score at the other table was +100 and so this translated to -7IMPs instead of +6.

A conservative valuation on another hand led to 10 more IMPs to TRAVIS who won the match 16-14.

In the other two matches; NEALE def RICKARD 18-12 **TUCKER def THOMPSON 21-9**

Round 2 CUMMINGS v NEALE

North: Jillian Hav South: Kathy Yule East: Catherine Wright West: Linda King

Round 2, Board 25 Dealer N, Vul EW

	 ★ K6 ♡ QJ9864 ◊ KT7 ♦ K7 	
▲ Q8	♣ J2	▲ AT974
♡ T75 ◇ A96		♡ K2 ♦ J843
♦ AKT54		↓ 0040 ♣ Q9
	🛧 J532	
	♡ A3	
	♦ Q52	
	& 8763	

West	North	East	South
	2�(1)	Р	2♡
Р	Ρ	2♠	Р
3♡	Р	3NT	All pass

Catherine guessed well to make 3NT on this one. Kathy led ♡A and another ♡. Catherine now played Q♣, A♣ and then ran ♠8. When Kathy won ♠J declarer soon had 11 tricks for +660 and 13 IMPs to NEALE.

On Board 26 Jillian held ♠ 83 ♥ KQ72 ♦ AKQJ2 ♣ A4. Partner opened 1♣ in second seat and she responded 1◊, 2♣ from partner 2♡ from you, now partner bids a "temporising" 2♠. What now?

 $3 \bigstar$ by you would show a $\frac{1}{2}$ stopper. Jillian bid 4 and gave up when partner could only bid 5♣ - a good decision as there were two spade losers. Surprisingly the other table stopped in a partscore - 10 IMPs back for CUMMINGS.

Round 2, Board 16 Dealer W, Vul EW

	 ▲ AJ6 ♡ Q8 ◊ 97 ▲ AKQT96 	
♠ KQ7		◆ T94
♥7		♡ T9652
♦ AQJT8		♦ K6532
& 8753		♣
	♠ 8532	
	♡ AKJ43	
	♦ 4	
	\Lambda J42	

West	North	East	South
1�	Х	3◊	4\$
Р	4♠	All pa	SS

I prefer 24 to Jillian's double partly because the auction might develop in the way that it did. 6♣ is a pretty good contract, although very difficult to reach. 4♠ was less successful when the defence found its club ruff. Perhaps Jill should bid 5♣ over 4♦, though this could be wrong when partner is (say) 5521. -50 turned out to be a flat board.

Round 2 Board 19 Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ 95 ♡ 987 ♦ J86 ♣ 964		 ▲ KJ ♡ QJ ◇ K4 ▲ J2 ▲ A ♡ AK ◇ AC ▲ AC 	0975	 ▲ QT8763 ♡ 3 ◊ T32 ◆ KT5
West	North	e East	South 2♣	
Р	2♡	Р	3≎	
Р	3♠	Р	3NT	
Р	4NT	Ρ	6♡	
All pa	ISS			

With everything sitting nicely, most slam contracts will make. 6♡ became a little interesting after Jill chose to play ♣A from dummy on the lead of ♣5. K♡, A♡ was followed by a club to the Jack and King. Catherine now exited with a diamond to the Jack and King. Jillian drew trumps and played a diamond to the 9. A very nervous +980.

Jillian's fear was that LHO was something like. \blacklozenge Qxxx \heartsuit x \diamondsuit Txxx \clubsuit Kxxx. To guard against this distribution, it would have been safer to pitch a \clubsuit , a \diamondsuit and the \clubsuit A on the trumps. This would have squeezed West.

Round 2, Board 21 Dealer N, Vul NS

	 ▲ KJ62 ♡ 2 ◇ K6 ▲ KQJ987 	
 ▲ Q83 ♡ AK64 △ A 19752 		♠ 54 ♡ QJT875
♦ AJ8752 ♣		♦ 3 ♣ T643
	🛧 AT97	
	♡ 93	
	♦ QT94	
	🜲 A52	

This proved to be the largest swing of the match. Catherine mis-sorted her hand and so didn't bid 2♡ over 1♣ leaving Linda with no sensible way into the auction when South responded 1♦. 4♠ made +650 while 5♡X made +650 in the other room, for 16 IMPs to CUMMINGS who won the match 18-12.

In the other matches; TRAVIS def THOMPSON 18-12 RICKARD def TUCKER 18-12

At lunch the position was; NEALE 205 TRAVIS 202 TUCKER 198 CUMMINGS 197 RICKARD 194 THOMPSON 193

Round 3 THOMPSON v CUMMINGS

North: Jenny Thompson South: Pauline Evans East: Candice Feitelson West: Val Cummings

I missed most of this match. Two of the boards I did catch resulted in failing slams.

On Board 3 Pauline reached a 6 contract requiring AK6432 opposite J87 for no loser. The suit was 4-0 resulting in 11 IMPs to CUMMINGS.

Round 3, Boa Dealer W, Vul		
 T763 5 AKJ43 942 	 ▲ J852 ♡ KQ932 ◇ Q9 ▲ J3 ▲ 4 ♡ ◇ T8652 ♣ KQT8765 	 ▲ AKQ9 ♡AJT8764 ◊ 7 ▲ A

Val and Candice got to 6NT, going 2 off for –200. Berri Folkard told me the auction from the other room in this match.

West	North	East	South
Р	Р	2 🏚	Х
2\$	Р	2♡	Р
3◊	Р	3♡	Р
3♠	Р	4♠	Р
4NT	Р	5�	Р
5♡	Р	5NT	Р
6♠	Х	All pa	SS

Berri claims she would normally open the North cards with 2♦ showing a weak hand with both Majors, but on this occasion she "forgot". This turned out rather well when her opponents reached the not unreasonable contract of 6♠. Declarer did not shine in the play and +800 was worth 12 IMPs for CUMMINGS. Bridge is a funny game sometimes you are rewarded for your forgetfulness!

Another $6\diamond$ contract on Board 14 – this time by Val and Candice needed trumps 2-2. When they weren't that was –50 and 11 IMPs to THOMPSON. CUMMINGS had the best of the rest of the match winning 25-5.

In the other matches; NEALE def TUCKER 24-6 RICKARD def TRAVIS 16-14

Round 4 TRAVIS v NEALE

North: Linda King South:Catherine Wright East: Liz Havas West: Barbara Travis

Round 4, Board 25 Dealer N, Vul EW

♠ J97 ♡ T98 ◇ 8743 ♣ Q32	-	 ▲ AQ ◇ 64. ◇ Q2 ▲ J8: ▲ K6 ◇ A ◇ AK ▲ T6 	5	 ▲ ♡ KQJ753 ◇ J9 ▲ AK974 	
West North East South					
11031	P	2 ♣	P	1	
2\$	Р	3♡	Р		
4♡	All pa	SS			

Liz's choice of $2\clubsuit$ on the East had the desired effect of silencing N/S. There was nothing to the play. At the other table N/S bid and made $5\clubsuit$ - 14 IMPs to TRAVIS.

There were very few stand out boards at the table I watched, with Havas-Travis having the better of most of the boards. At the other table Jill Courtney and Alida Clark were also having the better of it. When the dust had settled TRAVIS had run out comfortable winners 25-3.

In the other matches in this round; RICKARD def THOMPSON 16-14 CUMMINGS def TUCKER 21-9

At the dinner break two teams had established a reasonable lead. However neither could afford a loss in the last round if NEALE were to manage a 25 over THOMPSON;

CUMMINGS	243
TRAVIS	241
NEALE	232
RICKARD	226
TUCKER	213
THOMPSON	212

Round 5

NEALE def THOMPSON 16-14 TRAVIS def TUCKER 21-9 RICKARD def CUMMINGS 17-13

TRAVIS' comfortable win saw them qualify first for the final. CUMMINGS qualified second despite losing in the last round. RICKARD won 4 out of 5 matches – finishing 4th and thus earning 15 PQP towards the 2002 Playoff. The final is being held in the Canberra Room of the Hyatt starting at 10am today. The final standings for the Round of Six are on the front page of this issue of NOT NEWS.

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

Thanks to Judith Ivanyi for this interesting story about the recently concluded National Seniors Championship Teams Championships. She starts off by reassuring me that she and her partner were definitely playing in the event.

Judith was sitting East and the lady seated North said:

"Dear, could you pick up the boards for me please, as I have had a back operation?"

I was only too happy to oblige but unfortunately I have a bad left hip making it difficult for me to twist to the right. So I asked the gentleman at the next table to pass the boards to the left.

He replied: "EH, WHAT??"

"That's why we are playing in the Seniors", I said.

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This is not the only story we have received about the Seniors but it is the only one we are game to publish in this edition of NOT News. Sorry Val – yours was a nice story but a bit risqué.

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A quick perusal of the list of participants in the Australian Mixed Pairs Championship reveals that 19 pairs or roughly 20 per cent of the total share the same surname. I realise that this only roughly equates with the number of married couples playing together, but it is some sort of statement.

One of the directors mentioned an incident that occurred in the first session. He was called to a table to look into some illogical scores on the Travelling Score sheet and quickly established that the board had been fouled at a previous table, with the North and East hands switched. He then went through the tedious process of establishing at which table the infraction occurred. He was able to sort out the problem relatively quickly. The correct East hand held QT9543 in diamonds opposite AJ doubleton in the West hand.

"I remember this hand", the lady in the East proudly proclaimed. "My husband was declarer in 3NT and played the AD dropping the singleton K offside." Lucky Mixed Pairs it seems.

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And finally our thanks go to Andrew Struik for pointing out that local players Ken Colbert and Noel Bugeia are clearly players to be reckoned with, having been placed first in both the N/S and E/W fields in the Walk-In session on Thursday afternoon as reported in NOT News 3.

Yes - we did notice the incredible feat somewhat belatedly we admit and printed a "we apologise" note in NOT News 4.

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