

NOT NEWS 2003

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WIND DOWN

Friday evening's Prizegiving, Cocktail Party and Vugraph gives the majority of the Summer Festival competitors a chance to unwind. This year there was a good turnout for this highly social event. A variety of personages were on hand to announce and hand out the prizes: John Scudder, John Hempenstall, Anne Weber, David Lusk and Robert Krochmalik, who made a moving tribute to the late Elizabeth Sawicki.

For 16 teams, the evening involved the first 20 boards of the 40-board Round-of-16. The first half of the 20-board Vugraph featured McMANUS, Rydges Swiss leaders, against GRUFFLES, the youth team that has given such pride to the ACT and SABA by finishing in the top eight at the Hyatt. Then it was the turn of MARSTON, SWPT winners and best at the Hyatt, to take on BURROWS, a team from New Zealand composed of two mixed pairs. No surprises - McMANUS and MARSTON were well in front after 20 boards.

Peter Grant organized the Vugraph, and with no technical difficulties, the Vugraph theatre was a popular place to be. From Peter's point of view, it was fortunate that Mark Abrahams didn't make the Round-of-16, as his skill in co-ordinating the Vugraph software, with the help of his team, was much appreciated. Julia Hoffman normally chairs the panel, but as she was required to play for McCANCE, after introducing the panel, she nervously handed over the responsibility to Stephen Lester, Ishmael Del'Monte, David Lusk and Ben Thompson.



MARSTON, Pablo Lambardi, Paul Marston, Gabi Lorentz, John Lester, Stephen Burgess. Absent: Ashley Bach

TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

12. RISKY PASS

North-South Game. Dealer East.

♠ 6
 ♥ A K
 ♦ K Q J 10 5
 ♣ 10 6 5 4 2

♠ A Q J 9 7 2
 ♥ 10 8 2
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

¹ at least five cards

West leads ♥3 to dummy's ace, East following with ♥5.

It appears that the hearts are 3-5 so West surely has at least five trumps and possibly six. Also, as West has led hearts he is unlikely to have a singleton in one of the minors. Now that partner has done his part by producing a better than expected dummy opposite your weak jump overcall, what is your plan to keep him happy?

TRUMP FAMILY INDUCTS TWO NEW MEMBERS

It has been brought to our attention that TRUMP, Team 1 in the Mixed Teams, have brought in family reinforcements: Chaka Trump and Tosda Trump.

Table Tally
 at Midnight 25/01/2003
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2003 NOT Round of 16

Name	1 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31 - 40
McMANUS v M McManus, M Ware, T Nunn, S Hans, D Beauchamp, P Fordham	34	71	116	160
WARE G Ware, D Geromboux, M Porter W Jenner-O'Shea	26	37	44	73
BROWNE v S Browne, K Bagchi, R Brightling, G Smolanko, D Mortimer, I Thomson	16	57	87	109
HINGE S Hinge, P Markey, C Chua, C Hughes	45	76	88	93
KONIG v S Konig, J Wallis, I Del'Monte, R Fruewirth, B Richman, M Thomson	25	52	77	110
EBERY J Ebery, L Gold, A Simpson, T Antoff	33	50	78	91
BOURKE v M Bourke, T Bourke, A de Livera, E Ramshaw, J Wignall, Roy Kerr	20	23	48	63
NOBLE B Noble, M Prescott, G Bilski, T Brown, P Gue	25	49	58	82
THOMPSON v B Thompson, N Rosendorff, A Braithwaite, A Turner, G Wolpert, V Demuy	17	32	68	109
BREMNER-MOORE G Bremner-Moore, S Andrew, J Courtney, P Wyer, P Gill	22	43	56	74
McCANCE v I McCance, F Beale, D Hoffman, J Hoffman, D Smart, R Van Riel	23	35	39	55
CHADWICK T Chadwick, A Kanetkar, P Reynolds, J Haffer	17	51	105	144
ROBERTS v J Roberts, B Neill, P Smith, P Yovich, Z Nagy, R Klinger	14	32	50	80
WALSH A Walsh, B McDonald, M Hughes, T Griffin, K Morrison, M Chadwick	25	32	44	56
BURROWS v W Burrows, A Herries, M Genc, M Perley	37	41	47	79
MARSTON P Marston, S Burgess, G Lorentz, J Lester, P Lambardi, A Bach	46	87	131	153

AUSTRALIAN MIXED TEAMS AFTER ROUND 6

ONE THEME AFTER ANOTHER

by Warren Lazer

Session 1, Board 19, South deals, EW vul, South

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
1	002	ROY NIXON STEPHEN HURLEY HELEN SNASHALL CHARLES SNASHALL KEN FORSYTH DAVID JONES	122
002	013	ELLIE FITZGERALD JIM FITZGERALD ANGELA BOULTON PETER BOULTON	116
003	009	LESLIE LOWE MISCHA SOLAR IAN AFFLICK TREVOR STRICKLAND	114
004	012	TOM STRONG RICHARD MOREY JOHANNA HUNTER JAN TOBIANO ROMAN MORAWIECKI	110
005	005	ALLISON STRALOW MARC DEATON KIERAN DYKE RON COOPER LYNN LOVELOCK BARRY GOREN	109
006	031	M JAKES SANDRA REGAN DAVID HARRIS SANDY MCCULLOCH	108
007	004	BERENICE FOLKARD MARLENE WATTS MARK KOLODZIEJCZYK ARIAN LASOCKI	106
008	044	DAVID HORTON LUKE MATTHEWS DI JAGELMAN KAREN LEWIS	106
009	007	DAVID WAWN NEIL EWART ANN POWELL SHEILA BIRD KAREN CREET ANDREW CREET	103
010	050	MARGARET BOURKE ROY KERR TANIA LLOYD ROSIE DON ARJUNA DE LIVERA FAT CONTROLLER	103
011	003	MARY-ANN BRIFMAN RICHARD JEDRYCHOWSKY ROD DRAVITZKI SANDY BROWN PETER CISZAK	102

M. Szymanowski

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ 9

♦ K 8 7 3

♣ J 10 4 3

W. Lazer

♠ 4

♥ A Q 8 5 4

♦ Q 9 4

♣ K 8 7 2

N

P. Gumby

♠ A Q J 10 7

E ♥ K J 6

♦ A 6

♣ A 9 5

C. Gruia

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ J 10 2

♣ Q 6

Theme 1 Don't take unnecessary finesses

Theme 2 Suit blocking play

Theme 3 Ruffing finesse

Theme 4 Hold up play

Theme 5 Rectifying the count

Theme 6 Vienna Coup

Theme 7 Simple squeeze

Can one hand encompass so many themes? Indeed it can – just watch. I opened 1♥ on the West cards and then kept trying to sign off. Pauline made two tries to get us to the seven-level, but we eventually compromised on a contract of 6♥.

Marek Szymanowski (North) led ♠3 and I flew with the ace (*Theme 1*). I then played a heart to the ace and drew two more rounds finishing in dummy. This fine example of *Theme 2* has effectively prevented me from drawing trumps. I now ran ♠Q, pitching a club when not covered by South (*Theme 3*). North also played low (*Theme 4*). This worked so well, I now ran ♠J pitching another club (*Theme 3 again*). North won and played a fourth round of spades, ruffed by South and overruffed. This is a rarely seen example of themes. In most instances of "*rectifying the count*" declarer simply ducks tricks until the number of winners is one less than actually needed. Here, however, declarer already had 12 tricks and had to manoeuvre very precisely to reduce the number to 11. At this point ♦A was cashed (*Theme 6*) so that the club-diamond squeeze can operate against either opponent. The position now is:

♠ ---
♥ ---
♦ K 8
♣ J 10 4

♠ ---
♥ 8
♦ Q 9
♣ K 8

N

♠ 7
♥ ---
♦ 6
♣ A 9 5

E

W

S

♠ ---
♥ ---
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q 6

The last spade was cashed, everyone pitching diamonds, back to the club king and the last trump forces North to concede (*Theme 7*). Maybe drawing trumps and claiming my 12 top tricks would have been simpler, but this line was much more exciting.

2003 NOT QUARTER FINAL

Team	Team Members	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total Score
THOMPSON	B THOMPSON N ROSENDORFF A BRAITHWAITE A TURNER G WOLPERT V DEMUY	28	2	31	42	103
CHADWICK	E CHADWICK A KANETKAR P REYNOLDS J HAFFER	31	36	14	29	110

2003 NOT QUARTER FINAL

Team	Team Members	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total Score
ROBERTS	J ROBERTS B NEILL P SMITH P YOVICH Z NAGY R KLINGER	14	18	15	15	62
MARSTON	P MARSTON S BURGESS G LORENTZ J LESTER P LAMBARDI A BACH	38	17	35	31	121

HOW TO WIN A TRICK WITH A 'DISCARD' IN NOTRUMPS

On the hand at right, South opened 2NT. North Staymaned, and opted to play in 4♠ after South showed four spades. The opening lead was ♠A, followed by ♠8.

In dummy, declarer played a heart from table to ♥K. West took ♥A and ♥Q, followed by small heart. East, thinking the contract was 3NT, signalled for a diamond by discarding ♠10.

Several minutes later, West, tired of waiting, enquired who was on lead. Declarer stated that it was East, but East said "Your ♠10 won the trick" The reply "Sir, we are playing in spades"

Oh the luck of the Irish!

	♠ Q J 7 3		
	♥ 9 6 5		
	♦ J 7 3		
	♣ Q 6 4		
♠ A 8	N	♠ 10 6 5	
♥ A Q 7 3 2		♥ 8 4	
♦ 6 5 4	W	E ♦ K 10 8 2	
♣ 9 5 2		♣ 10 8 7 3	
	S		
	♠ K 9 4 2		
	♥ K J 10		
	♦ A Q 9		
	♣ A K J		

By Roman Molski, Team 37, Hyatt

2003 NOT QUARTER FINAL

Team	Team Members	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total Score
McMANUS	M McMANUS T NUNN S HANS D BEAUCHAMP P FORDHAM M WARE	12	22	32	32	98
BROWNE	S BROWNE G SMOLANKO R BAGCHI R BRIGHTLING I THOMSON D MORTIMER	42	13	14 -3	19	85

BROWNE has 3 IMP fine for late arrival

2003 NOT QUARTER FINAL

Team	Team Members	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total Score
KONIG	S KONIG J WALLIS I DEL'MONTE R FRUEWIRTH B RICHMAN M THOMSON	28	10	38	18	94
NOBLE	B NOBLE M PRESCOTT T BROWN P GUE G BILSKI	23	60	15	22	120

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SOLUTION TO JANNERSTEN'S PROBLEM ELEVEN

East could not find a response on the first round of bidding yet he has showed up with ♠A. With ♣Q as well he would surely have bid 1NT. West bid 2♦, vulnerable, in spite of the fact that his partner promised nothing.

It looks as though West must have five diamonds to go with his five hearts, and the conclusion is that he must also have three clubs headed by the queen.

The club finesse therefore gives no chance at all, nor will it be possible to drop the queen. The only chance is a double squeeze, which will be possible if West's second club is no higher than the six.

The full hand will need to be something like this:

♠ ---	♠ J 9 7 3	N	♠ A 5 2
♥ A K Q 10 5	♥ J 3 2		♥ 8 7 4
♦ Q J 10 9 8	♦ 4 3 2	W	♦ 7 6 5
♣ Q 4 2	♣ A 5 3	E	♣ 10 9 8 6
	S		
	♠ K Q 10 8 6 4		
	♥ 9 6		
	♦ A K		
	♣ K J 7		

Just run the trumps to reach the following ending:

♠ ---	♠ ---	N	♠ ---
♥ ---	♥ ---		♥ ---
♦ J 10	♦ 4 3	W	♦ 6 5
♣ Q 4 2	♣ A 5 3	E	♣ 10 9 8
	S		
	♠ 8		
	♥ ---		
	♦ K		
	♣ K J 7		

On the last trump West has to discard a diamond to prevent you from scoring three club tricks. You throw a club from dummy and it is East's turn to feel the pinch. If he discards a diamond, you can establish an extra diamond on the table. When East gives up a club, you play ♣J to trap West's queen. Whether West covers or not, you score three club tricks to land your game.

Note that it was unwise of West to discard ♦Q on the first trump. A club switch from East would have easily defeated you.



Richard Grenside's Questions and Answers

Q: Once we have started the next board, is there no penalty if I have revoked on the previous hand?

A: Correct, there is no right of penalty for a revoke once a member of the non-revoking side makes a call on the next board or if it's the last board, then when all hands have been returned to the board and the score agreed upon. There is, however, a requirement of equity, even after all of these time limits have expired. If damage has occurred as a direct result of the revoke, the Director will adjust the score to that which would have been the case had the revoke not occurred. So, if you discover a revoke, even on score-up, and you have gone down in a contract you should have made or vice versa, find a director and if the revoke is proved, then you will get the score you should have got.

Q: As defender, providing my partner did not see a card I tried to play, can I change it?

A: As a defender, any time a card could have been visible to partner, it becomes a played card. The criteria are not whether partner saw the card, only if he *could* have seen it. Generally, in any cases of doubt the Director will correctly rule it as a played card.

Q: If my right hand opponent has a penalty card, can I insist on or prohibit a lead of that suit.

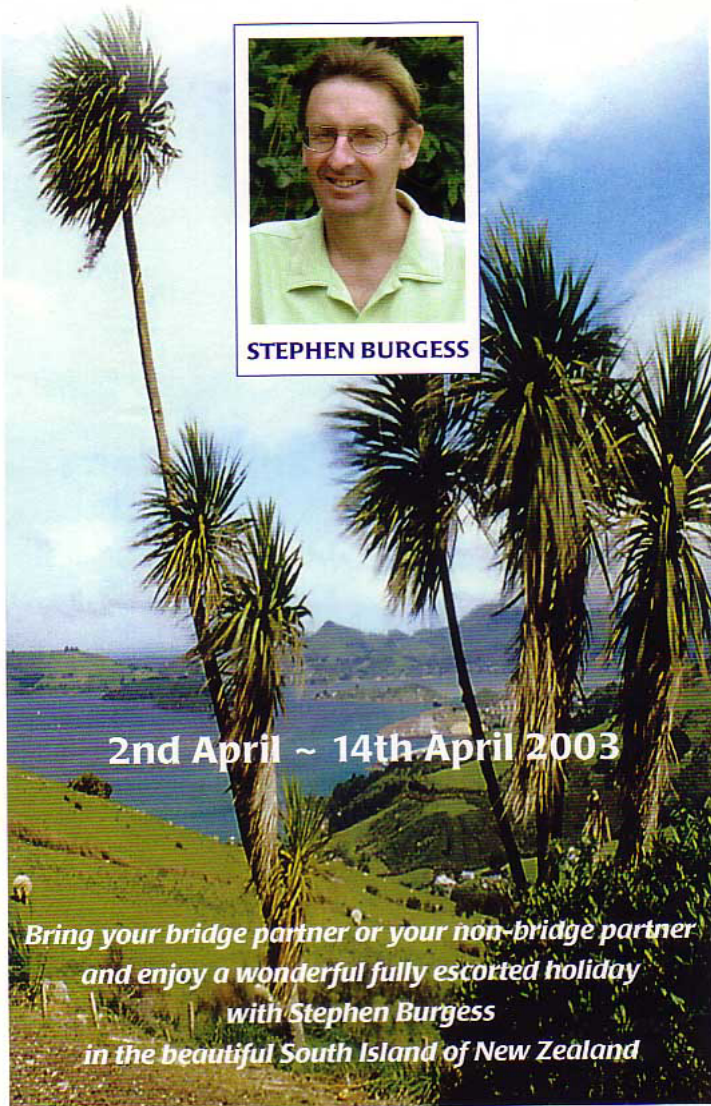
A: You can only insist on or prohibit a lead of the suit of the penalty card from the partner of the opponent's partner. If the player who has the penalty card is on lead, he must play that card irrespective of whether this is good or bad for declarer.



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SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

11. PREEMPTIVE PLAY

The simplest plan is to play the ♠A-K, discarding a *spade* from hand, then ruff a heart. When the hearts no worse than 4-2, draw trumps with the ♦Q-A and, if required, ruff another heart. Now you have the rest of the tricks by playing a club to the ace and ruffing a spade in dummy then discarding the two remaining black-suit losers from hand on the good hearts.

When East has five hearts, there will no regrets about missing 7♦:

♠ A	
♥ A K 9 7 4 3	
♦ A 10 9 2	
♣ 9 7	
♠ K Q J 10 9 7 6	♠ 2
♥ Q	♥ J 10 8 6 2
♦ -	♦ J 7 5
♣ J 10 6 5 3	♣ K Q 8 4
♠ 8 5 4 3	
♥ 5	
♦ K Q 8 6 4 3	
♣ A 2	

At trick six, lead a spade, discarding ♣7 from dummy. You will ruff the next spade with ♦A and later ruff ♣2 with the ♦9. Then, after running ♦10 and returning to hand with a heart ruff, you will cash ♦Q and claim 12 tricks.



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