



# NOT NEWS

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## A FINAL COUP

By Marcia Scudder

It's always a hectic time in the last weekend of the Summer Festival for both John and myself, with a myriad of minor details to be taken care of. However, in a moment of weakness (aka stupidity), we both agreed to play in different teams in the Australian Mixed Teams. I managed to play six matches, but duty called early on for John so he played only three. The following hand, however, was fun.

Mixed Teams Session 4  
Board 18

♠Q763		
♥J764		
♦972		
♣T3		
♠AT2		♠K9854
♥52		♥T3
♦AJT3		♦Q8
♣8642		♣KQJ9
♠J		
♥AKQ98		
♦K654		
♣A75		

The contract was 4S by East. The defense started by cashing ♥A & ♥K. With ♣A still to be lost, the trumps had to be handled for no losers. At trick 3 a third heart was led giving a (useless) ruff & discard. The ruff was taken in dummy with a club pitch from hand. Now ♠A felled the jack so the ♠10 was led and run. A club to the K and A followed, and a heart from south was ruffed in hand. The ♣K was

## NOT RESULTS

Team Name	Final				Total
	1-16	17-32	33-44	45-64	
COURTNEY	47	28	18	-	93
BRAITHWAITE	43	57	48	-	148

cashied to set the stage for the trump coup. ♦Q was led. With the ♦K onside, it was immaterial whether South covered or not. The last two tricks, with the lead in dummy, would be taken by the ♠K and ♠9, sitting over the ♠Q and ♠7.

A coup to end the 2002 Summer Festival.



## MCLEOD

By KP Bailey

A mixed pair sat down together to play for the first time, agreed to play simple Standard and produced the following sequence on board 4

Mixed Teams Session 1

Board 4

♠QJ942		
♥975		
♦A863		
♣6		
♠AK873		♠T
♥J86		♥AKQ6
♦		♦KJ7
♣A9742		♣KQJ85
♠65		
♥T32		
♦QT9542		
♣T3		

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	2♣	P
6♣!	P	7♣	All Pass

Why the heading McLEOD? Because Iain McLeod is the author of that classic "Bridge is an Easy Game!"



The 2002 NOT was won by the Braithwaite team when the Courtney team conceded after 44 boards.