



NOT NEWS

2002

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WELCOME

To the many hundreds of players who have arrived in Canberra over the last day or two, I extend a warm welcome and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. Last week was anything but warm but Summer has arrived with a predicted 30+ degree day today. Because of the problems with air-conditioning last year during the fierce (40 degrees plus) heat, we have taken the advice of the hotels to increase the space between tables. This means that we will be using several side-rooms at each hotel. The contestants at Rydges last week can attest to the fact that the Rydges air-conditioning system is working well.

With the momentous events in the world over the past 3 months the number of teams competing in the South West Pacific Teams is down by some twenty tables. The demise of Ansett which has made airline travel into Canberra much harder, has not helped. The change in the limit on Masterpoints to 299 for the restricted teams has seen a significant increase in numbers. This change brings our Restricted event into line with the Gold Coast.

As happened last year, we are providing a 22 seater bus to move players from the Hyatt to Rydges. Rydges are also providing two buses. A timetable will be published in the NOT News.

RESULTS

National Womens Teams Final Results

In the final BOURKE (M.Bourke, J.Hay, D.Smart, F.Beale, S.Lusk, T.Tully) defeated TRAVIS (B.Travis, J.Cormack, A.Clark, E.Havas, J.Alabaster, V.Biltoft)

The progressive scores are below. Congratulations to the winners!

Team	C F/W	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total
BOURKE	0	48	26	47	33	145
TRAVIS	10	29	27	23	23	112

National Seniors Teams Final Results

In the final HAUGHIE (B.Haughie, Z.Nagy, J.Borin, R.Klinger) defeated WESTWOOD (W.Westwood, L.Kalmin, R.Januszke, H.Bettman)

The progressive scores are below. Congratulations to the winners!

Team	C F/W	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total
HAUGHIE	4	39	18	57	51	169
WESTWOOD	0	26	24	28	28	106

National Swiss Pairs Championship Final Placings (236 pairs)

1st	D.Stern & R.Grynberg	166
2nd	B.Richman & P.Marston	154
3rd	A.Braithwaite & A.Turner	149
4th	B.Neill & J.Roberts	148
5th	D.Horton & L.Calcraft	144
6th	D.Neumann & A.Weber	144
7th	D.Wiltshire & G.Ware	144
8th	P.Gue & I.Del'Monte	143
9th	B.Noble & G.Bilski	142
10th	C.Mulley & P.Brayshaw	142

Australian Open Pairs Final Placings (58 pairs)

Final

1st	C.Baker & M.Ware	588
2nd	L.Wright & G.Halberg	575
3rd	P.Gumby & W.Lazer	567
4th	O.Minc & J.Romanski	554
5th	R.Gruia & M.Szymanowski	551
6th	D.Priol & R.Birch	544
7th	N.Fung & D.Molloy	537
8th	T.Antoff & A.Simpson	535
8th	J.Heller & E.Sutherland	535
10th	N.Hughes & R.Krochmalik	521

Plate

1st	J.Mott & J.Frazier	578
2nd	G.Varadi & L.Varadi	569
2nd	M.Darley & D.Ryan	569

I am aware that the airline schedules out of Canberra mean that there are players heading to Melbourne and Adelaide who want to catch 4:40pm planes on Friday. The hotels advise that you need to allow 40 minutes from the time your taxi door closes till take-off time to be safe. It is mandatory that you book the taxi and tell them that you are going to catch a plane (flight number and departure time should be provided). The hotel receptions will help you with this. I ask all players in this situation to register with the Festival Secretaries so that we can do everything possible to get you to the airport on time.

Each player in a major teams event receives a document wallet (the idea was pinched from the ANC) so if you are playing your first teams event today you will find wallets on your table. Scoring booklets and pens will be on your table at the beginning of play. You need to keep them for the entire event.

The parking at the Hyatt is free except if there are red lines on the kerb. This means No Parking and will cost you more than your entry fee if you get it wrong. Unfortunately the paint has faded and so be careful and look when you leave your vehicle. Otherwise you could end up with a parking ticket.

On Friday evening after the completion of the SWPT there will be a Vu-Graph organised by the ACTBA. The teams starring will be those winning the Swiss at the two venues, a stanza of ten boards from each match. Some of Australia's leading players will be there to entertain you. Come along and enjoy a relaxing evening outguessing the experts.

Do you remember the yellow shirts from last year? They are the caddies. It should be easy to

spot a caddy. So if you run out of boards - find a yellow shirt, call "Caaaaddy" and put your hand up so that they can find you. This colour-coding concept also applies to Directors who have all been kitted out in blue jackets. I am told that the shade of blue makes them also extremely easy to spot.

Those contestants in the round of sixteen in the National Open teams who are knocked out will be permitted to make up teams and join the Mixed Teams on a prescribed score.

The NOT NEWS that you are now reading has been first class during the first week. Please make contributions so that everyone can read about your partner's brilliancy, your brilliancy, your good luck – or bad luck, or just a funny incident. There are contribution boxes at both venues and contact information in this bulletin. If you feel that you have not got time to create a full article, just jot down the salient facts and hand it to one of the editorial staff who may use it as a Column 8 (NOT) article.

The proprietors of Bridge On, the excellent online bridge magazine, have donated a number of free subscriptions as prizes for various categories in the SW Pacific Teams. When the category reports start appearing on the boards there will be more information about this. As our good friend Ron Klinger is wont to say, "Support those who support Bridge".

Have a great time playing in the SWPT, meeting old friends and dining out in the quality restaurants around Canberra.

John Scudder
Convener

THE FLIGHTED PAIRS

by Hilda Lirsch

Board 23
Vul: All
Dir: S

♠: 964
♥: Q3
♦: KJ5
♣: AJ985

♠: AKQ832
♥: 76
♦: T92
♣: K3

♠: JT7
♥: 842
♦: AQ76
♣: T74

♠: 5
♥: AKJT95
♦: 843
♣: Q62

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

As South, I declared a thin 4♥. West led a top spade, then routinely continued with another spade.

I ruffed, drew trumps (discarding a diamond from dummy).

I decided that the next defensive winner should be flighted to the East hand. So, rather than play the club suit for no loser by leading low to the Jack, I tried the effect of running the ♣Q.

When West covered with the King, I won the ♣A. Now Dummy's carefully preserved spade was ruffed flightily to finesse the ♠9, +620.

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 21/1/02

2632

HE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS ONE...

by Mark Abraham

In the 2000 New Zealand Pairs, I had the misfortune to open a transfer 1♥ bid and watch Michael Wilkinson play a hand at light speed to score 620 via a trump squeeze. The result was the same here but the process took a few more seconds...

National Youth Selection
Round10

All Vul
Dlr West

♠: AQ843
♥: KJ5
♦: AT98
♣: 4

♠: 972
♥: AQT3
♦: K763
♣: 73

♠: 5
♥: 87
♦: QJ4
♣: AKQT865

♠: KJT6
♥: 9642
♦: 52
♣: J92

W	N	E	S
P	1♣!	4♣	P
P	X	P	4♠

All Pass

1♣ = 14 + any

Two rounds of clubs left declarer or dummy needing too many entries to ruff out clubs and lead hearts up twice and ruff a heart. Two rounds of trumps were drawn ending in hand and a heart to the ♥J scored. Now a third trump to hand and a heart to the ♥A.

A heart at this point ends declarer's chances, but the defence tried a diamond, ducked to the ♦J with East, leaving.....

♠: 8
♥: K
♦: AT9
♣: -

♠: -
♥: QT
♦: K76
♣: -

♠: -
♥: -
♦: Q4
♣: AT8

♠: 6
♥: 96
♦: 5
♣: J

East fell from grace by lead ♣A for a fratricide trump squeeze. West could unguard the third round of diamonds for the 10th trick, or the fourth round of hearts likewise. A diamond would have broken the entry position irretrievably.

Deep finesse says that the contract is cold on various plays most of which lead to red suit squeezes on West. Most classy is after club-club (ruffed), small diamond won by East. He can fratricide trump squeeze partner between his red suits and his trumps. An underruff lets declarer complete the crossruff!

SOME DOS AND DON'TS FOR PLAYERS

by John Scudder, Convener

1. TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE - it is bound to ring just as you are about to make the killing switch in defence. If you must have it on so that you can be contacted during the session, leave it with a Director.
2. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within any venue for the Summer Festival. When you want to smoke you will have to venture outdoors. During the session be wary of the time that will be needed to light up. Due to the new regulations in the ACT there is a large fine for any person found smoking indoors! (except in designated areas, such as the bars).
3. The staff of the two hotels are operating the buses that will transport you to and from the venues. This year they are running on a strict timetable of a bus leaving both the Hyatt and Rydges every ten minutes. Please do not abuse this bus service. I rely on the hotel's goodwill to operate these buses and everyone would be in a mess if this service were withdrawn. With a little bit of planning, you should be able to get to the other venue with plenty of time.
4. If you are skilful enough to win a prize in one of the Walk-Ins, please collect your prize from the Festival Secretary at the Hyatt Hotel. Remember that the Walk-Ins are playing the same boards as the main events so you can compare your scores with the datums published in the Bulletin or with your friends over a leisurely drink in one of the comfortable bars near the venues.
5. The Scoring Room is unable to provide an email service for you. Please do not impose yourself on them as refusal often causes ill-feelings.
6. Greet your opponents when they first come to the table. Friendliness should be the hallmark of tournament bridge.
7. If you are a substitute lodge a substitute's form obtainable from the Registration Desk. No form, no masterpoints.
8. No flyers on the tables - there are carousels and noticeboards for this purpose. See a Caddy if you need help.
9. With the use of circles of six for a set of boards wherever possible in teams events, the board movement should be smooth and the number of Caddy calls limited. You will find that there are two colours of boards in play in each session; these colours alternate between circles. Please do not play a board which is of a different colour to the colour that you have been playing. This ensures that boards do not migrate from one circle to another causing a bank.



RYDGES

LAKE SIDE • CANBERRA

MONDAY DINNER MENUS

BOBBY MCGEES

RESTAURANT

\$12.00 Per Person Buffet

Menu

5pm – 8pm

Cream of Pumpkin Soup
Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce
Roast Pumpkin & Baked Potatoes
Steamed Medley of Vegetables
Selection of Chefs Salads
Crusty Bread Rolls
Sticky Date Pudding
Tea & Coffee

BURLEY GRIFFIN

RECEPTION CENTRE

\$25.00 Per Person 3

Course, 3 Choice

5pm - 10pm

Minestrone Soup
Thai Beef Salad
Chicken Pate with Cumberland Sauce
Roast Lamb with Mint Jus
Fish of the Day
Butterflyed Pork Cutlets with Apple Sauce
Sacher Torte
Tiramisu
Profiteroles

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BID YOUR SUITS

by Wayne Burrows

New Zealand

Mixed Pairs

Round 2

Board 21

Vul: NS

Dir: N

♠: 84
♥: A94
♦: AJ943
♣: 984

♠: J932
♥: KJT86
♦: Q8
♣: A6

♠: Q76
♥: 3
♦: KT72
♣: J7532

♠: AKT5
♥: Q752
♦: 65
♣: KQT

You might think that opening a four-card major and getting raised to two only to find an opponent with KJT86 of trumps could only lead to disaster.

Wrong!

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♥
P	2♥	All Pass	

I led a spade hoping for a forcing game.

Declarer won the Ace and King and then played to ruff two spades in dummy.

The red aces made six tricks and a club by force made seven.

When declarer scored the trump Queen in the end game she had fulfilled her contract and earned nearly 75% of the matchpoints.

Moral:

One of my favourite partners often repeats "Bid your suits".

BEST NOT NEWS ARTICLE

This year, the Summer Festival of Bridge is offering a prize of a free entry to the 2003 SWPT (currently valued at \$160) for the best article published in the 2002 NOT News including those which have already been published in previous editions.

The article must describe some aspect of a hand or hands played at this year's Summer Festival. The competition will be judged on three criteria:

1. Technical excellence in relation to some aspect of bidding, defence or play;
2. Effectiveness in communicating to a wide bridge audience such as the contestants participating in the Summer Festival of Bridge; and
3. Originality.

So let's see those articles rolling in. You could be the winner.

WALK IN PAIRS - 19/1/02

Session 1

N/S

1 M.Garbutt & L.Calcraft	64.1%
2 J.Herman & S.Freadman	61.9%
3 C.Snashall & R.Lel	61.1%

E/W

1 J.Courtemanche & S.Stewart	60.1%
2 M.Galley & D.Mercer	59.3%
3 A.Talbot & S.Narita	57.9%

Session 2

N/S

1 J.Murray & E.Beasley	63.3%
2 M.Millar & R.Clayton	58.1%
3 A.O'Callaghan & J.Bolles	56.5%

E/W

1 E.Hurley & B.Powell	68.8%
2 L.Shields & M.Squire	64.2%
3 S.Emerson & A.De Luca	62.1%

WALK IN PAIRS - 20/1/02

Afternoon Session

Section 1

N/S

1 P.Beresford & J.Egan	56.9%
2 J.May & T.Sharp	56.7%
3 D.Williams & B.Dickinson	53.2%

E/W

1 P.Hooykaas & N.Dutton	64.4%
2 R.Thomson & A.Ferguson	62.0%
3 A.Talbot & S.Narita	57.4%

Section 2

N/S

1 P.Rogers & K.Smith	66.9%
2 G.Schaller & M.Lavender	53.5%
3 M.Millar & R.Clayton	51.6%

E/W

1 L.Cossar & J.Willis	60.4%
2 P.Livesey & P.Strelitz	58.8%
3 M.Garbutt & E.Wichems	56.5%

Evening Session

N/S

1 J.Bakker & R.Kunze	61.9%
2 I.Mansfield & R.Lethorn	59.1%
3 P.Hawkes & G.Clarke	58.7%

E/W

1 M.Barva & L.Foran	58.1%
2 J.Brown & E.Hurley	57.6%
3 E.Barrack & K.Cumpstone	57.2%



Food and Beverage Facilities

Hyatt Hotel Canberra would like to extend a very warm welcome to all players in the 2002 Summer Festival of Bridge. We hope you'll find that appropriate 'deck' in which to play that winning card! If you have the chance to relax, please take advantage of your time here at Hyatt Hotel Canberra and enjoy our venues, as outlined below.

The Promenade Cafe

Before the bridge, take a walk along our Promenade! Our Promenade Cafe's lavish buffet is sure to delight with an impressive array of dishes on offer. For lunch the subtle flavours of the cool gourmet salads await you, with a hot selection to complement.

In the evening you'll find a stylish choice of hot dishes and a fresh and tempting cold buffet, with succulent seafood offered on Friday and Saturday evenings; perfect for a warm Summer evening. Toast the games ahead with a glass of red, white or sparkling wine, and finish with a fine coffee and a decadent dessert.

The Promenade Cafe is open daily from 7:00am to 10:30pm. We have a special early bird dinner buffet on offer for all the participants in the 2002 Summer Festival of Bridge from 5:30pm to 8:00pm for \$28.00 from Sunday to Thursday and \$36.50 on Friday and Saturday evenings. For inquiries or bookings, please call extension 8810.

The Tea Lounge

Should you be having a break from play, a refreshing drink may be in order in our Tea Lounge, or perhaps it is time for that cappuccino corner conversation with your bridge partner. If you have time to relax, afternoon tea is served from 2:30pm - 5:00pm every day. You'll find many a delightful delicacy, including warm fluffy scones laden with jam and cream.

The Tea Lounge Opening Hours are:

9:30am - 10:00pm Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 12:00pm Friday & Saturday

9:30am - 8:00pm Sunday

Speaker's Corner Bar

To celebrate that winning card, why not enjoy a cool refresher or a Summertime cocktail in the cool calm of the Rose or Lavender Courtyards. Speaker's Corner Bar offers a comfortable and intimate atmosphere for that well deserved drink.

Speaker's Corner Bar Opening Hours are:

3:00pm - 12:00pm Sunday - Thursday

3:00pm - 1:00am Friday & Saturday

Food and Beverage Outlet

In the Atrium, located right outside your tournament venue, you will find a food and beverage outlet serving refreshments, soft drinks and light snacks including lamingtons, muffins, sandwiches, meat pies, confectionery, coffee, tea, beer and wine.

Opening Hours:

10:00am - 10:30pm

Apart from the following dates

Friday 25th January 9:00am - 4:00pm

Lemon Grass

THAI RESTAURANT

on London Circuit

Specials

Main

Chicken Praram

*Stir fried chicken breast with
peanut sauce and steamed
vegetables* \$13.00

Red Curry Chicken

*Red Curry Chicken topped with
deep fried egg noodles and Thai
basil leaves* \$15.00

Classic Thai Crisp Squid

*Crispy Squid pieces with garlic
and pepper* \$15.00

Thai Green Curry Seafood

*Traditional Thai Green Curry
Seafood with coconut milk,
vegetables and kaffir leaves* \$16.00

Special Wok Fried Scallops

*Scallops wok fried with
asparagus in oyster sauce* \$18.00

Dessert

*Authentic Thai Sticky Rice
Delicious black sticky rice
pudding with fresh mangoes* \$6.50

**Multi Award Winning Best
Thai Restaurant**

OVERSEAS PLAYERS 2002

We would like to welcome our international visitors. If we have overlooked anyone, please tell Frances, Sue or Jo at the Festival Secretary's desk at your venue.

Argentina:
Pablo Lambardi

Canada:
Josh Heller
Eric Sutherland

Hong Kong:
Lynne Poel

New Zealand:
Michael Ware
Annette Henry
Emma Barack
Lindsay Knight
Janet Woodfield
Dougal McLean
Robyn Freeman-Greene
Peter Bach
Stephen Henry
Paul Wannop
Eileen Horsman
Judy McLeod
MaryEllen Newton
Rod Dravitzki
Charles Ker
Murat Genc
Margaret Perley
Wayne Burrows
Anna Herries
Tania Lloyd
Andy Braithwaite
Lionel Wright
G Halberg
Mike Cornell

New Zealand (cont.):
R Jedrychowski
Alan Turner
Jan Alabaster
Seamus Browne
Stephen Blackstock
Vivien Cornell
Elizabeth Blackham
Alexandra Russell
Jo Simpson
Stephen Burgess

Poland:
Erwin Otvosi
Marek Borewicz
Jacek Romanski
Marek Szymanowski

Sweden:
Esplen Erichson

Tonga:
Linleigh Evans

USA:
Dan Blaettler
Betsie Tunnell
Alan Steggles
Richard Moss
Leroy Adimanti
Marigail Adimanti

UK:
Paula Leslie
Helen Knott
Eva Caplan
Richard Rose
Ann Rose

HAND ANALYSIS SHEETS

Players in the recently concluded Women's and Restricted Championships can collect their final hand analysis sheets from the Festival Secretaries at the venue at which they played.

Rydgas
Sue Waters
62573965

Hyatt
Jo Waters
62698838

ABF ALERT REGULATIONS

The current regulations have been in force since May 1 1998 but with all the chopping and changing over the last ten or so years many of us have lost track of what exactly is required of us.

The current rules run to almost five A4 pages. This may seem intimidating but in our opinion they are concise and well written. If you are serious about bridge – and you're not silly enough to think you've come to Canberra for fun - you should read them. There are copies on the notice boards.

However, we're not silly enough to think that all of you will take our advice. And so we offer the following summary of salient points, with direct quotations from the ABF document in italics.

The essential spirit of the regulations is summed up by this statement from the introduction. *It is necessary for all players to understand and practise the principles of full disclosure and active ethics.*

The principle of active ethics encompasses more than a general notion of good sportsmanship, which in many arenas sadly appears to have lost its former power to inspire. Active ethics require that *you should always make sure the opponents know, upon request, as much about your auction (bids, passes or carding signals) as your partner knows, including what you know from the experience of playing with the same partner regularly over a period of time.*

Which calls should you alert? *Any which the opponents may not fully understand or may reasonably misinterpret, even natural bids which by agreement, convey meanings different from, or in addition to the normal meaning ascribed to them.* Obvious examples include negative free bids, fit-showing jumps.

Certain calls in this category are exceptions. These are so-called **Self Alerting Calls**, those that, because they may have many possible meanings, will usually not be natural – these are doubles, redoubles, cue bids of opponents' suits (including skip cue

bids) and all calls above 3NT. They must not be alerted.

Skip bids - bids from 2♣ to 3NT that jump one or more levels of the auction - are alertable if conventional – because, for example, they promise a second suit (as in the case of RCO's), or specify quantitative support for partner (as in the case of Bergen or Jacoby raises or fit-showing jumps).

Skip raises of partner's suit are alertable only if the supporting hand may contain fewer than 8HCP. Ordinary Weak Two openings and single-suited skip overcalls are thus not alertable as they are natural. Mini-splinters are alertable, being below 3NT, but 4-level splinters are not, being above.

At the start of a round, players have a responsibility to inform their opponents of:

Basic system, including the minimum suit length and strength of one level openings;

Strength and style of the 1NT opening;

Any unusual two and higher level opening bids.

Alerts are compulsory – you cannot ask the opponents not to alert even when you have the opponents' detailed system card in front of you. Alerts are made immediately after partner's alertable call has been completed by audibly saying "Alert" and either circling the written bid or using an alert card. No explanation should be given unless there is an enquiry.

In the case of a player forgetting what partner's alertable call means, the player must still alert, and explain that the meaning has been forgotten. The Director should then be called.

If you fail to alert partner's bid in reasonable time before an opponent bids but make a **late alert**, the Director may allow the player to retract the call and substitute a legal call without penalty, provided that his/her partner has not subsequently called, and it is probable that his/her action might be different after the alertable bid's meaning has been explained. Furthermore, and interestingly, any call retracted in accordance with the

provisions of this Regulation is authorised information to the partner of the player retracting the call.

If a player fails to ask at his/her turn to call i.e. at the first opportunity, he/she must take care later to avoid giving partner unauthorised information by asking about a specific call, *but should instead request an explanation of the entire auction.*

The declaring side should offer a full explanation of the completed auction, but not the defenders, unless in response to an enquiry, as they may convey unauthorised information. Any explanation should include not only explicit agreements but those *based on partnership experience*; also information such as *distributions and point ranges specifically excluded by a call, as well as those shown directly.*

If there is no partnership agreement as to the meaning of a call, players must say so and not try to offer a possible explanation unless as a result of partnership experience and style players are able to form a cogent view of the likely meaning of an undiscussed call.

In the case of a **failure to alert**, a **mistaken alert** or a **misexplanation** by the declaring side, the Director must by Law be called before the opening lead and a correction made. If the defending side have committed an offence, *no explanation can be given until the end of play* when the Director should be called. This is an area in which the Director will give particular consideration to *whether the principles of active ethics and full disclosure have been adhered to by the players.*

And a warning to those of us who may come to Canberra with a shiny new toolbox packed tight with the latest array of bidding gadgets : *It is implicit in the Laws relating to misinformation that a partnership should know its own system. The Director may impose a penalty upon any pair which consistently displays ignorance of its system and/or specific conventions, and may prohibit such a pair from playing any such system.*



DEMISE OF THE LOW LEVEL PENALTY DOUBLE

By Earl Dudley

I lament the fact that the penalty double of low level contracts is becoming something of an endangered species in the modern game – a victim of bidding theory which assigns the double to a multitude of meanings designed to express competitive values.

The double for penalties continues to be clear cut in the situation occurring in our first exhibit from Stage 2 of the National Women's and Senior's Teams Championship.

Session 1, Board 9

Dealer N
Vul EW

♠Q875
♥AT6
♦QJ
♣A743

♠A93
♥83
♦AT5
♣KQJ86

♠KJ4
♥K974
♦97632
♣2

♠T62
♥QJ52
♦K84
♣T95

The bidding at the table I watched proceeded 1NT P P X. I say that the X is clearly for penalties but really it should simply show values (say 14 +HCP) in a balanced or moderately unbalanced hand. If this is the case then East should remove to 2♦. However, it is disappointing to forego +500 in order to score a solid +110.

I wonder how the experts would interpret the double following a Standard auction (1♣ 1H: 1NT

P)? This really should be for penalties but the nagging thought I have is that some players might interpret it as some delayed take-out bid in the pass-out seat.

The penalty double normally arises when a player chooses to pass partner's take out double. A classic situation appeared in the second session of Stage 2 of the National Women's and Senior's Team Championship.

Session 2, Board 17

Dealer N
Vul Nil

♠AT862
♥Q9
♦K32
♣K43

♠5
♥J86
♦A987
♣AJT97

♠KQJ943
♥AK432
♦J
♣5

♠7
♥T75
♦QT654
♣Q862

North opened 1♠ passed to West who doubled. The minimum high card strength required for a take-out double in the pass out seat is less than in the direct seat. East's decision to pass the double with the given hand is virtually automatic particularly at equal vulnerability.

At the table I kibitzed, South thought for some time before passing. True, either 2♣ or 2♦ might be less expensive particularly if the trumps split evenly which is almost certainly not going to be the case in 1♠.

The damage in 1♠ X should be at least +500 by my reckoning, which is marginally better than the +420 from 4♥ which happens to be on for EW. On a trump lead, declarer can succeed in 4♥ by

crossing to dummy and leading a spade to 9♠.

The real battleground of low level penalty doubles occurs when a weak no trump is doubled in the direct seat. The double is often described as a penalty double but for most partnerships it is in reality a "value" double showing a strong hand. There is a significant difference of opinion among experts as to the virtues of the SWINE convention or its different variants as a mechanism for escaping a penalty double or penalising the opponents if you have the majority of HCP.

A good example of this occurred in the qualifying rounds of the National Women's and Senior's Teams Championships.

Session 4 Board 10

Dealer E
Vul All

♠T432
♥A975
♦J32
♣AQ

♠KQ6
♥KQ8
♦KQ754
♣J2

♠97
♥T632
♦96
♣T8643

♠AJ85
♥J4
♦AT8
♣K975

The bidding proceeded

W	N	E	S
		P	1NT
X	P(1)	P	XX
P	P	2♣	X
2♦	X	2♥	X

(1) Requiring South to redouble – either prepared to play in 1NT X XX or weak preparing to escape to a suit contract at the two level.

The upshot was +500 for NS. While there are only 6 losers off the top for declarer, there is too much work to do to avoid a seventh loser.

A victory for SWINE, perhaps. However, it is not so easy to trap EW if East bids 2♣ one round earlier before North has had the chance to express his values.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

00PS !!

There was a misunderstanding when the winners of the 0-299ers were declared. Each team was placed into a single category, either 0-49, 0-99, 0-149 or 0-299, based on the master points held by each member. The rules published in the brochure state that a team winning multiple categories will be awarded only the trophy for the highest category. In other words, a 0-49 teams can win all 0-49, 0-99, 0-149 and 0-299 categories but would only collect the 0-299 trophy.

This year the Cariola team, a 0-99 team, won both the 0-99 and 0-149 categories and so will be awarded the Trumps Trophy for the 0-149 category displacing the published winner, the Moens team who will win the silver medals for the 0-149 category. Consequently the second placed team in the 0-99 category, the Jowett team are the winners of the 0-99 category with the Lemon team placed second. The Jowett team was also the 0-49 category winner so the winner of the 0-49 category will be the O'Donnell team with the Murray team placed second.

The corrected results have been posted on the score boards

0-299

1st

B.Goss D.Turner
P.Waight G.Hutchins

2nd

N.Bugeia A.Mashall
T.Marker W.Smith

0-149

1st

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

2nd

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

0-99

1st

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

2nd

K.Lemon S.Bunting
A.McRae J.McRae

0-49

1st

J. O'Donnell J. McDonald
M. Morrison F. Tagletti
J. Waite E. Longo

2nd

A. Murray R. Murray
B. Shaw B. Donovan

John Scudder.

John Scudder

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

SEEDING

This year the difficult task of seeding the SW Pacific Teams was performed by the committee of Eric Ramshaw (chairman), Andy Braithwaite, Peter Fordham, David Hoffman, Peter Reynolds, John Roberts, Ben Thompson, Sean Mullamphy and Laurie Kelso.

The process involves selecting the best forty or so teams from the field and ranking these into a 1,2,3... order. Having done this the teams are split into two fields, Rydges and Hyatt. Ideally this should be 1,4,5,8,9,12,13... in one field and 2,3,6,7,10,11... in the other. But, with teams having a preference for reasons of access, accommodation or duties in the Festival, this becomes a more difficult problem. The committee has done an excellent job and I thank them for giving up a couple of hours of their time and, in some cases, altering their travel plans, to perform this task.

This year over 160 teams had expressed a preference for Rydges. This imbalance was catered for by having an extra 9 teams above the 50-50 split play at Rydges.

BRIDGE BUFFS BUTLER PAIRS

(36 Pairs)

20/1/02

N/S

1. A.Creet & K.Magann 132
2. A.Gal & G.Fleischer 72
3. N.Van Vucht & B.Pearson 59
4. H.Dennis & M.Purchase 47

E/W

1. R.Folkard & P.Bamborough 69
2. E.Nielsen & P.Nielsen 55
3. E.Guoth & N.Guoth 54
4. K.Ozanne & A.Ozanne 52

FIFTY YEARS AGO

by Paul Lavings

In January 1952, The Bridge World began a new feature in which Richard L. Frey described the favourite deals of famous experts. This was the first episode recorded:

Sometimes, a master says a deal is his favourite despite the fact that he stumbled over his own feet and fell flat on his face. Charley Lochridge came forward with such a story.

Rubber Bridge

Vul: Nil

Dir: E

♠: 752
♥: Q65
♦: 9862
♣: Q74

♠: KQJ86 ♠: AT943
♥: JT83 ♥: -
♦: 43 ♦: 7
♣: J5 ♣: AKT9832

♠: -
♥: AK9742
♦: AKQJT5
♣: 6

North: Lightner
South: Lochridge
East: Wainwright
West: Fry, Jr.

W	N	E	S
		1♣	P(!)
1♠	P	3♦(!)	P(!)
3♠	P	4♠	6♦
X	All Pass		

Sam Fry was so startled by the six-diamond bid that he doubled before he gave the situation a second's thought. The ever-lugubrious Lightner gazed at Charley as if he had been stabbed in the back by his best friend. The rest should be told in Charley's own words:

"West opened the jack of clubs, and when I got a look at the dummy I was so awed by my own brilliance that I forgot to cover. This play automatically qualifies me as a life-master moron. When the jack held the trick, Fry went into a coma. How long this may have lasted there is no way of telling, but I could see that Lightner was suffering unbearably (and besides, my time at the bridge table is extremely valuable). So I spread my hand and claimed the balance. No one has ever accused Sam of not being able to count to 13. He led a heart, which his partner trumped.

"I managed to grab Lightner just before he jumped out the window and tried to console him with the fact that the opponents can make six spades. But even today, after all the years, when Lightner sees me his mumbled greeting sounds suspiciously like, 'You big jerk.'"

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UNDER 16 TEAMS WINNERS

Congratulations go to the winners of the under 16 Teams:

Robert Meakins (NSW)
John Whyte (Tonga)
Justin Howard (VIC)
Jeremy Ascione (ACT)

SWISS PAIRS DATUMS

Match 1

1. 50
2. -50
3. -630
4. -300
5. -130
6. 390
7. -660
8. -180

Match 2

9. 20
10. 50
11. -260
12. -280
13. 480
14. 120
15. 110
16. 150

Match 3

17. 350
18. 10
19. 300
20. -700
21. 630
22. -100
23. -80
24. 410

Match 4

25. 0
26. -40
27. -90
28. -70
29. -410
30. 120
31. 50
32. 310

Match 5

1. -10
2. 430
3. -360
4. 640
5. 350
6. 340
7. 10
8. -450

Match 6

9. 200
10. 550
11. 400
12. -
13. -
14. -
15. -
16. -

Match 7

17. -140
18. 180
19. -50
20. -210
21. -170
22. 450
23. -140
24. 380

Match 8

25. -160
26. 90
27. -190
28. -390
29. 50
30. -50
31. -80
32. 20

RON KLINGER'S TALKS

The Australian Bridge Teachers Association has arranged two talks by Ron Klinger for all bridge players to come to.

Tuesday, January 22
9.30-10.30 a.m.

"Bid Better after your 1NT
Opening"

Ron's latest methods, including Puppet Stayman, were employed by the South African Women's Team who were shock Finalists at the recent World Championships in Paris. Also, Ron's recent results with the methods have been wins in the GNOT Final and in every Seniors event he plays, so if you want something better than Stayman and transfers, this could be for you.

Thursday, January 24
9.30-10.30 a.m.

"Making Light Openings Work"

Readers of the Herald bridge columns in NSW, which Ron Klinger took over from Denis Howard on January 1st, have probably noticed that the top players nowadays are routinely opening 11 counts as well as 12 counts. This talk about how to bid thereafter should be enlightening.

Both talks are in the Albert Hall, a heritage building just north of the Hyatt, across Kaye St., on Commonwealth Avenue. Each talk costs \$5. The first person to guess how many National Titles Ron has won (remember to include yesterdays Senior's Teams) gets free entry.

Peter Gill for the ABTA

BUS SCHEDULE, MON 21ST JAN

	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep
Bus No	City	City	Rydges	Rydges	Hyatt	Hyatt	Macq	Macq
ABF	9:25	9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45	9:50	9:55	10:00
ABF			10:05	10:10	10:15	10:20	10:25	10:30
ABF	10:35	10:40	10:40	10:45	10:50			
R1				10:00	10:05	10:10		
R1			10:15	10:30	10:35	10:40		
R1			10:45					
R2				10:20	10:25	10:30		
R2			10:35	10:40	10:45	10:50		
R2			10:55					
ABF						13:30		
ABF			13:35	13:40	13:45	13:50		
ABF			13:55	14:00	14:05	14:10		
ABF			14:15	14:20	14:25	14:30		
ABF			14:35	14:40	14:45	14:50		
R1				13:35	13:40	13:45		
R1			13:50					
R1				14:25	14:35	14:45		
R1			14:50					
ABF						16:50		
ABF			16:55	17:00	17:05	17:10		
ABF			17:15	17:20	17:25	17:30		
ABF	17:35		17:35	17:40	17:45			
R1				17:30	17:40	17:50		
R1			17:55					
ABF				19:00	19:05	19:10		
ABF	19:15	19:20	19:25	19:30	19:35	19:40		
R1			19:15	19:20	19:25	19:30		
R1			19:35	19:40	19:45			
R1			19:50					
ABF						22:00		
ABF			22:05	22:10	22:15	22:20	22:25	22:30
ABF	22:35	22:40	22:45	22:50	22:55	23:00		
ABF			23:05	23:10	23:15	23:20	23:25	23:30
ABF	23:35							
R1				22:20	22:25	22:30		
R1			22:35	22:40	22:45	22:50		
R2				22:35	22:40	22:45		
R2			22:50	22:55	23:00	23:05		

ABF= Thrifty Bus R1=Rydges Canberra Bus R2=Rydges Capital Hill Bus

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

The Bulletin mentioned that N.Z. Lindsay Knight reached grand master during the seniors. It should also have noted that Janet Woodfield, his partner, also reached grand master at the same time. Lindsay and Janet started playing in Australian national competitions in 1989 when Janet's husband was the NZ high commissioner in Canberra.

I arranged for them to play in the spring National at the Lindfield Bridge Club.

From John Mottram

♠♥♦♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Anne Paul has a post-script to Board 2 in Session 6 of Stage 1 of the Women's Teams championship, which was discussed by Sue Lusk in NOT News #4.

Board 2
Dealer E,
Vul NS

♠T32
♥A
♦KJT97652
♣8

♠6
♥KJ62
♦3
♣AKQJ965

♠AKJ97
♥Q754
♦
♣T432

♠Q854
♥T983
♦AQ84
♣7

Anne and her partner also bid to 6♣ but the opponents found the vulnerable save in 6♦ (presumably for –800 earning 5MPS). She wanted to know if she should have pushed on to 6♥ which makes if declarer picks the trump position. I would be content to take +800 on this hand. 6♥ is decidedly inferior to 6♣ which is beaten on most 4-1 trump breaks and is vulnerable to a club ruff. In 6♣, if hearts are 4-1 and the opponents do not negotiate a heart ruff at trick 2 then the second spade winner takes care of the heart loser.

♠♥♦♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♦♥♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Spotted by John Scudder.

A somewhat flash car returning to Rydge's with NSW number plate AKJ-10Q. Now why do you suppose that a bridge player would pay for a personalised number plate and then proceed to mis-sort his cards. There is a simple explanation. It is not a personalised number plate. Tommy Kiss is the proud owner of the car.

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