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WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY IN QUEENSLAND

by Richard Ward

Barry Kempthorne from Brisbane has this theory about pinning lower honours. This accounts in part for our +550 in the final of the Australian Pairs Plate.

Session 2, Board 12 Dealer W, Vul NS

	★ T32♡ KT9832♦ 963★ Q	!
♠ K6 ♥ Q74 ♦ KQ82		♣ J954♡♦ AJ54
♣ JT53	AQ87✓ AJ65T7A87	♣ K9642

The bidding was adventurous.

West	North	East	South
Kempt	horne	Ward	
Р	Р	2NT	Χ
4♣	4♡	Р	Р
5♣	Р	Р	Χ
All pas	S		

He also has a theory about bidding your weaker trump suit when partner is supposed to have 5-5 in the minors. The opening heart lead was ruffed and Kempthorne led a spade from dummy at trick two. South rose with ♠A and returned a diamond. Kempthorne won with K♦ to ruff his second heart. Spade to the ♠K and a third heart ruff left him in dummy, wondering about the trump position, and worrying about defensive ruffs. So he laid down the ♠K with gratifying results.

SWPT Top Twelve after 3 rounds

Rydges Lakeside Hotel

1st	CARTER (Carter, Atkinson, Cahn, Hayes)	71
2nd	BRAITHWAITE (Braithwaite, Ware, Lester, McManus,	69
	Klinger, Haughie)	
3rd	LAVAZZA (Lavazza, Bocchi, Lauria, Versace, Duboin,	66
	Ferraro)	
4th	KEMPTHORNE (Kempthorne, Kempthorne, Strong,	65
	Strong)	
4th	BOWMAN (Bowman, Mayo, Berry, McLaurin)	65
4th	WESTLAKE (Crowe-Mai, Stark, Weston, Mann,	65
	McDonald, Gurfinkiel)	
7th	ANDREWS (Andrews, Kain, May, Motteram, Wagner)	64
8th	HINGE (Hinge, Markey, Chua, Hughes)	63
8th	WILSMORE (Wilsmore, Grosvenor, Courtney, Gill,	63
	Horton, Peake)	
8th	GAULD (Gauld, Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald, Abel)	63
11th	BEECH (Beech, Bourke, Oshlag, Wignall, Scott,	62
	Ramshaw)	
12th	ZIGGY (Konig, Wallis, Bach, Dyke, Burgess, Richman)	61
12th	FINKIOTIS (Finikiotis, Chan, Hocking, Chan)	61
12th	MANDERSON (Manderson, Adcock, Akitt, Dwyer, Lane,	61
	Porter)	

Hyatt Hotel Canberra

1st	SMITH (Smith, Yovich, Haffer, Reynolds, Lusk, Moir)	70
2nd	MARSTON (Marston, Thomson, Lorentz, Lester,	67
	Del'Monte, Erichsen)	
2nd	PARFAIT (Parfait, Woo, Dibley, McGrath)	67
2nd	BURGAY (Burgay, Mariani, Balicki, Zmudzinski,	67
	Malaczynski)	
5th	JESNER (Jesner, Dalley, Lavings, Lee, Chan, Delivera)	65
5th	THOMSON (Thomson, Garvey, Robinson, Quail, Ewart)	65
7th	GREENWOOD (Greenwood, Thorp, Tarlington, Wilson)	64
7th	McCANCE (McCance, Beale, Hoffman, Hoffman,	64
	Van Riel, Smart)	
9th	HURLEY (Hurley, Brown, Askew, Powell)	63
9th	FOSTER (Foster, Hans, Robb, Bashar)	63
11th	SMYTH (Smyth, Cherry, Horowitz, Lorimer)	62
11th	WENGER (Wenger, Davis, Hanks, Heinrich)	62
11th	DUXBURY (Duxbury, Rabey, Grewcock, Thomas)	62
11th	SHUGG (Shugg, Callander, Daws, Schwabegger)	62

OUR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

We would like to welcome our international visitors. If we have overlooked anyone, please tell Frances or Joanne at the Secretary Desk.

From Italy: Norberto Bocchi

Patrizia Bonardo Leandro Burgay Giorgio Duboin Guido Ferraro Lorenzo Lauria

Carmen Lembo Carlo Mariani Alfredo Versace

Maria Lavazza

From Poland:

Cesare Balicki Marek Borewicz Adam Zmudzinsky

From Norway: Espen Erichsen

From France: Susan Bunting

From Austria: Michael Stroeher

From UK: Eva Caplan Ken Forsythe Martin Garvey

From USA: Bill Bradshaw **Tony Morris** Richard Oshlag Josh Sher

From Tonga: John Whyte

From New Zealand:

Chris Ackerley Jan Alabaster Grea Aldridae Julie Atkinson Ashley Bach Elisabeth Blackham Andy Braithwaite Paula Bryant Wayne Burrows Charlie Cahn Patrick Carter Karen Cumpstone Carol Currey

Robyn Freeman-Greene Murat Genc

Bruce Hoffeins Phyllis Hoffeins Murray Jurgeleit Lindsay Knight John Luoni

Debbie McLeod Margaret Perley Christiaan Prent Martijn Prent **Bob Scott** Joan Waldvogel

Max Wighout John Wignall Janet Woodfield

Mike Dollan

Rodney Dravitzki

Karl Hayes

David McLeish

Michael Ware Jonathan West

Kathy Yule

It never ever pays to "defend" (??) when vulnerable against nonvulnerable. Anyone attempting it pays the ultimate price (including grievous bodily harm by an irate partner!)

West North East South 100 10 1♠ **3**◊² 3♥3 P^4 Р **4**\$5 X^6 All pass

- Wouldn't you with those tram (1) tickets?
- (2)Just tolerable, but risky.
- (3)A little pushy, but we're not vulnerable – maybe we'll get lucky.
- (4) Partner, SHUT UP!
- (5)I prefer to go down -800, rather than concede -140.
- (6) I prefer it too!

A BAD HAND FOR TRANSFERS

by Hilda Lirsch

Swiss Pairs, Round 8, Board 29

Dealer N, Vul ALL

♠ 876 ♥ K86

♦ KJ ♣ KQJ93

♠ A2 ♥A9742 **♦ T987 ♣** 42

♥QT3 ♦A532

♣ 865

♠ KQT94 ♥ J5

♦ Q64 ♣ AT7

North opened a weak 1NT, and after a transfer sequence, North was declarer in 4♠. When a trump was led to dummy's King, it was easy for West to smoothly duck. Declarer guessed wrong on the second round of trumps, so the defence won two trump tricks and two outside aces for one off.

If the South hand was concealed as declarer in 4S, then the technically correct way to play the first round of trumps is to lead a spade to the Queen. This makes it much harder for West to find the smooth "expert" duck of the ace of spades – East might hypothetically hold doubleton King of trumps, making a duck "eggspert", with the yolk on West!

THE KAMIKAZE DIAMONDS OR DETERMINATION TO THE ULTIMATE PITCH!

by Lilli Allgood

Swiss Pairs session 8, board 32 (the last board of the whole event) Dealer W, Vul E/W

♦ J93 ♥AJT63 ♦86 **♣** AK7

★ T42 **♠** K75 ♥ Q98 ♥ 752 ♦ AKQT43 **4** 9 **♣** QT64

> **♠** AQ86 ♥ K4 ♦ 52 **♣** J8532

A VERY MERRIMAC GRIFFIN

by Ron Klinger

The final match in the Swiss Pairs provided an early candidate for best played / best defended hand:

Swiss Pairs Round 8, Board 30 Dealer West: Nil vulnerable (Directions changed for convenience)

North

♠ AK

\Diamond	965
\Diamond	A4
•	KQ9432
S	outh
_	outh Q108763
♠	-

West	North	East	South
Fordham	Hughes	Scott	Griffin
Р	1 ♣ ¹	1\$ ²	1♥ ³
2♥ ⁴	2NT 5	Р	3♠
Р	4♠	Р	5 ♣ ⁶
Р	6♣	Р	6♠
All pass			

♣ A

- (1) Strong club
- (2) Weak, odd suits (♠ + ♦ or ♥ + ♣)
- (3) Shows spades
- (4) Pass or correct
- (5) Natural. The $2\heartsuit$ bid had broken the relays.
- (6) Cue-bid with spades agreed.

The ♥Q is led, taken by the ace. You unblock the ♣A, and play ♠A, ♠K. RHO discards a heart on the second spade. What do you play next?

Suppose you play ♠K, ditching a heart. All follow. What now?

You decide to ruff a club with a low trump. West over-ruffs with the ♠9. What do you do if West switches to a low diamond? What if West plays the ♦K instead of a low diamond exit?

The full deal appears at the top of the next column:

	2 / U C	
	♥ 965	
	♦ A4	
	♣ KQ943;	2
◆ J942		◆ 5
♥ QJ7		♥ K10843
♦ K653		♦ J92
4 106		♣ J875
	♠ Q10876	63
	♥ A2	
	♦ Q1087	
	♣ A	

♠ AK

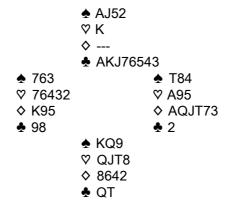
The play went: ♥Q, ace; ♣A; ♠3 to the ace; ♠K, East discards a heart; ♣K, discarding a heart; low club, ruffed low, over-ruffed with ♠9. Peter Fordham, West, now found the expert play of the ♦K to nullify dummy's club suit. Ted Griffin took the ace and continued with the ♦4, nine, ten. The ♠Q drew the last trump and the ♦Q dropped the ♦J, leaving the ♦8 high. 6♠ made!

Fordham blamed himself for this result. 'My fault,' he said after the session. 'If I had not destroyed their relays, they would never have bid the slam.'

EX-EDITORS UNLEASHED!

by Peter Jamieson

Session 1 SWPT Board 12 Dealer W, Vul NS



At one table Tina Zines (West) opened 1♥, North bid 2♣, East (Nick Horne) bid 2♦, South and West passed and North's 3♣ concluded the proceedings.

At the other table, West made a normal pass. Peter Jamieson opened 1♣ (Acol), East bid 1♦ and Ruth Jamieson chose to pick a good

time to make an off-shape negative double. Peter spent several minutes in the tank (Ruth claims it was 10 minutes) and emerged with a 6♣! for a comfortable +1370 and 15 IMPs to Team 19.

Editor's note: Peter and Tina were co-editors of NOT NEWS 2000 and are team mates this year.

NOT Rydges Datums			
BD	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	-300 -20 60 530 -80 -90 -180 320 -120 50 310 1020 120 -430 -200 -60 -80 -70	-380 70 120 220 30 -650 -530 -450 50 20 400 40 630 20 40 -90 180 80	240 -380 -20 470 0 0 100 90 -80 130 -420 890 -20 390 -250 50
19 20	170 110	-60 -20	310 -580

NOT Hyatt Datums			
BD	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	-370	-340	420
2	200	-50	-430
3	-20	100	-20
5 4 5	-20 580 -30	140 60	540 20
6	-310	-630	-20
7	-150	-310	-520
8	420	-390	-10
	100	-20	-80
10	-60	-70	10
11	330	300	-410
12	1010	50	960
13	50	430	-50
14	-430	0	420
15	-270	10	-260
16	0	-90	60
17	-50	90	-120
18	-20	-30	20
19	190	-350	170
20	280	60	-480
19	190	-350	170
20	280	60	-480

ANC 2001

For all those addicts who want more of the bridge you are enjoying at the Summer Festival, there is another opportunity to do so in Canberra in 2001.

From 13 to 27 July the Australian National Championships will be held at the Chifley on Northbourne Hotel on the northern side of the City Centre. For those of you who have played for a long time this was the venue for the 1979 ANC when it was known as the Park Royal. This is an ideal venue and is well located for both accommodation and victualling requirements.

The genesis of the ANC was the holding of the International Team Trials and Interstate Championships. The Team Trials have now evolved to be the Australian Butler Pairs Championships and one component of the international team selection process. The ANC is the national bridge event with the longest history and always delivers an enjoyable contest.

At this early stage I am sure everyone hopes to attend as an interstate representative, but for those who miss selection or want even more bridge while here in a representative capacity there is a Congress conducted in association with the championship events. A wide variety of events will be included in the Congress program including Gold pointed, restricted and teams events as well as the various flavours of pairs events - Swiss, Butler and match-pointed.

The Bridge Federation of the ACT will be conducting the ANC on behalf of the ABF and intends to show the bridge community that there is so much more to Canberra than politicians and their parliament. Some interesting innovations are in the pipeline: we look forward to showcasing them to you in July.

In summary, there should be something for everyone at ANC 2001: lots of bridge, social events and compelling kibitzing opportunities.

There are flyers (which include accommodation options) available at both Rydges and the Hyatt. The entry brochure and website will be available in April. For any enquiries please

contact the Convenor (Julia Hoffman, 02 62603728, jhoffman@pcug.org.au or Secretary, NoIa Church, 02 62824103, jaycee@winnet.com.au).

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

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P Marston

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P Buchen

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P Crittle

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B Thompson

E Ramshaw

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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 appellant's score.

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE V

By Neville Moses

♠ 72

We were struggling in the slough of the Swiss Pairs when I found myself in 5♣ with the North cards after East had overcalled pre-emptively with 4♥.

Vul: NS Dealer: West

♣ AJ4♡ 2♦ K4♣ AJ98542♠ KQ863

♥ 842
 ♦ 52
 ♠ KQ7
 ♥ AKQJT65
 ♦ T3
 ♠ 63

♠ T95 ♥ 97 ♦ AQJ9876 **♣** T

I ruffed the second heart, overtook ♦K with the Ace and pulled ♣T from dummy, ducked all round.

With nothing better to do I started on the spades and eventually lost a club and a spade for down one.

DW apologised profusely for not bidding 5♦ which is icy but pointed out that in view of the defence I should have made the contract.

"Misdefence?" I asked.

"West should cover the \P T, win the next round and exit with a diamond to cut your communications while she still has a trump.

"When she failed to cover . . ."

Of course I saw it now, I should have overtaken the &T with the Jack and played Ace and another.

"Well," I said resignedly, "today we're only practicing."

"It seems to me," said DW sweetly, "the only thing we are practicing is making mistakes!"

HYATTHOTEL CANBERRA

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. Opening hours: 10am – 10.30pm

apart from the following date: Friday 26th January, 9.00am – 4.00pm

TOUGH 6♠

Did anyone make 6♠ on this one? We have an article by Ben Thompson which will appear in tomorrow's NOT NEWS – but we would be interested to hear of any other successful declarer play.

SWPT, Match 2, Board 15 Dealer S, Vul NS ♥ AJ ♦ — ♣ AQT85 ♣ 9762

♥ 73 ♦ AKQT6 ♣ 42

♠ A85♡ KQ542♦ 853♠ 63

♠ KQJT43

♥ T986

♦ J9742

♣ KJ97

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 22/1/01

3355

WALK IN RESULTS

22 January 2001

Morning session

N/S

- 1 G Gray, A Ankrum
- 2 I Pallos, M Woods
- 3 NB Littmann + partner

E/W

- 1 M Galley, D Mercer
- =2 J Stacy, M Genet
- =2 P Thiem, D Wiltshire

Afternoon session

- 1 M Galley, D Mercer
- 2 NB Littmann, J Jones
- 3 M Genet, J Stacy

Evening session

- 1 I Pallos, M Woods
- 2 W Langley, I Frish
- 3 H Leslie, D Leslie

BRIDGE ON.NET

is offering **free subscription** to the winners of the following categories in the SWPT Championship:

- 1. Zone 7
- 2. Country
- 3. Novice
- 4. Youth

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

by Ross Folkard, Secretary ABDA

No doubt many of you have seen the notices in the NOT NEWS and the Entry Brochure about the Annual General Meeting of the Association being held at Rydges on Wednesday at 9.30am but do you know what the Association is really about? Directors are more than the knowledgeable people who wander around the various venues clad in aqua coats or the friendly faces who greet you when you turn up for your regular games at home. Over three hundred directors are members of the Association.

The ABDA is more than a support group for its members. One of the main aims has been to provide a nation wide program for the training and accrediting of directors for local, state and national directors. The first stage of this program is almost complete.

Perhaps the better known aspect of our group is the Directors Bulletin - a quarterly journal for our members. The DB was the brain-child of the original editor Reg Busch and his high standard of content and publication has been continued by our present production team of Laurie and Sue Kelso (editors) and John Hempenstall (distribution). You can receive your issue by either email or snail mail.

The DB is respected internationally as one of the best of its genre. Members and contributors come from all parts of the bridge world and in fact it is also published in Japanese. The aim of the journal is to provide ideas and information for every level of directing. Some of the recent issues have contained movements that enable you to have more than one stationary pair (player immobility) in a 7 Table Howell; the little known but very useful Web Mitchell Movement, and, in the future, one of our members may write about the Blackpool Movement that gives you 13 rounds in a 12 Table movement (handy when you have 25 tables and you wish to run two 13 round sections).

An important section of the Bulletin deals with appeals. National and

International directors give their diverse opinions on interpretations of the Laws on incidents that occur at the table. Not every decision at the table is as clear cut as a lead out of turn. Appeals usually occur where an infraction has taken place and there is an element of doubt as to whether the infraction has damaged the non-offending side. The purpose of many of these debates is to give directors some ideas in how to make a judgemental ruling when called to the table at your home club. Of course most our members do not have the advantage of a knowledgeable appeals committee to draw upon, but they are advised to consult with another director (if possible) before making a decision where there is an element of doubt.

If you are a director, who is not a member of the ABDA, or your club director is not a member, then might I suggest that you join the Association. John Hempenstall, the Treasurer, will take your information (and your \$25) at the meeting or at any time during this week (you'll find him at Rydges).

By the way, your director loves to get positive (instead of negative) feedback at times. How long has it been since you have said to your director such things as:

- (1) your pre-game information and instructions were really informative
- (2) the tea and coffee in the kitchen were really first class
- (3) you got the air conditioning just right
- (4) I'm glad we skipped those boards we would have been the only pair to miss the slam and our defence on the other board would have allowed them to make the contract doubled instead of the 800 off
- (5) could we please have an East-West seat?

Happy bridging - remember your directors are just as enthusiastic about the game as you are!!

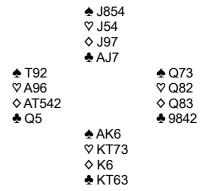
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POSTSCRIPT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 9 OF DIAMONDS

by Earl Dudley

This is an article for those players who enjoy analysing complex hands.

Little did Pam Rickard know that her interesting article published in NOT News No 6 would generate considerable interest in whether the hand makes on best declarer play and defence.



Pam points out that if declarer in 3NT fails to play 9♦ at Trick 1 on the lead of the 4♦, then East can shine by playing ♦8 establishing 5 tricks for the defence. This in fact happened – nice defence. I commented that the optimal play and defence on the hand is far from obvious.

Len Dixon and George Jesner both noticed subtleties in the play of the hand that I had overlooked. Both considered that the defence will succeed if East ducks the ♦9. This is true if declarer continues with ♥J provided that East covers since when West wins ♥A and plays ♦A and a diamond to Q♦, East can now switch to a heart to set up 9♥ as an entry to the West hand with declarer still a trick short.

If instead, declarer leads a heart to $T\heartsuit$ at trick 2 this line of defence will not work since when West gets in with $Q\diamondsuit$ the heart suit cannot be attacked. So, let us now assume that East ducks the $9\diamondsuit$ and when declarer plays a heart to $T\heartsuit$, East ducks.

It was at the stage that we enlisted the help of a computer program *Deep Finesse* to analyse the play.

Declarer has a line to land the contract. West is squeezed on the run of the clubs in three suits, which will be enough to enable declarer to set up the

ninth trick provided that she can pick the E/W distribution of the hand and the location of the critical cards. For example if West discards a low spade on the third club, then declarer needs to run J♠ from dummy to set up 8♠.

We are far from convinced that we have fully explored this hand and will be interested if any of readers have uncovered a line of defence or declarer play we have overlooked.

PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN STYLE PLAYING SCHEDULE IN 2002

Having played in WBF events in Europe where there is no evening play (and everyone eats late), some leading players have suggested that the session times for Teams events at the Festival be changed to 10am, 2pm & 5pm meaning that all bridge would be complete by 8pm thus giving an opportunity to have a leisurely dinner, a few ales and still get a good night's sleep.

Weekend events in Sydney are opting for no night time play and the new Seniors event being played in Sydney during September has decided to use such a schedule.

There could be other ideas such as

- using the European schedule on the Wednesday of the SWPT to give everyone a chance to recharge their batteries (or spend longer in the bar);
- trying out the new times in the Seniors Teams in 2002;
- one venue could use the traditional times and the other the earlier times.

This latter suggestion may give the organisers problems in getting equally sized fields and moreover equally strong fields

Such a revolutionary change needs a lot of popular support. So I ask that you discuss this proposal with your friends over a nice dinner and then get the group to cast a vote into the Bulletin Suggestion boxes, which are at the Festival Secretaries desk.

John Scudder Convener

REAL MEN DON'T NEED POINTS

by Ron Klinger

Australian Open Pairs Final, Session 2, Board 8 Dealer West Nil vulnerable

West North East South P 1♣ (1) 4♥ ?

(1) Power 1♣, 11+ points, forcing for one round

What would you do as South with:

\$987652♥ 2♦ J764\$ J4

This was the full deal:

Michael McQueen-Thomson

♣ —♡ AK♦ KQ983♣ AK10765

♣ AQJ104
♥ 873
♥ QJ109654
♦ A5
♣ Q93
♣ 82
Wayne Leppard
♠ 987652
♥ 2
♦ J764
♣ J4

WestNorthEastSouthP1♣¹4♥4♠²X5♦³PP5♥6♣P6♦DbleAll pass

- (1) Power
- (2) 'I have not come all the way from Kyabram to pass.'
- (3) A sensitive bid, preparing the way to show both suits

The opening lead was the ♥Q and declarer swiftly set about trumps and then set up the clubs for +12 tricks. +1090.

Could we have reached it any other way, partner?'

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 13th 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 15th, 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 16th 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 16th, 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)

Email addresses:

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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

We are delighted to report this story submitted by a person who did not tell us her/his name.

I had some spare time during the Mixed Pairs and decided to kibitz Peter Fordham and his charming partner Val Holbrook. Along came an experienced looking husband and a very nervous wife. Peter opened 2♥ on AKJxx and a systemic 4 card minor to the 7. Husband doubled with some determination and partner bid 3♦ on QTxxxx and various other filth.

Husband now bid 3♥ with Qx in hearts to ask partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper or even a half stopper. His wife passed. Peter leant over and said: "Would you like to take your pass back and try again", which I thought was very decent of him.

The lady retreated to 4♦ and her husband pressed on to 5♦. Peter led the ♥A and seeing the ♦ AJ on the table and Qx of hearts, continued with two more top hearts forcing dummy to ruff with the Jack. Left with only one possible way to play the contract, the lady closed her eyes and called for the ♦A dropping Val's stiff King. She then proceeded to wrap up the contract.

Val leant over and said: "That was very sweet of you Peter but don't ever do it again."

Editor: Yes, this is the same board reported in NOT News No 5 (Board 10 of Session 1).

We have previously thanked Warren Lazer for educating me about the origin of Column 8 (see NOT News No 4). We now have reason to thank Warren for spotting a typo in the NOT News that has been repeated for five issues. The Table Tally which gets calculated each day of the Festival has been reported incorrectly as if it was a year ago. The figures are this year's figures and "00" has been changed to "01".

Apologies to our readers who came in a bit early yesterday to get their copy of NOT News only to find that NOT News No 6 was a little late hitting the racks. The problem is that No 6 was a 12 page issue – our normal bulletin is 8 pages and we are printing more this year (1200 compared with 1000) because of the increased demand. It proved to be a bigger job for our printers, Kwik Kopy, than they were expecting. They intend to get subsequent issues of NOT News to us by 10 o'clock for the remainder of the week.

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Can you help us. We are keen to include photos in the NOT News. While Val Cummings has a digital camera, we do not have access to the software necessary to create jpg/gif files. Dorothy Jesner tells me that the photos of the youth players appearing in NOT News No 1 were a huge success and the kids featured are planning to take their copies of NOT News to school to show to their teachers.

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