



NOT NEWS

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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top six teams from each of the national Women's teams qualifying and national Senior's teams qualifying play a round robin today with full VP scores carrying forward.

The National 0-299ers Teams Championship event is finished. Category winners in this event were:

Best 0-149 Team:

E. Moens
S. Furphy
P. Schmalkuche
V. Croft

Best 0-99 team:

V. Cariola
J. Clifton
R. Rajan
Y. Zhu

Best 0-49 team:

T. Jowett
J. Kidd
H. Carew
A. Pettigrew



PLAY-OFF FOR 6TH PLACE IN NWT

After the 9 Preliminary Rounds of the National Women's Teams, the ROBB and THOMPSON teams were in a tie for sixth place with both teams registering 160 victory points. This required them to play a 4 board play-off to determine which team would advance through to the final. After a close tussle, the ROBB team took the sixth spot and the remaining place for the final with a margin of just 8 IMP's.

TOP 10 after 9 rounds

National Womens Teams (74 teams)

Congratulations to the six qualifiers for the next stage.

			VP's
1st	2	M. Bourke , F. Beale, J. Hay, S. Lusk, D. Smart, T. Tully	183
2nd	8	A. Russell , J. Simpson, E. Blackham, V. Cornell	174
3rd	13	S. Murray-White , H. Snashall, C. Lachman, J. Collins	164
4th	1	B. Travis , E. Havas, J. Cormack, J. Alabaster, A. Clark, V. Biltoft	163
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8th	3	V. Cummings , C. Feitelson, L. Stern, B. Folkard	159
10th	7	G. Tucker , L. Vincent, M. Millar, R. Clayton	157

National Seniors Teams (78 teams)

Congratulations to the six qualifiers for the next stage.

1st	1	B. Haughie , J. Borin, Z. Nagy, R. Klinger	203
2nd	4	B. Evans , P. Buchen, B. Tencer, V. Muntz	171
3rd	5	W. Westwood , L. Kalmin, H. Bettman, R. Januszke	171
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5th	12	B. Thorp , T. Skinner, H. Ali, G. Riszko	162
6th	2	T. Moss , M. Hughes, P. Wyer, D. Zines, B. McDonald, A. Walsh	161
7th	9	B. Noble , G. Bilski, B. Berger, W. Malaczynski	160
8th	6	M. Bloom , R. Rawkins, K. Moses, N. Moses	155
9th	15	P. Boulton , R. Milward, D. Smith, D. Smee	154
10th	10	G. Ridgway , A. Robbins, D. Happell, S. Klofa, C. Schwabegger	154

National 0-299 Teams (52 teams)

1st	107	B. Goss , D. Turner, P. Waight, G. Hutchins	160
2nd	103	N. Bugeia , A. Marshall, T. Marker, W. Smith	158
3rd	142	V. Cariola , J. Clifton, R. Rajan, Y. Zhu	152
4th	104	P. Weaver , N. Djurovic, D. Maltz, B. Soutter	149
5th	111	R. Iser , B. Robinson, E. Pereira, A. Zenkis	138
6th	136	E. Moens , S. Furphy, P. Schmalkuche, V. Croft	137
7th	105	J. Gross , K. Huigen, A. McLean, J. Masters	137
8th	112	A. Talbot , S. Narita, S. Freadman, J. Herman	136
9th	124	J. Wieczorek , B. Lockwood, K. Linn, B. Wing, J. Puskas	136
10th	131	J. Collier , P. Giles, A. Duncan, B. Duncan	136

LIAR, LIAR

by Sue Lusk

In our first loss of the tournament there were still some highlights. This being one. My partner picked up this little gem: ♠6 ♥KJ62 ♦3 ♣AKQJ965 and the bidding proceeded.

Dealer E, NS Vul.

West Pard	North RHO	East Me	South LHO
		1♠	P
2♣	3♦	4♣	P
4♦	P	5♣	P
?			

What thoughts go through a player's mind at this point? Having cued a second round control, partner couldn't believe that I didn't have a major control to cue.

So she decided "Susan, you're lying over there," and, despite my attempt to be discouraging, she bid 6♣.

Imagine how she felt as she watched dummy coming down. First came the ♣10432, followed by the ♥Q754! At this point her heart was in her stomach but all was forgiven when my remaining cards were the ♠AKJ97, no diamonds.

The play, of course, presented little problem as the full hand was:

Session 6, Board: 2
Dealer: E
Vul: NS

♠1032	♠AKJ97
♥A	♥Q754
♦KJ9652	♦—
♣8	♣10432
♠6	
♥KJ62	
♦3	
♣AKQJ965	
	♠Q854
	♥10983
	♦AQ84
	♣7

The full auction was:

East Me	South LHO	West Pard	North RHO
1♠	P	2♣	3♦
4♣	P	4♦	P
5♣	P	6♣	All Pass

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠

Womens Teams Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	-120	-450	280
2	50	50	-400
3	40	-100	-540
4	190	-400	-2210
5	60	-20	-160
6	-500	70	310
7	-10	120	260
8	460	-650	10
9	-60	310	410
10	170	280	-540
11	530	-90	300
12	10	-200	-470
13	120	120	50
14	250	30	300
15	50	-300	140
16	270	100	440
17	-660	420	-60
18	-130	-30	-150
19	390	-510	-280
20	160	-650	80

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

by Neville Moses

I'm convinced it doesn't pay to read books. I've just finished Michael Rosenberg's book about Zia and one of his pieces of advice about defence was "Always play the 9 unless you have to" Well there I was playing against Wally Malaczynski when he led up to AQ52 of diamonds in a 3NT contract.

Sitting in front of dummy with K94 I wondered what would happen if I played the nine.

I soon found out. This was the layout: -

	AQ52
K94	T7
	J863

Wally won with the Queen, returned to hand and led the J to the King Ace and 10 and his certain diamond loser vanished. So much for book learning!!

Seniors Teams Datums

BD	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9
1	-220	-320	320
2	350	90	-410
3	80	-140	-560
4	180	-190	-1740
5	50	120	-140
6	-520	-40	350
7	80	30	280
8	340	-700	150
9	20	270	410
10	190	390	-430
11	600	10	310
12	60	-150	-380
13	60	80	-10
14	180	230	420
15	40	-110	140
16	240	-160	600
17	-710	430	-20
18	-220	-140	80
19	340	-580	-670
20	80	-510	-80

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH

by Richard Hills

On Board 21 of the first session of the Men's Pairs I declared 3S, and reached this end position with me (West) to lead:

♠: -
♥: -
♦: -
♣: AQJ6

♠: 9 ♠: -
♥: - ♥: J
♦: - ♦: -
♣: K43 ♣: T75

♠: -
♥: -
♦: T7
♣: 98

I led a low club towards the ten in dummy, end playing North and getting a good matchpoint score.

Would you believe that an uncooperative computer actually dealt the cards so that North-South's ♣J and ♣9 were interchanged, so I got a poor matchpoint score.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

SWISS PAIRS

Entries now exceed 100 tables at last count.

Due to the 120 table limit the Festival Secretaries will only accept entries with payment on the spot.

John Scudder



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MEN'S PAIRS

The final result of this event after three sessions was as follows:

1	I. Del'Monte & A. Bach	1023.2
2	M. Moren & T. Strong	1022.0
3	M. Hall & J. Griffen	1017.0
4	A. Glasson & B. Glasson	988.0
5	P. Gue & M. Prescott	981.0
6	P. Kahler & T. Marinos	949.0
7	N. Francis & D. Croft	922.0
8	B. O'Hara & S. Burgess	921.0
9	G. Gaspar & B. Richman	913.8
10	R. Hills & K. Kalejs	911.0

THANK YOU

Everyone who has contributed to the NOT News - it is much appreciated. We value your articles and comments and so keep up the good work!

WALK IN RESULTS

18 January 2001

Afternoon session

1	M. Thompson & H. Cary	65.9%
2	A. Rose & R. Rose	60.3%
3	M. Chainey & B. Wilding	54.8%

Evening session

NS

1	S. Mhrshahi & R. Kelly	62.9%
2	R. Moss & D. Dury	61.6%
3	B. Tunnell & P. Nilon	56.1%
4	R. Speiser & P. Mann	53.2%
5	M. Millar & B. Travers	50.7%

EW

1	B. Wilding & M. Chainey	65.0%
2	F. Cufar & E. Lennon	63.0%
3	D. Franklin & K. Hume	56.7%
4	K. Corbert & E. Glass	54.6%
5	j. Dunstan & J. Savage	54.1%

**A DIAMOND PRESENT
FROM AN UTTER
GENTLEMAN**

SENIORS IN ACTION

by Earl Dudley

Round 4
Board 4
Vul: All
Dir: W

by Lilli Allgood

Round 5
Board 9
Vul: EW
Dir: N

♠: 8
♥: Q9876
♦: AKJT96
♣: T

♠: AQ96
♥: KT
♦: Q543
♣: 832

♠: KJT7
♥: A43
♦: 72
♣: KQ65

♠: 5432
♥: J52
♦: 8
♣: AJ974

We were playing against Hashmat Ali, who is gentleman if there ever was one! North opened a very light 1♥ (very unusual for her!) 1♠ by East, 2♥ by South, and a nano-second hesitation by West (not even noticed by North or South), 3♦ by North, pass by East, 3♥ by South, all pass.

East led a diamond, finessed out by West's queen, and routine play gave North the extra trick for +170.

When West remonstrated with partner for not leading a ♠, East pointed out that West had hesitated, and could not ethically lead a spade. A true gentleman!

♠♥♦♣♦♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

I wandered over to the Hyatt on Thursday morning to take a look at the competition in the Seniors Teams Championship. I watched some hands in the match between the top two teams after Round 3, the Haughie and Arber teams.

Board 2 reminded me of a deal I wrote up from a Round 1 match in the Women's Teams Championship.

Round 4
Board 2
Vul: NS
Dir: E

♠: JT65
♥: AJ
♦: AQJ2
♣: A64

♠: 87
♥: Q9842
♦: 765
♣: Q92

♠: AK43
♥: KT7
♦: KT94
♣: 53

My view is that you should be inclined to stay out of slam with a combined 30-31 HCP in two balanced flat hands. This does not mean that slam won't make. On this hand, the 40 per cent slam rolled home for +1430.

Board 4 was interesting.

♠: K754
♥: J
♦: KQJ632
♣: JT

♠: 832
♥: 43
♦: A98754
♣: 65

♠: AQT9
♥: T976
♦: T
♣: 9743

♠: J6
♥: AKQ852
♦: -
♣: AKQ82

I would have found it hard to stay out of slam as South once North opens 1♦. However, Jim was restrained, bidding as follows:

North	South
1♦	1♥
2♦	3♣
3♦	3NT

My guess is that Jim would have been a touch nervous until dummy appeared but was relieved when North had K♠ (not A♠) and West led 8♠.

East-West would have been disappointed on the next exhibit.

Round 4
Board 11
Vul: Nil
Dir: S

♠: AK
♥: T962
♦: 963
♣: QJ92

♠: 74
♥: KQJ84
♦: K754
♣: K6

♠: 8632
♥: A753
♦: T
♣: T875

♠: QJT95
♥: -
♦: AQJ82
♣: A43

South opened 1♠ and West overcalled 2♥ conserving valuable bidding space. North marked time with a negative double and East upped the ante with 3♥ and south with visions of slam bid 4♥. The momentum of the auction now carried NS to 6♦, which has no hope on the lie of the cards. A more constrained approach to the bidding would have landed NS in 4♠ but repeated heart forces lays this contract low.

The next hand was also cruel for East-West.

Round 4
Board 5
Vul: NS
Dir: N

♠: QJ53
♥: T6
♦: J9
♣: QT853

♠: K9872
♥: 9752
♦: KQ
♣: K6

♠: -
♥: KQJ8
♦: 7632
♣: AJ942

♠: AT64
♥: A43
♦: AT854
♣: 7

North-South bid this hand rather cleverly I thought. The bidding was:

N	E	S	W
P	1♥	X	XX
1	P	P	X
1NT	2♥	2♠	X

Now, everyone knows that it is a no-no to double your opponents in a low level contract when your side has a fit, However, my sympathy is with West who must have thought she had the opponents where she wanted them with the majority of HCP and a respectable spade holding.

Bill Haughie played the hand well to pick up the diamond suit for one loser and run diamond winners from the North hand to neutralise West's trump holding.

I was able to help out as kibitzer with the score (-870). Been there - done that.

participant. James, 10, won a prize as the first player to win a trick with the beer card (♦7) – modified rules. He is now claiming the title as youngest beer card winner.

The children played mini-bridge, then more bridge before being sent through the University on a Treasure Hunt/Quiz (with an 'older' helper). Friday will see them playing more bridge, involving some competitions based around age level.

This is a wonderful idea and the organisers of the camp should be congratulated for all their efforts looking after our children – and igniting that interest in bridge. (I even had to play 3-handed last night!)

Editor's Note: Thank you Barbara and congratulations to Peter and his band of enthusiasts.

We have some photos of participants in the Youth Comp which we are proposing to include in a future edition of NOT news.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

YOUTH CAMP

by Barbara Travis

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

A rather under-publicised innovation to this year's championships is the Youth Camp, being held in conjunction with the National Youth Championships at the ANU.

Peter Gill and a band of helpers are holding three days of bridge and other activities for children aged 8-16- ideal for the children of those playing in the National Women's Teams or 0-299ers Teams. This year's camp covers the Thursday to Saturday, with about 20 youngsters attending.

My children were extremely happy after Day 1. Lauren, aged 8, won a prize as the youngest

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Bus No	Arr City	Dep City	Arr Rydges	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Macq	Dep Macq
ABF	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15
R1				12:20	12:25	12:30		
ABF			12:20	12:25	12:30	12:35		
R1			12:35	12:40	12:45	12:50		
ABF			12:45	12:50	12:55			
ABF						17:05		
R1			17:15		17:10			
ABF	17:10	17:15	17:20	17:25	17:30			
ABF	18:40	18:45	18:50	18:55	19:00	19:05		
R1			19:15		19:10			
ABF			19:10	19:15	19:20			
ABF						23:05	23:10	23:15
R1				23:10	23:15	23:20		
ABF	23:20	23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40	23:45		
R1			23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40		
ABF	0:20	0:25	23:50	23:55	0:00	0:05	0:10	0:15
R1			23:45					

ABF= Hyatt (Thrifty) Bus
R1=Rydges Canberra Bus

PROPOSED BUS SCHEDULE, SUN 20TH JAN

Bus No	Arr City	Dep City	Arr Rydges	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Macq	Dep Macq
ABF	10:00	10:05	10:10	10:15	10:20	10:25	10:30	10:35
R1			10:35	10:30	10:35	10:40		
ABF			10:40	10:45	10:50			
ABF						12:50		
R1			13:15	13:00	12:55	13:00		
ABF			12:55	13:00	13:05			
ABF						17:05		
R1			17:30	17:15	17:10	17:15		
ABF	17:10	17:15	17:20	17:25	17:30			
ABF	18:40	18:45	18:50	18:55	19:00	19:05		
R1			19:20	19:05	19:10	19:15		
ABF			19:10	19:15	19:20			
ABF						23:05	23:10	23:15
R1				23:05	23:10	23:15		
ABF	23:20	23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40	23:45	23:50	
R1			23:20	23:25	23:30	23:35		
ABF	23:55	0:00	0:05	0:10	0:15			

ABF= Hyatt (Thrifty) Bus
R1=Rydges Canberra Bus

2 WILD

by Earl Dudley

Board 2 of Round 7 of the Women's, Seniors and Restricted Championship created something of a stir.

Session 7

Board 2

Vul: NS

Dir: E

♠: QJT872

♥: 732

♦: -

♣: AQ96

♠: K954

♥: AQ

♦: -

♣: JT87532

♠: A3

♥: 64

♦: JT98762

♣: K4

♠: 6

♥: KJT985

♦: AKQ543

♣: -

East has a fairly normal 3♦ opening presenting South with a problem that does not normally arise at the table. Do you pass expecting partner to make a take-out double in fourth seat or do you bid hearts and if you do, do you overcall 3♥ or 4♥?

My guess is that most would overcall hearts. 3♥ figures to be enough. A heart contract is useless if partner does not have support since the three rag diamonds are losers if they cannot be ruffed in dummy. Furthermore, if you jump to 4♥, partner may well head towards slam with the expectation of some high card strength in the back suits.

Assume that South declares in 4♥ and West commences proceedings with J♣. (Yes a spade lead and trump switch will beat the contract but how can West find a spade lead?) I think that 4♥ will always succeed if

declarer does not touch trumps. I might be wrong.

INDISCREET

by Ron Klinger

The best line of play to cater for possible EW distributions is unclear to me. Winning AC and ruffing a club to play top diamonds (the Q first to tempt West not to ruff) has considerable appeal.

Clearly, there must be some stories to tell about this hand since the datums were +50 (Womens) and +350 (Seniors)

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

YOUTH

National Youth Selection

1 L.Gold & K.Wan	1241
2 N.Croft & A.Lasocki	1156
3 M.Wilkinson & M.Abraham	1137
4 M.Deaton & J.Williams	1112
5 J.Wyner & K.Dalley	1038
6 D.Krochmalik & G.Feiler	867

After 12 of 18 matches

Australian Youth Pairs Final

1 A.Lasocki & N.Croft (SA)
2 M.Wilkinson (NSW) & M.Abraham (ACT)
3 T.Nunn (NSW) & D.Wiltshire (SA)

Australian Youth Teams

1	A.Lasocki (SA) N.Croft (SA) T.Nunn (NSW) D.Wiltshire (SA)
2	K.Dalley (NSW) J.Wyner (NSW) M.Dollan (NZ) C.Prent (NZ)

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Dealer West : Nil vulnerable

W	N	E	S
2♥(1)	P	P	X(2)
P	P(3)	3♣	X(3)
?			

- (1) Multi, Hearts and a minor, weak
- (2) Takeout double
- (3) For penalties

What would you do as West with:

♠: K104
♥: A10862
♦: J10973
♣: —

This comes from the Women's / Seniors / Restricted Teams Round 6, Board 8

♠: 975
♥: KQJ95
♦: 85
♣: K74

♠: K104 ♠: 632
♥: A10862 ♥: 43
♦: J10973 ♦: 64
♣: — ♣: AQJ1098

♠: AQJ8
♥: 7
♦: AKQ2
♣: 6532

The answer is that you should pass 3♣ doubled, which goes two down for -300. Partner has not asked you for your opinion, therefore leave 3♣ alone. If partner wanted to know your minor suit partner could have run to 2♠ or 2NT and redoubled SOS. Another sound treatment in the given auction is for East to redouble, saying 'Please make the cheapest bid and then pass my next bid.' East would redouble 2♥, West would bid 2♠ and East's 3♣ must then be passed. (Clearly it is important that both

partners are aware of the meaning of redouble.)

In our match West paid a heavy price for going to the well once too often:

North: Haughie
South: Borin

W	N	E	S
2♥	P	P	X
3♦(?)	X	All Pass	

Bill Haughie led a trump, won by the ♦Q. Jim Borin shifted to the ♠A and this is how the rest of the play went:

- 3. ♠Q, king
 - 4. ♥2, won by ♥7
 - 5. ♠J
 - 6. ♦A
 - 7. ♠8, West discards a heart, North a club
 - 8. ♦K, North pitches club
 - 9. ♦2, North pitches ♠K
- Declarer made 2 diamonds by force, the ♠K and ♥A for 5 down, -1100.

Editor's Note:

Ron Klinger had an amusing story to tell about this hand. He and Zoly had agreed to play that in the fourth seat after 3 suit Pass Pass, it is obligatory to double (even with zero HCP) I presume that you would also need to have a shortage in the suit opened.

However Ron had a memory lapse and balanced with 3♣ corrected to 4♥ by Zoly making 11 tricks. Zoly was none too pleased in the post mortem discussion until Ron pointed out that 3♦ doubled would net a mere +300.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

