



NOT NEWS

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**THE LORD GIVETH & THE
LORD TAKETH AWAY (OR
VICE-VERSA – DEPENDING
ON YOUR TABLE POSITION!)**

by Tony Walford

SWPT Session 10

Board 9

Vul: EW

Dir: N

♠: Q8762

♥: 952

♦: 843

♣: 32

♠: J9

♥: AQ764

♦: A975

♣: K6

♠: AK

♥: KT3

♦: J62

♣: AQJ74

♠: T543

♥: J8

♦: KQT

♣: T985

I am East and in 6♥ after a fairly mundane auction and South leads ♣T (the Lord giveth!). Winning in dummy I play ♥A, on which I carefully start to play ♥K!! Opinion at the table is divided on whether I am entitled to withdraw the card or not (it had touched the table but had not left my hand). So I call the director who informed me that the card is deemed to be played (the Lord taketh away!)

In deep depression, I continue with ♥Q, desperately trying to avoid eye-contact with partner! The ♥J drops and I can draw the last trump with my ♥T (the Lord giveth!) although he probably isn't too excited about giving to a klutz!!

SWPT Top Thirteen after 12 rounds

Rydges Lakeside Hotel (138 teams)

			VP's
1st	5	CUMMINGS (Cummings, Newman, Beauchamp, Chadwick, Klinger)	237
2nd	10	GRYNBERG (Grynberg, Evans, Buchen, Green, Malaczynski, Stern)	226
2nd	9	BRAYSHAW (Brayshaw, Mulley, Clark, Rogers, Havas, Ewart)	226
4th	3	ZIGGY (Konig, Wallis, Bach, Burgess, Dyke, Richman)	223
5th	1	BRAITHWAITE (Braithwaite, Turner, Wright, Hallberg, Cornell, Jedrychowsky)	222
6th	2	HINGE (Hinge, Markey, Chua, Croft, Nagy)	215
6th	6	MCMANUS (McManus, Robb, Nunn, Ware, Heller, Sutherland)	215
6th	11	BOURKE (Bourke, Bourke, de Livera, Jesner, Ramshaw, Smith)	215
9th	31	DUTTON (Dutton, Hooykaas, Brockwell, Ashworth)	213
10th	8	BREMNER-MOORE (Bremner-Moore, Andrew, Seres, Wilsmore, Dalley, Lavings)	212
11th	16	KALNINS (Kalnins, Feitelson, Cumpstone, Barrack, De Ravin, Baker)	211
12th	23	DUDLEY (Dudley, Powell, Waters, Hills, Riszko, Ali)	209
12th	19	GENC (Genc, Perley, Burrows, Herries)	209

Hyatt Hotel Canberra (120 teams)

1st	1	OTVOSI (Otvosi, Borewicz, Erichsen, Romanski, Szymanowski, Gruia)	244
2nd	3	HAFFER (Haffer, Reynolds, Peake, Kanetkar)	237
3rd	2	NEILL (Neill, Roberts, Mullamphy, Fruewirth, Smith, Yovich)	234
4th	8	COURTNEY (Courtney, Gill, Dalley, Courtney, Lloyd)	226
5th	6	ROTHFIELD (Rothfield, Rothfield, Browne, Blackstock, Henry)	221
6th	23	JAMIESON (Jamieson, Wilsmore, Gallus, Greenwood)	219
7th	4	THOMPSON (Thompson, Hughes, Thomson, Bagchi, Rosendorff, Lilley)	214
7th	10	DE LUCA (De Luca, Fordham, Lasocki, Lusk, Lusk)	214
9th	5	WALSH (Walsh, McDonald, Griffin, Hughes, Gumby, Lazer)	213
10th	21	COLES (Coles, Appleton, Wilkinson, Abraham)	208
11th	108	KROCHMALIK (Krochmalik, Feiler, Barnes, Porter)	207
12th	16	HARKNESS (Harkness, Dravitzki, Ker, Weston)	205
13th	9	GOLD (Gold, Ebery, Thompson, Evans, Antoff, Simpson)	204
13th	35	ANDERSON (Anderson, Branton, Brook, Stewart, Krolkowski, Leach)	204

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

by Neville Moses

The Bidding:

Vul: Nil

Dir: S

West: Me

East: DW

W	N	E	S
			1♥
2♣	2♥	P	3♥
P	4♥	4♠!	X
All Pass			

The Question

Had DW been asleep on the first round of bidding? That's what I thought (as did North and South).

The Hand

SWPT Session 9

Board 11

Vul: Nil

Dir: S

♠: T7
♥: KT42
♦: KQ6
♣: T872

♠: K54
♥: J96
♦: A7
♣: KJ965

♠: QJ8632
♥: 7
♦: T954
♣: Q4

♠: A9
♥: AQ853
♦: J832
♣: A3

The Result

-100, a significant pick-up when 4♥ made at the other table.

The Explanation

DW insists that change of suit by advancer (the partner of the interposer) is forcing. She decided not to bid 2♠ in case it pushed us too high, or propelled

NS into a game they would otherwise not bid. When they reached 4♥ anyway, she correctly judged it was time to save.

The Footnote

No correspondence will be entered into concerning the quality of my club suit.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

CADDIES' TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not hide boards in laps, handbags, under score books or by sitting on them.
2. Thou shalt not ask us to take boards from other colour sections.
3. Thou shalt not call 'Caddy' and state that the boards are out of order and that thou needs more, when it is only halfway through the session and thou hast boards right next to thee to play.
4. Thou shalt not whinge to us about bad hands we do not understand.
5. Thou shalt not yell at us because we played dummy and thou lost.
6. Thou shalt not use caddy boxes as rubbish bins.
7. Thou shalt not spill drinks on the table or cards.
8. Thou shalt not wave hands without specifying if thou wants a caddy or a director and make us come all the way to thy table just to tell us thou needs a director.

9. Thou shalt use the back of double-sided bidding sheets.
10. Thou shalt not call us 'Canary' or 'yellow shirt' girl/boy.

ACTIVE ETHICS

A bouquet to Barry Thorpe from the directors. On Board 16 of Session 11, Barry held as North:

♠: J96
♥: Q6
♦: JT
♣: AKQ542.

West opened 1NT and Barry overcalled 2♣ showing a one-suited hand with an undisclosed long suit.

East asked for an explanation and Barry's partner stated (incorrectly), that the 2♣ bid was for take-out to the majors. Barry's partner bid 2♥ holding T754 in the suit and Barry raised to 3♥ in tempo knowing that in all probability the contract would be hopeless. This was raised to 4♥ by Barry's partner and Barry passed in tempo.

East holding A9832 in hearts should have doubled but didn't. No doubt Barry would have also passed this bid without a tremor. I don't know the result but it looks as if declarer can be held to 5 tricks.

Well done Barry.

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 24/1/02

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NICE PLAY LILLEY

by Ben Thompson

David Lilley (Team 4, Hyatt) found a nice line in 3NT by South on the following deal:

SWT, Session 9
Board 14
Vul: Nil
Dir: E

♠: KQT863
♥: Q94
♦: AJ9
♣: 9

♠: A752 ♠: 94
♥: J85 ♥: A763
♦: T32 ♦: K765
♣: Q87 ♣: K32

♠: J
♥: KT2
♦: Q84
♣: AJT654

West led ♥5 to the ♥4, ♥6 and ♥T. David now led the ♠J and West played ♠2. The opponents play reverse count, almost religiously. If spades are 4–2, as it seems, ♠9 is a 2–1 favourite to be with the 4 card holding.

Therefore, David ducked the spade in dummy and followed with a diamond to the ♦J.

East (Warren Lazer) was alive to the potential for declarer to play a diamond to ♦9 creating two entries to dummy to enable declarer to set up and run the spade suit. So he returned a diamond (to ♦8, ♦T and ♦A). David countered by leading ♠K and ditching ♦Q, horribly endplaying West.

West (Pauline Gumby) exited a club, but David was able to win ♣K with ♣A and keep on playing clubs.

BUS SCHEDULE - FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

Bus No	Arr City	Dep City	Arr Rydges	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Macq	Dep Macq
ABF	8:30	8:35	8:40	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:00	9:05
ABF			9:10	9:15	9:20	9:25		
ABF			9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45		
R1				9:05	9:10	9:15		
R1			9:20	9:25	9:30	9:35		
R2				9:10	9:15	9:20		
R2			9:35	9:40	9:45	9:50		
ABF						12:30		
ABF			12:35	12:40	12:45	12:50		
ABF			12:55					
R1				12:30	12:35	12:40		
R1			12:45					
ABF						13:30		
ABF			13:35	13:40	13:45	13:50		
ABF			13:55					
R1				13:35	13:40	13:45		
R1			13:50					
ABF						16:30		
ABF			16:35	16:40	16:45	16:50		
ABF			16:55	17:00	17:05			

SWPT Rydges Datums

BD	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12
1	-60	90	-40
2	100	370	-50
3	20	-20	220
4	-100	-580	60
5	-140	-100	-140
6	380	370	50
7	100	370	180
8	400	360	-180
9	-1190	90	370
10	-420	-300	650
11	-60	280	-90
12	-200	340	-230
13	70	420	320
14	-10	-20	470
15	80	40	-510
16	320	-150	20
17	-80	320	-280
18	-260	-90	-760
19	450	-50	80
20	510	-390	40

SWPT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd10	Rnd11
1	-60	290
2	20	520
3	70	-90
4	-230	-510
5	-200	-150
6	400	250
7	60	170
8	360	320
9	-1390	60
10	-360	-300
11	-50	330
12	-250	330
13	40	260
14	-20	-20
15	40	-10
16	100	-160
17	-180	140
18	-190	-120
19	330	20
20	600	-570

THE NEWCASTLE SONG

by Nicoleta Giura

SWPT Session 9
Board 20
Vul: All
Dir: W

♠: AKT952
♥: K96
♦: KQ62
♣: -

♠: 8743
♥: J74
♦: JT3
♣: KQ5

♠: Q6
♥: T832
♦: 74
♣: AJ762

♠: J
♥: AQ5
♦: A985
♣: T9843

7♦ is a fair spot and cold for +2140.
We had a strong pass auction to
an even better spot. This is how:

W	N	E	S
P	P(1)	P	1NT(2)
P	2♣(3)	P	2♥(4)
P	2♠(3)	P	2NT(5)
P	3♣(3)	X	P(6)
3♠	X(7)	All Pass	

- 13+ any
- Diamonds, 11+ pts
- Relays
- 5+ clubs
- Spade shortage
- 1-3-4-5
- Quite sufficient for me, thanks

Next words spoken were: "What's
8 down doubled vulnerable?"

For Espen and the other overseas
players, 2300 is the postcode of
Newcastle in NSW.

*The postcode theme has generated
a lot of interest. For another
contribution on this topic, go to
page 6. Editor*

EVERY PIP TELLS A STORY

by Hilda Lirsch

SWPT Session 10
Board 15
Vul: NS
Dir: S

♠: Q863
♥: AKJT3
♦: K2
♣: 52

♠: AK52
♥: Q75
♦: Q74
♣: KQ7

♠: J974
♥: 86
♦: JT5
♣: AT93

♠: T
♥: 942
♦: A9863
♣: J864

W	N	E	S
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

North led ♥K, and South gave
natural count by playing ♥2. The
♥A followed and now South
played ♥9.

North reasoned that since South
had given count at trick one, it
was unnecessary to play
another count signal at trick two.
Therefore, 9♥ might be a suit
preference signal.

Showing touching faith in
partner, North bravely switched
to the ♦K and a subsequent
diamond ruff gained an extra
undertrick.

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of the SWPT.

WHERE IS THE DIAMOND ACE?

by Olek Minc

On Deal 26 in the first session of
the 2002 Australian Open Pairs
Championship Final, with all
vulnerable I held as South in
second position:

♠: QJ984
♥: KQ6
♦: 96
♣: 864

Sitting East was Michael
Prescott with whom I often play
rubber bridge. Michael passed
and so did I and West opened
1♣. My partner Jacek Romanski
of world fame and visitor from
Poland doubled for take out. We
play a very simple natural
system 14-17 NT, five card
majors, better minor, transfers
and Stayman. East redoubled.

I thought that after passing I had
a very good hand. In view of the
redouble by East I only bid 1♠ in
the knowledge that I would have
another bid as the auction
proceeds. West bid 2♣, my
partner bid 2♠ and East raised to
3♣.

In Teams I would have bid 4♠
without hesitation. Pairs calls for
a different strategy. The void or
singleton club in the North hand
was obvious. On a trump lead I
may have difficulties. Our
combined strength in view of the
bidding was about 19-20 HCP but
if partner was 5-4 in the majors,
10 tricks could easily be made.

Playing with a good partner, I only
bid 3♠. That concluded the
auction.

W	N	E	S
		P	P
1♣	X	XX	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

West led ♠A and I was sorry I did not bid 4♠ when I saw dummy:

♠: A653
♥: A975
♦: K432
♣: 3

♣A led

♠: QJ984
♥: KQ6
♦: 96
♣: 864

One thing was clear. In order for the EW bids to have been "Kosher", East or West must have had shortages. Otherwise, it would have had to be a 53 HCP pack of cards. The play was as follows:

1. East encouraged ♣A lead.
2. A second club was led which I ruffed in dummy.
3. At trick 3, I played ♥5 to my ♥K, ♥4 from East and ♥2 from West.
4. At trick 4, I played ♠Q, ♠T from West, ♠5 from dummy and taken with ♠K by East.
5. East returned ♠2 which I took with ♠8. East contributed a club and dummy ♠6.
6. I ruffed my last club with ♠A as East and West followed.
7. I played ♥7 from dummy. East contributed ♥3. I played ♥Q and West ♥J. The fall of ♥J opened a Pandora box of possibilities.
8. I drew the last trump with ♠J. West contributed a club, dummy ♦2 and East ♠7.
9. I played ♠9. This put pressure on our opponents with all hands contributing a diamond.

The four-card end position was:

♠: -
♥: A9
♦: K4
♣: -

♠: 4
♥: 6
♦: 96
♣: -

I had lost two tricks. Obviously the hearts were not breaking and they were with East. It did not matter where the cards were. I had nine tricks and if I could place where ♦A was, I would make ten. But if I failed I would end up with only eight tricks. In Pairs, this would be a terrible outcome.

The opener had shown up so far with ♣AQJ and ♥J. I am missing ♦AQJ. Obviously from the bidding this holding was split - Ace in one hand and QJ in the other. If ♦A was with West then the opener would have had 12 HCP. I would still make ten tricks while not jeopardising my contract.

But if ♦A was with East, I could squeeze him in hearts and diamonds if I played one more spade and discarded a diamond from dummy. East in order to keep two hearts would have had to bare his ♦A with which I could end-play him in order to return to my ♥A9. The risk was too high and the room I thought would play for ♦A in West's hand.

As may be gathered from the full deal the squeeze was on, unless West leads or immediately switches to ♦Q.

AOP Final Session 1
Board 26
Vul: All
Dir: E

♠: A653
♥: A975
♦: K432
♣: 3

♠: T
♥: J2
♦: QJ87
♣: AQJ975

♠: K72
♥: T843
♦: AT5
♣: KT2

♠: QJ984
♥: KQ6
♦: 96
♣: 864

Out of the ten times the hand was played:

Four pairs played in 4♠ all not making for -100;

Four pairs played in 3♠ all making for +140;

One pair played in 5♣ doubled for 1 down -200; and

One pair made eleven tricks in a club partial +150.

2002 OCEANIA CONGRESS IN TAHITI

This year, the Oceania Congress will be held in **Tahiti** instead of Rarotonga.

Dates: 1 – 8 May.

Location: Meriden Hotel, Tahiti.

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ANOTHER MISSED OPPORTUNITY!

by Ross Crichton

Making use of the information provided by your opponents bidding is an essential ingredient of defence. Sometimes it can be spectacularly profitable!

Witness this.

SWPT Session 8

Board 3

Vul: EW

Dlr: S

♠: KT4
♥: KQ5
♦: T9742
♣: 85

♠: J98652
♥: A32
♦: 5
♣: QJ2

♠: -
♥: JT987
♦: AKQJ3
♣: K73

♠: AQ73
♥: 64
♦: 86
♣: AT964

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
			1♠
P	2♠	X	3♣
P	P	X	All Pass

The NS auction was Canape style (spades then clubs, the longer suit).

Knowing that NS had seven spades, West led ♠2. East ruffed and cashed ♦A.

Then ♦K was played, West discarding a small heart.

East continued a third round of diamonds ruffed with the ♠9, overruffed with the ♣J.

West then played ♠9, ruffed with ♣7.

East returned another diamond, ruffed with ♣A, West discarding the other heart pip.

Declarer then played a small trump, won by ♣K.

The ♥A and ♣Q brought the total defensive tricks to 8, and netted 800 to EW.

Or that is what should have happened. Unfortunately, East forgot to double in the passout seat, The defence had to settle for 200, not a good return to add to the -620 from 4♥ East making 10 tricks at the other table.

If only.....

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Re Postcodes - Horsham and Gosford.

As reported in your excellent Bulletin #9 (front page), we were entertained by your story on how those postcode-nicknames were earned.

However, may I remind your readers that the very same hand appeared in NOT News #7 (two days earlier) under the title Pre-Australia Day Fireworks in Canberra, by Mrs. Eva Hardy. They went for -2980 total points.

Firstly we note her partnership's increasing largesse over the year, from a mere -2000 to -2980 in just 12 months, equating to an interest rate of 49% (inflation excluded).

Even more amusing is that, according to the Postcode Theory, her new address must be somewhere:

a) back of Bourke NSW (2840)

b) West of Woop Woop (postcode unknown)

c) further out in the sticks from BANKS ACT (2906) i.e. a suburb not yet built.

Yours faithfully

Robert R. Ellery.

PS. Anyone got a Queensland (4000+) postcode yet?

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

HOW PEOPLE CAN GET DISADVANTAGED

by Kris Brook

SWPT Session 7

Board 3

Vul: EW

Dlr: S

♠: K9762
♥: 43
♦: A74
♣: AT7

♠: AQJ8543
♥: AQ7
♦: Q
♣: 63

♠: -
♥: T965
♦: K986532
♣: 92

♠: T
♥: KJ82
♦: JT
♣: KQJ854

South opened 1♣. I (West) wanted to bid 4♠ but decided to double first being too strong for a pre-empt.

Now, North bid 1♠ (!) and my partner (East) 2♥!

How do you defend against psyching I thought, and I bid 2♠, which was properly explained:

good hand asking for stopper. Now, if my partner would show a stopper by bidding 2NT or 3NT, I would bid my 4♠. But she bid 3♦ and so I gave her preference by bidding 3♥.

After all that, North decided to bid 3♠ which I promptly doubled for +1100. The opponents became very agitated as they felt they were disadvantaged!

They even called me names that fortunately I could not understand, since English is my second (or third?) language.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

POINTS, SCHMOINTS REVISITED OR WE WUZ LUCKY, THE (MARRIED) OPPONENTS DIDN'T TRUST EACH OTHER

by Lilli Allgood

SWPT Session 11
Board 19
Vul: EW
Dir: S

♠: 6532
♥: QT92
♦: 93
♣: 752

♠: T7
♥: A654
♦: AKJ4
♣: J94

♠: KQJ8
♥: J
♦: Q62
♣: QT863

♠: A94
♥: K873
♦: T875
♣: AK

W	N	E	S
			1♦(1)
P	1♠(2)	P	1NT(3)
P	2♥(4)	P	P(5)
P			

1. North, shivering in her boots, could not pass as South may only have 3 diamonds.
2. Better bid 1♠ first, so that I can pass.
3. Not four spades.
4. Hope partner has some and passes.
5. Whoopee!!! And a heart – felt sigh of relief.

The lead was ♥J and North nearly had heart-failure. West ducked. And fortunately when West got in again, did not return her partner's suit (hearts), and North eventually was able to cross-ruff via diamonds and clubs. Phew! +110.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

RESTRICTED CHOICE AND THE THEORY OF SYMMETRY

by Earl Dudley

Session 11
Board 1
Vul: Nil
Dir: N

♠: AQ
♥: AKJ9863
♦: KJ3
♣: Q

♠: 73
♥: Q54
♦: Q65
♣: KJ943

♠: J654
♥: T
♦: A874
♣: AT86

♠: KT982
♥: 72
♦: T92
♣: 752

North, Peter Jamieson, opened 2♣ game force. Peter Wilsmore responded 2♦ (negative) and 4♥ concluded the bidding.

East led 6♠. Declarer won ♠A and cashed ♥A on which East produced ♥T.

It was possible East had ♥QT bare. However, since there were two other Queen doubleton holdings that East might have had, declarer suspected it was a singleton ten (Theory of Restricted Choice - see Bridge Encyclopedia).

Peter Jamieson is a believer in the (non-mathematical) so called "Theory of Symmetry", which goes like this:

"If there is a singleton in your hand or dummy, there is very often a singleton in one (or both) of the unseen hands."

Accordingly, Peter played ♠Q to ♠K and finessed ♥J for +420.

Well.....these things have to work sometimes!

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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

A SMALL NOTE ON FREEBIE FOLDERS

Alex Ozanne has written to NOT News with a plea to bring back the "nice black" folders that were provided for previous NOTs. He points out that these folders were popular and one of his team mates continues to use his 2001 folder not only here but in all bridge events he has played in over the past year.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Last Saturday, a Sydney identity telephoned his friend who was playing in the final series of the Seniors Teams.

Identity: How're you doing?

Friend: 3VPs worse than before you rang.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

From Don Stewart-Uden (Phillip Island B.C.)

Prior to Session 8, our team was coming motherless last in the competition through numerous stuff ups / poor bidding / strong experienced teams, etc. Then Board 20 came along. Our hands were:

♠: AKQ	♠: T9
♥: KJ42	♥: A53
♦: 762	♦: AKT
♣: K42	♣: AJT86

For the first time in nearly 30 years of marriage, my wife (sitting East) was completely ashen-faced when I put her into 7NT. (With all the Aces and Kings I thought, "What the heck! Lets give it a burl")

With both finesses working we made 7NT, scoring 2220 points and 17 IMPs. Just enough for our team to scrape in for a draw (and still remain at the bottom of the leader board.)

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From Maggie Callander

Overheard at Table 7 Session 9

East was asked why she had alerted her partners Pass.

She replied: "He is unable to make a bid which I won't misconstrue."

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