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WHAT A WONDERFUL TOURNAMENT

by Tony Morris, USA

It is everything we have heard about and more. I write a quarterly column for our local district newsletter, the Wasumi District of the American Contract Bridge League, that covers Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Utah, Montana and Idaho, which is the geographic largest and least populated district of the ACBL.

You can be sure that I will encourage all of our readers to come "Down Under" and attend more of your events. Your graciousness is overwhelming.

Most of the bridge acumen in this event has been by our opponents, with smiles of "G'day", but we did manage to do well on the following hand:

AOP, Session 2, Board 7
Dealer South, Vul All

♠ KQ	
♥ Q8	
♦ 87653	
♣ AKQ6	
♠ J32	♠ T65
♥ KT6	♥ J974
♦ QJT2	♦ A
♣ 872	♣ JT954
♠ A9874	
♥ A532	
♦ K94	
♣ 3	

As North, I declared 3NT and won the ♠J lead, and played towards the ♦K. East played her Ace and switched to ♥4. Ducking in dummy West won the King and continued clubs. A second diamond towards the King virtually revealed the entire hand. I now executed a double squeeze which I remarked was fun after the play. (Ed: Not sure how you pulled it off Tony but well done)

RHO with a wide smile and a lilting voice remarked "That depends on which chair you're sitting in." Good on ya mate!

Yes the squeeze can be broken and takes nearly that defence to develop. Still it was fun.

Thank you for your graciousness and hospitality. We will be back!

SWPT Top Thirteen after 9 rounds

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Hyatt Hotel Canberra

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AOP COMMENTS

by Andrew Webb

One of the advantages of the weak NT is its pre-emptive nature. Check this out.

AOP Final, Round 2, Board 12.
Dealer W, Vul NS

♠ T32		
♥ KT9832		
♦ 963		
♣ Q		
♠ K6	♠ J954	
♥ Q74	♥ —	
♦ KQ82	♦ AJ54	
♣ JT53	♣ K9642	
♠ AQ87		
♥ AJ65		
♦ T7		
♣ A87		

Bidding E/W: 1NT – 3♥ ; 4♣ - 5♣

I knew before I opened this that I would need an alibi. Weak with both minors was what I had in mind. At least when partner splintered in hearts I had few wasted values. Dummy tracked, the ♣Q was stiff in the pocket, the ♠A was on-side and the “expert” smother play felled the ♠10 on the third round of the suit. Why “expert”? Well, if it had been an opponent, I would have described it as “lucky”.

Many N/S pairs made 4♥, navigating the spade suit for 1 loser. Another triumph for the weak NT. Chalk it up against the minus 1100's.

Ed: See Richard Ward's article in NOT News #7 for a slightly different perspective on this hand

If anyone can identify this board from the bidding, I have a team for them in 2002.

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 24/1/01

5066

(4856 at this time last year)

West North East South

2♥ ¹	P	P	X
2♠	3♦	4♣	5♦
6♠	P	P	X ²

All pass

(1) 6-9♥ and another
(2) = lead a ♥ please.

AOP Final, Session 1, Board 4
Dealer W, Vul ALL

♠ AJ985	♠ T	♠ KQ732
♥ AT97652	♥ KJ3	♥ Q84
♦ —	♦ KJT3	♦ 976
♣ 9	♣ QJ654	♣ A8
	♠ 64	
	♥ —	
	♦ AQ8542	
	♣ KT732	

South ruffed the ♥ lead, and North still had a ♥ trick to come.

Actually it didn't happen quite like that, but I haven't been sleeping well. I need a bigger nightcap. Which venue is Burgess playing at?

“What are your leads?” asks declarer. “Overs”, says partner. “Unders”, I say. Well, it's only our 4th NOT.

My partner swears blind that the Summer Festival hands are always unusually distributional. “Nonsense”, I scoff, “How much time do you think they have to waste?” I mean, really.

After they've gone through all the hands to make sure there are plenty of squeezes they're hardly likely to go through them all AGAIN, are they?

AOP Final, Session 2, Board 18.
Dealer E, Vul NS

♠ 743	♠ Q5	♠ AJT96
♥ K53	♥ Q642	♥ JT9
♦ T73	♦ 8652	♦ AQ9
♣ AKQ6	♣ T53	♣ 92
	♠ K82	
	♥ A87	
	♦ KJ4	
	♣ J874	

Bidding : E/W : 1♠-2♣;2♦-3♠;4♠.
The 2♦ bid was natural.

I led a spade against 4♠ (about par for my leads) and declarer won and continued. In with the ♠K, I continued ♥A and another ♥. I was briefly tempted to under-lead it, but if declarer is 5422 as advertised, they may well rise the ♥K and pitch their second ♥ on the ♣Q. Declarer was not troubled, ducking the second ♥ to partner's Queen, winning the ♦A on the return and ineluctably squeezing me in the minors with the 4th and 5th ♠. “Well played”, I murmured, “finesses are so passe.”.

AOP Final, Session 2, Board 24
Dealer W, Vul Nil

♠ 65	♠ KJ4
♥ KQ85	♥ T42
♦ T95	♦ AK87
♣ QJ94	♣ 862
♠ QT832	♠ A97
♥ J973	♥ A6
♦ Q643	♦ J2
♣ —	♣ AKT753

Against 5♣ I led my 4th highest diamond. Partner cashed the Ace and King and then switched to a spade. Whoops. I looked at the ♦T and the 4th heart in dummy, and I swear they winked at me. Declarer ran the clubs and my misery was complete. “Sorry partner”, I managed. “I should have led the ♦Q.”

AOP Final, Session 2, Board 27
Dealer S, Vul Nil

♠ Q9543	♠ T6
♥ 854	♥ JT63
♦ 64	♦ K9532
♣ 763	♣ Q9
♠ AKJ8	♠ 72
♥ A2	♥ KQ97
♦ AQJ	♦ T87
♣ AJ42	♣ KT85

Most people play MUD. Not me any more. Partner (North) led the ♣6 against 3NT, Q, K, A. Declarer tried to sneak a spade to the Ten, but partner was awake and won his Q. He continued with the ♣7, and ...”maybe he has the ♣4”, I thought to myself as I realised that my ♣5 was the master. But alas he pitched the ♣3 on the 3rd round of diamonds,

and with 3 cards to go I was in the vice again. "Etiquette demands", I explained to partner, "that you hang on to your 3rd club in that situation, so that I may hope it is the master. Squeezing me is one thing. Forcing me to defend in despair is another."

AOP Final, Session 1, Board 19.
Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ Q5		
♥ K52		
♦ 97		
♣ AK9652		
♠ 87	♠ J943	
♥ 943	♥ QJT6	
♦ T8542	♦ KQ6	
♣ J74	♣ 83	
♠ AKT62		
♥ A87		
♦ AJ3		
♣ QT		

When you hold nine points and the opponents are in 6NT, one of two things is going to happen. They are going down, or you are going to be squeezed. As I gazed at dummy's clubs (partner led a diamond) I knew it was the latter. Fortunately the lead has broken the communication in diamonds which eliminates one set of squeezes. Declarer can still make thirteen tricks, but he has to work out which squeeze to play. It's an annoying problem because when you get it wrong someone will explain why you should have played the other one. Since the opening lead marks declarer with the ♦J, I have no option but to play partner for the ♥9. On the next three clubs, I perform pitch the ♦6, and the ♥QJ.

- 1.) Declarer can now cash the ♥AK, and the 6th club squeezes me inexorably in diamonds and spades.
- 2.) Declarer can cash the 6th club, pitching the ♦J from his own hand. Then if the ♠J doesn't fall in three rounds, the 3rd spade may squeeze the hand holding the last three hearts and the last diamond. For this to work East's discarding must have been brilliantly deceptive or totally suicidal.

I don't know whether declarer insulted me or complimented me by taking line 2. Since he went on to win the event I'm not going to point out the superiority of line 1, or the possible improvements to line 2. None of that. I just want the organisers to stop setting up the hands so that I get squeezed. Couldn't it be my partner for a change?

APPEAL 3

Event: South West Pacific Teams
Session: 3
Director: Ivy Dahler

Appealing Pair: J Fitzgerald, E Fitzgerald (N/S - Team 61 – Rydges)

Opposing Pair: Versace + partner (E/W - Team 1 – Rydges)

Board 11
Dealer S, Vul Nil

	♠ T2	
	♥ K93	
	♦ QJT8743	
	♣ 9	
♠ K65		♠ QJ93
♥ A64		♥ Q875
♦ AK9		♦ 2
♣ KJ82		♣ AT74
	♠ A874	
	♥ JT2	
	♦ 65	
	♣ Q653	

West	North	East	South
			P
2D ¹	X	XX	All pass

(1) about 18-20

Final contract: 2♦ XX

Result: -200

Director's Report and Ruling:

I was called by West during the play of the hand when North's diamond holding became evident. (South holding 4-3 in the majors) In response to West's earlier enquiry regarding North's "X", South had said, "I take it as strong." After consultation I ruled that an infraction had occurred and damage had resulted. West had stated that if South had said "un-discussed", he would have bid 2NT and East said he would have raised to 3NT.

Director's Adjusted Score: 3NT W +430

Appellant's Claim:

1. We accept "mis-explanation" that South would have done better to say un-discussed. Thus under Law 12C2 the director correctly adjusted to 430.

2. Law 12C3 permits Appeals

Committee to award a portion of -200 and a portion of +430 in order to restore equity.

3. (i) The E/W pair elected to play in a 3-1 fit, and
(ii) No-one asked about the "XX", which seems to have shown points, making it impossible for North to have 18-20 HCP. West should have deduced that the North hand cannot be 18-20.

Therefore this is a typical Law 12C3 situation, eg 75% of the original result with 25% of the adjusted result (+430) seems reasonable.

John Gauld (Captain)

Appeals Committee Composition:

J Wignall (Chairman)
A Braithwaite
M Scudder
J Mottram
B Thompson

Appeals Committee Ruling: The director's decision is upheld. The Committee did not think that E/W contributed sufficiently to the poor table result to justify adjustment to the score. The N/S infraction therefore caused the damage.

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

THIS IS NOT A PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

by Tom Carr

At the risk of killing the café that toasted the golden sandwich, I will let you in on the best lunchtime location in the Southern Hemisphere. Straight out the front door of the Hyatt, across the road and five minutes basically straight ahead, is the Lobby Restaurant. Very posh. In the back however is the Lobby Café. It serves the best sandwiches, including toasted sandwiches, which I have tasted this lifetime. You tell them what you want and they build it. The prices are really moderate. Thank me after you try it.

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

WALK IN RESULTS

24 January 2001

Morning session

- 1 J Gross, M Gross
- 2 M Duffy, E Seaborn
- 3 G Lee, J Dunlop

Evening session

- 1 G Danta, T Marinos
- 2 L Allgood, R Allgood
- 3 M Duffy, E Seaborn

YOUTH STRIP-SQUEEZE

by Mark Abraham

Allan Greenwood of Tasmania showed that the $\diamond 7$ isn't only good for beer (*) on this hand.

NSP, Session 5, Board 1
Dealer N, Vul Nil

\spadesuit 8
 \heartsuit J5432
 \diamond J43
 \clubsuit 9862
 \spadesuit JT97
 \heartsuit Q86
 \diamond K52
 \clubsuit KJT
 \spadesuit 43
 \heartsuit AT
 \diamond AQ9876
 \clubsuit Q43
 \spadesuit AKQ652
 \heartsuit K97
 \diamond T
 \clubsuit A75

He played in 3NTX and watched as his opponents greedily cashed three top spades before reluctantly conceding one to the $\spadesuit J$. Now Allan could have his turn, as he rammed five diamonds at the helpless doubler in the South seat. This was the four card ending:

(Irrelevant)

\spadesuit —
 \heartsuit Q8
 \diamond —
 \clubsuit KJ
 \spadesuit —
 \heartsuit AT
 \diamond 7
 \clubsuit Q
 \spadesuit 5
 \heartsuit K9
 \diamond —
 \clubsuit A

The temptation when doubled with the beer card is to duck the lead out and hope to get back at the right tempo to score the two beers, but Allan knew that this would cost him the contract. Wisely he king-hit South with the $\diamond 7$. Unable to release his club or heart stoppers, the punch-drunk South let go his last spade. Now Allan could pounce - a club exit forces South to lead into the jaws of the hearts for +750 EW.

(*) See Paul Brayshaw's article in NOT NEWS # 6)

IS THIS A RECORD?

by Ross Crichton

When was the last time you held a solid eight card suit, and remained silent throughout the auction?

SWPT, Session 6, Board 13.
Dealer N, All Vul.

\spadesuit J83
 \heartsuit A43
 \diamond 953
 \clubsuit KJT7
 \spadesuit T765
 \heartsuit KJT9
 \diamond 2
 \clubsuit Q643
 \spadesuit AK42
 \heartsuit Q762
 \diamond J
 \clubsuit A982
 \spadesuit Q9
 \heartsuit 85
 \diamond AKQT8764
 \clubsuit 5

I sat South and showed admirable restraint as the following auction unfolded.

West	North	East	South
	P	1NT ¹	P(!) ²
2 \clubsuit ³	P	2NT ⁴	P(!) ⁵
3 \heartsuit	P	4 \heartsuit	P ⁶

All pass

1. 12-14. Opponents system card said this could include 4:4:4:1 distributions.
2. Liking the idea of defending 1NT. Finding a lead would not be a problem.
3. Extended Stayman
4. Both Majors
5. Liking it even more.
6. Fixed!

On $\diamond 5$ lead South won and switched to $\clubsuit 5$ won with the Ace. A heart to the King lost to North's Ace, who then cashed $\clubsuit K$ and gave South a ruff. Declarer subsequently lost a spade for two down, +200 for N/S.

At the other table, N/S played in 3 \diamond and made 11 when the spades were cashed (setting up the $\spadesuit J$ for a heart discard), and East ducked when declarer played the 5 \clubsuit to the $\clubsuit J$. -150 to E/W for a 2 IMP pickup.

$\spadesuit \heartsuit \spadesuit \heartsuit \spadesuit \heartsuit \spadesuit \heartsuit$

NOT Rydges Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	220	-140	410
2	-70	-320	-70
3	90	90	-30
4	330	-290	670
5	500	-110	-530
6	-70	-90	-290
7	-10	70	-360
8	70	780	-80
9	110	90	50
10	-70	-10	-60
11	-330	-30	-230
12	320	90	-220
13	-390	630	-20
14	0	150	380
15	620	-20	-440
16	400	-430	-30
17	-370	280	-260
18	-150	0	430
19	-1040	270	270
20	-470	-190	140

NOT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	340	-160	440
2	-80	-410	-110
3	100	80	-30
4	160	-200	230
5	310	10	-500
6	-360	-20	-620
7	-20	-50	-440
8	120	730	-80
9	210	40	90
10	-120	10	40
11	-280	30	-160
12	320	20	-160
13	-370	660	-80
14	-10	-10	370
15	640	-50	-430
16	330	-620	10
17	-420	200	-340
18	-10	50	570
19	-1060	190	420
20	-390	-360	230

WRONG WAS RIGHT

By Stephen Lester

The January 2001 issue of *Australian Bridge* covers the final of the 3rd IOC Teams in Lausanne between Italy and Indonesia, won by Indonesia 129-119 IMPs. BRAITHWAITE played LAVAZZA in Round 5 of the SWPT.

Imagine how I felt as West on the following deal, after having been given a talking-to by both illustrious Italian opponents.

SWPT Session 5, Board 13
Dealer N, Vul ALL

	♠A2		
	♥QJ9642		
	♦2		
	♣KT72		
♠QT84		♠J9763	
♥83		♥AK7	
♦AT		♦KQ96	
♣QJ963		♣5	
	♠K5		
	♥T5		
	♦J87543		
	♣A84		

West	North	East	South
Lester	Duboin	McManus	Versace
	2♥	2♠	All pass

I had a feeling about the hand, and backing my judgement (not always a wise thing) chose not to invite game with the West hand. Versace led a diamond, and on putting down dummy, LHO looked at it incredulously and exclaimed "You no bid?" I shook my head. Now RHO chimed in "You're wrong."

But as you can see, North can win the first round of trumps with the ace, put South in with a club and ruff the diamond continuation, with ♠K the fourth defensive trick.

North, however defending against 2♠, played a heart when in with ♠A, allowing Matthew McManus to win, force out ♠K and concede a club for an embarrassing +170.

But was North just trying to rub it in that we should have been in 4♣? I'll never know. We accepted our 7 IMPs for not being in game (4♠ was one down in the other room).

If you are not a current subscriber to *Australian Bridge*, and would like to read about the exciting match in which Indonesia beat the current World champions, see Stephen Lester (Rydges) or Paul Marston (Hyatt). They will be happy to offer you a year's subscription to *Australian Bridge* for \$66, with the January issue offered free as a bonus.

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♠♥♦♠♥♦♠♥♦♠♥

MORE BORING DEFENCE

By Hilda Lirsch

Post-mortems in the NOT usually concentrate on the sexy slams or the gorgeous games, with the "boring" part-scores quickly skipped over. However, on this "boring" deal, Hashmat Ali displayed his defensive virtuosity.

SWPT Session 5, Board 14
Dealer E, Vul Nil

	♠A864		
	♥986		
	♦KJT4		
	♣Q9		
♠KT73		♠5	
♥AJ7		♥T532	
♦A9632		♦Q5	
♣3		♣KJ8542	
	♠QJ92		
	♥KQ4		
	♦87		
	♣AT76		

Hashmat opened an 11-14 1NT as South, and West overcalled a two-way 2♣ (promising either diamonds or both majors). North doubled, showing general values, West converted to 2♦, North made a penalty double, and all passed.

The heart lead went to Hashmat's Queen and Declarer's Ace. At trick two, the ♥J was passed to Hashmat's King.

Hashmat accurately switched to a trump, ducked to North's King. The ♣9 return

went to East's Jack and Hashmat's Ace.

Now Hashmat correctly thrust the ♠Q through declarer's gizzard. West erred by covering with the King, and so North won the ♠A.

North exited with a low trump to dummy's Queen. Declarer cashed ♠K to pitch a losing spade, then tried the master ♥T, beaming at the 3-3 break. Declarer led dummy's thirteenth heart and threw another losing spade. North was forced to ruff the ♥ with a natural trump trick, reaching this position:

	♠864		
	♥—		
	♦J		
	♣—		
♠T		♠—	
♥—		♥—	
♦A96		♦—	
♣—		♣8542	
	Hashmat		
	♠J92		
	♥—		
	♦—		
	♣T		

Declarer's earlier waste of the ♠K meant that North could now put Hashmat on lead with the ♠J. Hashmat now delivered the rabbit punch by leading the ♠T, promoting North's Jack of trumps back to a winner.

+300 instead of +100 was worth 4 IMPs. Alas, the defence did not gain a victory point and so Hashmat had to be satisfied with a moral victory for his boring defence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just a reminder, that at 8.30pm on Friday night, the Canberra Bridge Club will be presenting a **vu-graph** of the first 20 boards of the Round of Sixteen of the NOT at Rydges Lakeside Hotel. It is anticipated that ten boards from each of the leading qualifier's matches will be featured.

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"DEEP FINESSE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SIMPLE ANALYSIS"

by David Kalnins

♠ J854
 ♥ J54
 ♦ J97
 ♣ AJ7

♠ T92
 ♥ A96
 ♦ AT542
 ♣ Q5

♠ Q73
 ♥ Q82
 ♦ Q83
 ♣ 9842

♠ AK6
 ♥ KT73
 ♦ K6
 ♣ KT63

3NT by South. Lead ♦4.

There was a discussion in NOT NEWS #7, titled "Postscript on the Importance of the 9 of diamonds" about how to play 3NT by South on the lead of the ♦4. The lead goes to dummy's nine, and East does well to duck (hoping West doesn't have AKxx or AKxxx) and gives count with the three (or the eight as per their carding).

The hand was given to Deep Finesse for analysis and it produced a complex line that required declarer to pick the endgame in a three suited squeeze against West. It is actually a fairly simple matter for declarer to force nine tricks on this hand without the need for any squeeze. At trick two, lead a heart to the Ten, and if this is:

(a) won by West with the Ace. Declarer now has eight tricks (after playing clubs for four) and will win an easy ninth trick if West leads a low diamond. Assuming West plays Ace and another diamond, declarer can now succeed by playing the King and then a low heart or alternatively three rounds of spades - keeping West off lead; or

(b) ducked by West. Declarer now plays a club to the Jack and leads another heart up to the King. This divorces the East and West hands and the ninth trick can subsequently be established in hearts.

This must be the best line of play as it will succeed when diamonds are four/

four and the hearts are friendly (AQx on-side or Qx on-side) or in the above layout.

I might have gone down on this hand by playing the ♦7 at trick one, in order to remove the 'beer card' from the deal as soon as possible (just kidding).

Ed: Rather cute. Can anyone fault David's analysis?

JUST ANOTHER FLAT BOARD

by Ron Klinger

SWPT, Session 3, Board 19

Dir South, Vul E/W

♠ J5
 ♥ J10764
 ♦ ---
 ♣ KQ8532

♠ 1074
 ♥ A2
 ♦ AQ9752
 ♣ A4

♠ 98632
 ♥ 983
 ♦ J643
 ♣ 6

♠ AKQ
 ♥ KQ5
 ♦ K108
 ♣ J1097

In one match the bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
1♦	All pass		1♣

Able to reach dummy only once to play trumps, declarer lost a diamond, a heart and three spades. Eight tricks, +90.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♥	P	3NT
P	6♣	P	P
X	All pass		

The ♦A was led, ruffed, but there was no escaping the other two aces. Down 1, +100.

After scoring up, East was heard to comment: "Glad you were able to double, partner. You needed to, just to square the board."

CORRECTION

In the "Cut and Thrust" article in yesterday's NOT NEWS #8, the incorrect hand was printed. Please refer to the following hand while reading the article. Apologies for this error.

SWPT Session 5, Hand 19
Dealer S, Vul EW

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

INTERESTING HANDS

By Phil Gue

I like to collect hands that display an interesting arrangement of the cards, like the one where the first round of trumps is won by the five, every one following or where dummy's last four cards might be the same in each suit (say four 9's etc). There are many hands that have some interesting arrangements. I'm sure you have seen them. Let me share a recent one supplied to me by Adelaide regulars to the NOT Robert and Tania Black, often playing with their friends Robert and Mary Hecker.

Dealer South, Vul All.

	♠ J842	
	♥ AQ963	
	♦ AQT	
	♣ 8	
♠ T5		♠ 97
♥ KT84		♥ J52
♦ 983		♦ KJ52
♣ J942		♣ T763
	♠ AKQ63	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 764	
	♣ AKQ5	

After South opened 1♠ and rebid 3♣ over North's 2♥ response, key-card

Blackwood from North ended with Robert in 6♠, West leading the ♦8.

Robert won the Ace, played a club to the Ace, discarding dummy's diamonds on the ♠K and ♠Q. Then a cross-ruff with a diamond ruffed with the ♠2, ♥A, a heart ruffed with the ♠3, a diamond ruffed with the ♠4 and a heart ruffed with the ♠6, followed by the ♠5 ruffed with the ♠8 (a slight risk - the ♠J would have been safer, but would have spoilt the hand). All declarer had was the three top trumps and so scored thirteen tricks. What was remarkable about the hand?

Declarer managed to play all his side suit winners from the top, and all his trump winners from the bottom, for all thirteen tricks! Have you seen that before?

BridgeOn will give free subscriptions to their internet publication to those players submitting the best hands that feature an "unusual" arrangement of the cards, similar to this example. Simply give the hand to Peter Chan (FINIKIOTIS team) at RYDGES, or David Lusk (LUSK), Sue Lusk (SMITH), or myself (NOBLE), at the HYATT. If you think it is interesting, so will we, and we would look forward to putting it up on the site in our new series "Interesting Hands".

Another hand on the same theme:

"WHAT STYLE!"

by Tony Hutton

My partner and wife, Helena Hutton, played Board 11 from Session 6 with superb style.

Dealer S, Vul Nil

	♠ KQT2	
	♥ T	
	♦ AT85	
	♣ KT86	
♠ 96		♠ J87
♥ J982		♥ Q743
♦ KQ9		♦ 42
♣ AJ93		♣ 7542
	♠ A543	
	♥ AK65	
	♦ J763	
	♣ Q	

The contract was 4♠. West took the club lead with the Ace and returned ♦K. Declarer won this and cashed three rounds of trumps, West discarding the

irrelevant ♦9. Next a diamond to the Jack and West's Queen, West exiting with a club. Declarer winning that King and ruffing a club in dummy. Now a diamond to the eight and declarer claimed, holding four tens. This was a flat board but what style to end with four of a kind!

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE BIDDING FORUM

with Ted Chadwick
by Nick Hughes

Just one hand this month. I'm in my usual grumpy mood and the wife is chasing me. So pleasing that she's playing at the other venue.

SWPT Sess 5, Bd 19, IMPs

E/NS ♠ J87642
♥ J
♦ AQ6
♣ QT6

West	North	East	South
		Pass *	?

East's pass showed the usual 13+, any shape. The panel seemed to think the choice was whether to bid at all. There was the usual trans-Pacific bickering:

KOKISH: Pass. Are you kidding?
THOMSON: 1♠. What else?

The rest followed one of these two timid paths. I'll spare you their glib remarks. This was my answer:

CHADWICK: 2♠. Important to stand up for NSW manhood. IMPs scoring, vul vs not, great pips and no defence - they all point to 2♠, the bid I made at the table. Surprisingly, this got doubled but I found a neat endplay to hold the loss to -1100, a bargain against their 430. The board was predictably flat.

Following AB's new policy of automatically awarding the top score to my choice ...

CALL	PANEL	AWARD
2♠	1	100
1♠	21	80
Pass	6	30

That's it for me for a while. I'm told I'm being given a spell as moderator. Not sure why.

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

We have a number of Good News stories at last. Bouquets to Angela Little, our hard working Summer Festival staffer at the Hyatt. The Fry team appreciated the help and assistance given by the Directors during the event but in particular would like to record their deep gratitude to Angela for her outstanding efforts in tracking down a lost wallet. Well done, Angela.

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And what about those local bridge players, who agree to be on stand-by to make up a foursome when a member of a team suddenly falls ill. Your contribution to the success of the Summer Festival is significant.

In Round 8, the DUDLEY team was faced with such a crisis, when one of our team was unwell and unable to play just 10 minutes before the start of play. To add to the drama, our team was taking on a strong Victorian team. No problem. Kate Gullan was contacted and readily agreed to substitute. Anne and I had an indifferent set and I thought we were negative at our table. However, Kate and Kerri did brilliantly and we ended up with a win. This was a bonus since I would have been tremendously grateful to Kate, even if we had lost the match. Our thanks to Kate in particular and to all of the local players who have agreed to be on call as substitutes in the NOT.

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An anonymous contributor reports on an enjoyable experience in Round 4 playing against a team of international players, which was way beyond them in terms of skills and experience. This was no fairy tale story since they lost resoundingly, having been given a lesson in bidding and play. On comparing scores, the winning team claimed a victory by 101 IMPs. "No way, 100 IMPs is bad enough", they said and a careful checking of the individual scores allowed them to prove their (one) point.

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More Good News – this time about active ethics as reported by Max Wigbout. An opponent made a claim with four cards to be played, having three club winners in dummy and a trump in each hand. He had forgotten that Max's partner had a trump as well. Partner wanted declarer to play out the hand but dummy knowing the rules summoned the Director. After due analysis, the Director established that the contract could be defeated on a certain logical line of play. This resulted in a handsome pick-up for Max's team. Max's team still lost the match but awards Brownie Points to Rizard Waszyrowski for his ethical behaviour.

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Session 6 Board 20
Dealer W, Vul ALL

<p>♠ QT763 ♥ KQT87 ♦ 4 ♣ Q4</p> <p>♠ AK98 ♥ 2 ♦ T8753 ♣ K65</p> <p>♠ J542 ♥ A943 ♦ — ♣ AT873</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J65 ♦ AKQJ962 ♣ J92</p>
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We have had our share of unusual auctions in the SWPT. Many of these seem to occur when playing against the Allgoods it would appear! However this one was reported to us by Pat Back:

North opened 2♦ (weak - both majors), East bid 3♦, South 4♦, West 5♦ and eventually, South broke the sequence by bidding 5♥ double by West for -500. There was much laughter all round when West bid 5♦.

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