



# NOT NEWS

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## THE SYSTEM RIDES AGAIN

by Ron Klinger

SWPT, Session 3, Board 8  
Dealer West : Nil vulnerable

♠ QJ103  
♥ 7642  
♦ 62  
♣ J104

♠ 8762  
♥ AK95  
♦ 754  
♣ A5

♠ A954  
♥ Q103  
♦ A3  
♣ Q876

♠ K  
♥ J8  
♦ KQJ1098  
♣ K932

If one is inclined to open a weak 1NT, the bidding might go:

<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1NT	2♣ - Stayman
2♥	2NT
3♠	Pass (or a sporting 4♠)

At our table, playing 'Bid Better, Much Better' methods:

<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1NT	2♣ <sup>1</sup>
2♦	2♠ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	

(1) Puppet, forcing opener to bid 2♦  
(2) 4-5 spades, denies 4 hearts, inviting game

West had no problem passing 2♠. Just as well since the limit of the hand was eight tricks, because of the bad spade break and the club position. +110 and +50 from the other table in 3♠ = +4 Imps. +110 was also worth +5 IMPs against the datum of N/S +90.



## SWPT Top Thirteen after 6 rounds

### Rydges Lakeside Hotel

1st	<b>LAVAZZA</b> (Lavazza, Bocchi, Lauria, Versace, Duboin, Ferraro)	131
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### Hyatt Hotel Canberra

1st	<b>MARSTON</b> (Marston, Thomson, Lorentz, Lester, Del'Monte, Erichsen)	128
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9th	<b>CRICHTON</b> (Crichton, Crichton, La Peyre, Cox, Church, Flynn)	112
11th	<b>NOBLE</b> (Noble, Brown, Prescott, Fordham, Bilski, Gue)	111
11th	<b>BOULTON</b> (Boulton, Macheski, Smith, Smees)	111
13th	<b>SMITH</b> (Smith, Yovich, Haffer, Reynolds, Lusk, Moir)	110

# FIRST DAY AT THE HYATT

by Nick Hughes

Did you make this game?

SWPT Sess 1, Board 18  
Dealer E, Vul NS

♠ 953			
♥ T			
♦ 9			
♣ AK987542			
♠ K72	♠ AQ86		
♥ J532	♥ K98764		
♦ A742	♦ Q5		
♣ JT	♣ 3		
	♠ JT4		
	♥ AQ		
	♦ KJT863		
	♣ Q6		

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♦
2♥	3♣	3♥	No
4♥	All pass		

South leads the ♣Q. Not knowing who has the singleton, North overtakes and tries to cash the ace. Declarer ruffs and needs a way to avoid three red suit losers. South is quite likely to be 3-2-6-2 with the ♥A, in which case it's easy. Play three rounds of spades ending in dummy then pull a low heart. Voila.

How about this 6♠?

SWPT Session 2, Board 15  
Dealer South, Vul NS

	♠ KQJT43		
	♥ AJ		
	♦ —		
	♣ AQT85		
♠ 9762		♠ —	
♥ 73		♥ T986	
♦ AKQT6		♦ J9742	
♣ 42		♣ KJ97	
	♠ A85		
	♥ KQ542		
	♦ 853		
	♣ 63		

West	North	East	South
P	1♠	P	2♠
3♦	4♦	5♦	No
P	6♠	All pass	

East leads a diamond to the queen (?), ruffed. You cash a top spade then play ♣A and another club, realising thanks

to West that the club finesse will fail. Ruff the next diamond then a ruff a club with the ace. Now just run the trumps to squeeze East in hearts and clubs. An initial heart lead will shoot it since East can play another heart when in with a club. You also might fail if West had the good sense to play the ♦A at trick 1. If that's all too hard, just take the save in 7♦ for a decent -500.

What do you lead against 3NT from ♠Axx in partner's suit?

SWPT, Sess 2, Bd 12

W/NS	♠ QJT		
	♥ J53		
	♦ AJ92		
	♣ AJT		
♠ K8642	♠ A93		
♥ Q	♥ KT862		
♦ K8	♦ QT		
♣ 98543	♣ Q62		
	♠ 75		
	♥ A974		
	♦ 76543		
	♣ K7		

West	North	East	South
2♠	2NT	All pass	

A strange auction until you realise that Jo Haffer was North and so Peter Reynolds knew to expect a 14-count on a good day. I led the ♠3 and partner naturally played the king, killing the suit. Jo set up diamonds, leading the first one from dummy as an avoidance play, then squeezed me in hearts and clubs for 9 tricks. Next time I'll lead the ace. This looked good but our partners stumbled into 3NT and East again led a low spade to the king. Nicoleta also picked the hand well for an unexpected and undeserved +600.

## A few thoughts on format

The Mixed Pairs went well with 40 plus tables, about the same as the shrinking Open Pairs. NOT News 2 asked about a change of format, expanding the event to three sessions, starting on Saturday morning. A show of hands was inconclusive. I for one like the current format. This is hardly a high power event so the integrity of the movement is not a big issue. It's a fun event for a light warmup, perhaps with a casual partner, though not necessarily one you hope to sleep with.

I like the 1.30 start because I can leave Sydney 9am Saturday, drive down and

book in to my room and have a bit to eat. A morning start would mean another night in Canberra.

Which brings up the Swiss Pairs. This is a long day, 12 hours from start to finish. The turnaround time by the scoring was superb, given that we had live draws for most of the day (why not all?). For example, the 7.30 session finished at 10.30, great for 3 x 8 boards and two draws. It's also great having hand records after each match.

*Ed: We promised yesterday to include an article by Ben Thompson which dealt with the 6♠ contract on Board 15 of Session 2. Ben points out that the only lead to shoot 6♠ is a heart against Zoli Nagy, a diamond was led and it took him about 30 seconds to squeeze East as described by Nick Hughes above.*

*We received several other articles regarding this hand as requested in yesterday's NOT News. Richard Hills was unsuccessful in 6♠ but his partner Hashmat Ali showed him the line of play described above. Also see Ron Klinger's article on page 4.*

*Andy Sebestyan and Robert Ellery (editor of the VBA Newsletter) reported that the 6♠ contract at their tables was blessed with an opening club lead into the jaws of the AQ. It seems that 6♠ is now bound to make if you don't touch trumps before ruffing clubs in dummy. West can over-ruff one of those clubs but not both.*

*Thank you Andy and Robert. Robert also remarks on a nice defence to 5♦ on Board 8 of the same match. Simon Hinge lead the ♦2 from ♦J2 against a 5♦ contract, crashing partner's ♦Q. Robert then finessed Simon's partner for the ♦J for one down.*

## THE PIED PIPER

by Alice Curtis

Last year at the Summer Festival I decided to become very deaf if anyone asked a navigational question. This was because I have a phobia about map reading and a poor sense of direction. It was a bludging attitude which led me to a much overdue New Years Resolution for 2001.

This year well before we left South Gippsland for Canberra I took several deep calming breaths, opened the map of S.E. Australia and attempted to

make sense of what lay before me.

It may have taken me about ten fifteen minute sessions to plan the journey to Canberra via Cann River, (felt I had to stop when the heartbeat doubled) but finally plan it I did, even to the extent of drawing small diagrams of roundabouts.

The hardest part lay in arriving. The Monaro Highway was easy enough to follow but what if you missed that vital left turn at Canberra Avenue? Cold sweats. But there, amazingly enough, was the National Circuit and the Macquarie Hotel. Incredible. Safe arrival. Relief. Oh ye of little faith!

Early morning walks were an interesting experience. Unadventurously I stuck to returning via the way I had come. The only mishap occurred one morning when I was nearly late for Session One, after circling a building called Backbeaches twice.

But the final morning...ah, the final morning....how my self esteem blossomed. A blue shirted man asked me the way to Manuka...asked **ME**. Manuka? I had walked up there for dinner on our arrival.

"Follow me" I advised nonchalantly. A few minutes later a bewildered couple sought directions for the National Archives. I had passed it... it was where my road home to the right.

"Follow me" I repeated graciously. They were fifty metres behind and Mr. Blue Shirt one hundred. First, I deposited the couple by means of extravagant gestures at the Archives building. Then after making sure Mr. Blue Shirt was still hanging on, I waited for him upon reaching my hotel. There I told him it was only a few more minutes to Canberra Avenue and by turning left, he would reach Manuka.

Thus in a few short days and after using enormous self discipline, I grew into a Canberran. A source of information for lost pedestrians. A veritable tour guide.

The bridge was great, but that was even better.

**TABLE TALLY**  
as of Midnight 23/1/01  
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(4076 at this time last year)

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Zelda died on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2000 after a very short illness – aged 83 years. She will be remembered as a timeless worker for the game she so loved. Coming to Canberra was one of the great highlights of her bridge life and she came regularly.

It could be said that she founded a bridge dynasty – grandmother of Kim Del'Monte and mother of Judy Hopkinson – both keen players. Zelda will be remembered as a gracious and friendly face across the table with always a good story to tell.

**IF YOU DOUBLE IT, YOU  
GOTTA BEAT IT**

by Mark Abraham

SWPT Session 3, Board 16  
Dealer W, Vul EW

♠ 6	♠ AJ87
♥ Q982	♥ AK6
♦ KJ874	♦ A9
♣ AK4	♣ QJT3
♠ 542	♠ KQT93
♥ 754	♥ JT3
♦ QT653	♦ 2
♣ 65	♣ 9872

Niclas Jonsson shined on defence on this hand. Once before our opponents had paid the price for an off-balanced 2NT contract and Niclas was keen to repeat the result. North opened 1♦, Niclas doubled and South bid 1♠. North rebid 2♦, as Niclas doubled again. South ran to 2♣ and North ran again to 2NT. Smelling fear, Niclas produced the axe and led ♣Q.

His partner produced the 5♣ which was an unreadable attitude signal, and declarer won and played a spade to the ♠K and the ♥J was run to the ♥K. Niclas continued a hopeful ♣3 and a grateful dummy scored an unexpected entry. Declarer exited a heart and Niclas cleared the clubs. Declarer cashed the hearts to leave this position:

♠ —	♠ AJ8
♥ —	♥ —
♦ KJ874	♦ A
♣ —	♣ T
♠ —	♠ QT9
♥ —	♣ —
♦ QT653	♦ 2
♣ —	♣ 9

Declarer exited a diamond and Niclas cashed ♣T to complete the strip of dummy. Now the ♠8 exit saw dummy win and forced to lead back into the jaws of his carefully-preserved Ace-Jack combination.

Hands up who would have cashed the ♠A and conceded?

*Ed: Nice defence. Ducking a heart would have also sufficed, I suspect.*

# NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE CONGRESS

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## THE PRETTIEST STEPPING-STONE THAT NEVER WAS

by Ron Klinger

SWPT, Session 2, Board 15  
Dealer North : N-S vulnerable

(Directions changed for convenience)

NORTH  
♠ A85  
♥ KQ542  
♦ 853  
♣ 63

SOUTH  
♠ KQJT43  
♥ AJ  
♦ ---  
♣ AQT85

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Richman	Haughie	Burgess	Klinger
	P	3♦	4♠
5♦	5♠	P	6♠
P*	P	P	

\*Long trance

Richman led the ♦4, three, queen, ruffed. On the ♠K next, he discarded the ♦7. 'So,' I thought, 'Burgess has pre-empted with four spades. Hearts are

unlikely to break now.'

I continued with a spade to the ace (♦9 from Richman) and a spade to hand (♦J from Richman). The ♠Q drew East's last trump and Richman discarded the ♣7. So Burgess opened 3♦ and Richman has played four diamonds. If West began with a 0-5-4-4 or 0-4-4-5 pattern, this figured to be the end-position:

♠ ---	
♥ KQ542	
♦ 8	
♣ 63	
♠ ---	Immaterial
♥ xxxx(x)	
♦ ---	
♣ KJx(x)	

♠ T  
♥ AJ  
♦ ---  
♣ AQT85

I played off the ♠T and Richman threw the ♣9. Next came the ♥A and ♥J. All followed. This was the end-position envisaged:

♠ ---  
♥ KQ5  
♦ ---  
♣ 63

♠ ---	
♥ xx	
♦ ---	
♣ KJx	Immaterial

♠ ---  
♥ ---  
♦ ---  
♣ AQT85

Exiting with the ♣Q, I hoped that, in this pretty-ending, West would be forced to give the rest of the tricks either to dummy or to declarer.

I was brought back to earth when Richman won with the ♣K and exited with the ♦2. Burgess had pre-empted with a 5-card suit.

This was the complete hand:

♠ A85  
♥ KQ542  
♦ 853  
♣ 63

♠ ---	♠ 9762
♥ T986	♥ 73
♦ J9742	♦ AKQT6
♣ KJ97	♣ 42

♠ KQJT43  
♥ AJ  
♦ ---  
♣ AQT85

# WALK IN RESULTS

23 January 2001

## Morning session

1 S. Hooper, M. Dalton  
2 M. Woods, I. Pallos  
3 F. Taglietti, S. Potts

The afternoon session was not masterpointed as there were only two tables.

## Evening session

1 T. Grosvenor,  
D. Foreman  
2 M. Duffy, E. Seaborn  
3 T. Chamberlain,  
A. Ferguson

Thus 6♠ was three down. Full marks to Richman for his discarding. At the other table, 6♠ was reached without interference and was one down. 5 Imps away.

In mentioning Board 15 to Kieran Dyke later, he said, 'It's takes very imaginative declarer play to go three down in 6♠.' I guess he was right.

**Post Mortem:** The actual play was destined to fail unless Richman had made a serious error in discarding. If Richman had started with 0-4-4-5, he would have discarded only two diamonds (and two clubs) and left himself a diamond to reach partner later.

*Ed: Have some sympathy for Bruce Neill who held the South cards. The auction went:*

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Marston	Roberts	Thomson	Neill
		1♥(1)	All pass

(1) 4+♠, 10-14HCP, can be canape

*This went two down for a 5 IMP gain when 6♠ went one down at the other table.*

*At another table after a 1♥ opening showing spades E/W were allowed to play a diamond partial for +130!*

# SEEING THROUGH THE BACK OF THE CARDS

by Sue Lusk

During the dinner break in the Swiss Pairs, we were discussing the hands from the last match. When we got to Board 7, Peter Fordham asked for our opinion on whether North-South had a game on and, if so, what was it. He then went on to explain how 'his man', Bob Scott from New Zealand, had no trouble making 4♥ on a spade lead.

Board: 7, Dir S, Vul All

♠ KQJ4 ♥ J ♦ 862 ♣ Q10932	♠ 2 ♥ A7632 ♦ AKJ73 ♣ K8	♠ 9765 ♥ K10854 ♦ Q95 ♣ 5	♠ A1083 ♥ Q9 ♦ 104 ♣ AJ764
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West	North	East	South
	Bob Scott		Peter Fordham
			1♣ <sup>1</sup>
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	P	2♥ <sup>3</sup>
P	3♦ <sup>4</sup>	P	3NT
P	4♥ <sup>5</sup>	All pass	

1. Another Fordham light opening
2. Fourth suit forcing - to game
3. Preference
4. Completing the shape of the hand
5. Notrumps doesn't look right to me

Bob won the ♠A in dummy and ruffed a spade. He then played ♦A, ♦K, ruffed a diamond with the ♥9 and ruffed another spade. He now made the key play of not trying to cash two clubs at this point. Instead, he played a club across to the ace and ruffed another spade. With eight tricks gathered, this was the position:

Dealer: S, Vul: All

♠ — ♥ A7 ♦ J7 ♣ K	♠ — ♥ K10854 ♦ — ♣ —
♠ — ♥ J ♦ — ♣ Q1093	♠ — ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ J764

He still didn't try to cash the ♣K which would have proved fatal, rather he played another diamond which guaranteed that he would score the ♥Q and ♥A to make his contract.

John Roberts commented that Bob could not have played this hand better if he had been given a hand record first!

## CUT AND THRUST

by Earl Dudley

It was my team's turn this afternoon to take on the Burgay team at the Hyatt. The following hand played superbly by Leandro Burgay is truly a hand of exquisite beauty.

SWPT Session 5, Hand 19  
 Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ A5 ♥ A632 ♦ KJT54 ♣ J2	♠ T ♥ KQT8754 ♦ 93 ♣ 754
♠ J87642 ♥ J ♦ AQ6 ♣ QT6	♠ KQ93 ♥ 9 ♦ 872 ♣ AK983

The inevitable contract is 3NT. At our table, Leandro as North was declarer. Anne Powell, my partner in the East seat, led ♥K and the two singletons that fell at trick one were a welcome sight. Declarer ducked a round which does not take away any of his options. The contract seems simple enough. Win the second heart to set up the club suit by running ♣J and play for West to hold ♦A (it is curtains for declarer if East has this card.)

Declarer rejected this simple line in favour of a double squeeze (spade diamond on West and the improbable spade heart squeeze on East). To rectify the count, declarer ducked the second heart discarding a diamond in dummy and winning the third heart discarding a second diamond. He then ran ♠J to my Queen.

It was at this position that the hand became interesting. The position was:

♠ A5 ♥ 6 ♦ KJT54 ♣ 2	♠ T ♥ 8754 ♦ 93 ♣ 75	♠ J764 ♥ — ♦ AQ6 ♣ T6
♠ KQ93 ♥ — ♦ 8 ♣ AK98		

Communications between the two hands were difficult and I made them even worse by returning a spade somewhat relieved that partner's singleton was ♠T. By now I was feeling optimistic about our chances. Declarer played a low diamond and I hopped the Ace to return a club which blocked the spade suit since declarer cannot cross to his hand with ♠A since there is no way back to dummy.

Leandro was unconcerned by this defence. He simply cashed his club winners and I had to succumb on the last club.

The position was:

♠ A ♥ — ♦ KJT ♣ —	♠ — ♥ 875 ♦ 9 ♣ —	♠ J7 ♥ — ♦ Q6 ♣ —
♠ Q93 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 8		

The ♣8 forced me to discard a spade or else declarer's hand would have been high. However, declarer now discarded ♠A and claimed.

I was disappointed of course but delighted to witness a fine card player in action.

# FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY

By Eva Hardy

As the Lord Chancellor said in Gilbert & Sullivan's Opera Iolanthe "If you go in you are sure to win . . . and faint heart never won fair lady."

Round 3, Board 7

Dealer S, Vul ALL

♠ 7	
♥ T53	
♦ Q865	
♣ AK543	
♠ 9432	♠ AKJ85
♥ J8762	♥ AKQ4
♦ J43	♦ —
♣ T	♣ J972
♠ QT6	
♥ 9	
♦ AKT972	
♣ Q86	

The bidding proceeded at our table:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Eva Hardy	Richard Cowan	Robert Ellery	Margaret Foster
Pass	5♦!	X	1♦ All pass

Lead: ♣T

Result: 11 tricks for +750

Looking at the vulnerability and my meagre 2 points – I passed the double. I was just too chicken to bid at the 5-level. And yet had I done so and bid 5♥. What a wealth of riches – 5♥ making for +650 and a double game swing of +1400 or 16 IMPs. As it was, the board was tied as our team mates Kris Brook and June Grigg were in the same contract also doubled. My reason for submitting this hand is : I would like to know through your columns what happened at other tables and whether any West dared bid 5♥.

## IN THE END THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE

by Richard Hills

Playing at the Hyatt, my team made the mistake of winning its first match by a maximum. As a result, we played the top-seeded Burgay team in round two. I enjoyed this hand.

Board 17  
Dealer N, Vul Nil

Richard Hills

♠ —  
♥ KQ43  
♦ KJ92  
♣ K5432

Burgay

♠ Q87643  
♥ 2  
♦ Q543  
♣ T9

Mariani

♠ KJT52  
♥ T965  
♦ A  
♣ QJ8

Hashmat Ali

♠ A9  
♥ AJ87  
♦ T876  
♣ A76

Playing a strong club system, I opened an amorphous 1♦. Mariani overcalled 1♠, Hashmat made a negative double and Burgay pre-empted to 4♠. I continued to 5♥, doubled by Mariani, and all passed.

The ♥5 lead was won by dummy's seven, and I continued with the trump eight to my King. With the 4-1 trump break now revealed, I carefully cashed the ♣K before leading a club towards the Ace. (If East held a singleton club, and decided to ruff, he would be ruffing a loser.) After winning the ♣A, I conceded the third round of clubs. Mariani persisted with another trump lead, and I overtook dummy's Jack with

my Queen.

I now led tow winning clubs through East, who could not afford to ruff. Dummy's losing spade plus a small diamond were discarded on the good clubs. I now drew the last trump with the Ace, and ran the ♦7 in this position:

♠ —	♠ —	♠ KJT
♥ —	♥ —	♥ —
♦ KJ92	♦ KJ92	♦ A
♣ —	♣ —	♣ —
♠ Q	♠ A	
♥ —	♥ —	
♦ Q54	♦ T87	
♣ —	♣ —	

Although the ♦Q was onside, I had no entry to dummy to take a second diamond finesse. However, this problem was resolved, when East had to be stepping stone to dummy's Ace, allowing a second winning diamond finesse.

We gained 5 IMPs for making 5♥X but Team 1 proved "in the end there can only be one" as they comprehensively outplayed us in the other boards of the match.

### NOT Rydges Datums

BD	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	-230	470	-200
2	380	-220	590
3	270	450	-30
4	-770	-1560	370
5	60	550	-70
6	-540	40	150
7	-640	330	50
8	450	40	-290
9	330	130	-570
10	-50	-370	660
11	50	-180	400
12	650	120	200
13	530	-310	30
14	-170	50	190
15	340	-20	70
16	-430	-1870	-620
17	280	220	-130
18	30	-510	-880
19	450	420	440
20	1130	-770	-390

### NOT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	-420	N	-280
2	450	o	620
3	300		60
4	-680	D	440
5	140	a	0
6	-640	t	190
7	-520	u	130
8	410	m	-260
9	390	s	-610
10	-110		660
11	60	R	440
12	540	o	140
13	640	u	280
14	-240	n	220
15	80	d	10
16	-650		-550
17	330	5	-130
18	30		-890
19	440		410
20	860		-400

# MASTER CARD

by Bill Westwood

SWPT Session 2 Board 16

Dealer W, Vul EW

♠ KJT8  
♥ A72  
♦ T4  
♣ T954

♠ Q4  
♥ K83  
♦ KQ83  
♣ J873

♠ A972  
♥ Q964  
♦ 752  
♣ 6

♠ 653  
♥ JT5  
♦ A96  
♣ AKQ2

Ian McKinnon revived memories of the past when he declared 3NT as East on this board. On the lead of a small heart, Ian flew the King losing to Ace but encouraging N/S to continue hearts. When Ian played the ten at trick two, South won with the Queen and could not resist continuing the suit.

It was not over yet. After rising with the Jack, Ian ran four clubs and, placing South with four spades (otherwise spades would have been led) deduced that diamonds were 4-2. The nine (unblocking) to King and Ace back allowed the almost marked finesse of the eight, and nine tricks were there. The play of the ♥K at trick one was a master card.

## THE POISONED OVERTRICK

by Mark Abraham

Niclas Jonsson showed good discipline in not rashly seizing an overtrick on this hand from the SWPT.

Session 3, Board 2

Dealer E, Vul NS

♠ AK54  
♥ J82  
♦ A72  
♣ J97

♠ 876  
♥ AKQT7  
♦ KJ64  
♣ A

♠ T  
♥ 954  
♦ QT983  
♣ 8432

♠ QJ932  
♥ 63  
♦ 5  
♣ KQT65

He declared 4♠ as East on the lead of ♥5. He cashed two hearts as South recanted their MUD lead and tried to show a doubleton. Undeterred, Niclas played the third heart and threw his diamond loser. Now a spade to the ♠Q collected the ten and so dummy's eight was enough to force a top honour from North on the second round.

Poor North could see no way to defeat this contract and so sadly tried to cash the ♦A. Niclas had a dilemma - ruffing this trick would be premature, since if he attempted to draw trumps North could exit a club to kill dummy's entry while he still had a trump (declarer would triumph on the hand because the ♣J is short, though).

Hence Niclas wisely handed back the diamond trick he avoided earlier and discarded a club. Now declarer was in control of the tempo, with winners in all suits and an extra trump for control. North tried a club exit, but Niclas won in dummy and cashed ♦K to pitch the last club loser from hand and could exit in trumps and claim +420.

## BID BOLDLY, PRAY FOR MIRACLES

by David Hoffman

Board 9 from session 3 of the SWPT created problems at many tables.

Dealer: North

Vul: NS

♠ K62  
♥ AQ3  
♦ A974  
♣ KQT

♠ AT53  
♥ 764  
♦ —  
♣ AJ9642

♠ QJ8  
♥ KJ98  
♦ KQT53  
♣ 8

♠ 974  
♥ T52  
♦ J862  
♣ 753

Many E/Ws reached 3NT, failing when N/S could create five winners before E/W could create nine. However Julia and I bid as follows (still being argued about the following morning):

West	North	East	South
	1NT <sup>1</sup>	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	4♠ <sup>4</sup>	All pass

1: 15-18

2: "Hoffman" either

- a) Single suited in clubs
- b) 3 suiter, short in clubs
- c) 55, not including clubs

3: Having worked out partner did not have clubs, correctable

4: Julia, expecting 5 spades from a sane partner, raised.

Winning the ♠A, I led a heart, won by the Ace. End-played at trick two, North exited with a spade, won with the Jack. The ♦K was passed to North, who was relieved to be able to exit with a diamond, won with the Queen. After ruffing a diamond, heart finesse (Prayer 1), then ♥K (no ruff, Prayer 2), diamond ruff (no ruff, Prayer 3), club ruff, diamond ruff with ♠A.

At trick twelve, with both opponents only holding trumps, including the King, I was able to make the ♠J en passant (Prayer 4).

Correspondence will not be entered into about the chance of making, or the fact that the contract can be beaten by North, by leading trumps at every time, not easy to find given an assumption about sane opposition bidding.

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## COLUMN 8 (NOT)

We have an abbreviated Column 8 for this edition of NOT News because we were keen to print as many of the excellent articles we have received as we could. Some articles have been held over to the next NOT News. Thanks to all our contributors. Much appreciated.

We are still looking for additional contributions – particularly, from players who have yet to put pen to paper. And we are not only looking for articles from experts – articles from the average bridge player are also keenly sought. So keep them rolling in.



I thought you might be interested in the number of passengers who have made the bus trip between the Hyatt and Rydge's. The total for the ABF bus alone over the first 6 days of the Festival is 870. Add in the number for the Rydge's bus and it comes to a healthy number. It is quiet a pleasant walk for those who would like a bit of exercise but a bit hot in the middle of the day.



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An ex-ACT, now Queensland player, provided me with this classic auction to reach 6♣ on Board 20 of Session 5.

♠ AT	♠ K73
♥ QT5	♥ K86
♦ AK62	♦ T
♣ A872	♣ KQJ543

West opened 1♣ and East responded 3♦. West now found the value bid of 5♦ but had enough presence of mind to pass when partner retreated to 6♣.



Kibitzers Delight!

The top two seeds at both venues play at table one in the morning match today. If you've got the set off we suggest you get there early as it may be standing room only around the table.

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