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2003 AUSTRALIAN MIXED TEAMS AFTER ROUND 10

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SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

12. RISKY PASS

The idea must be to make five trumps, two hearts and a diamond. There are three key plays when the full deal is similar to:

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

The first is to play a club at trick two. Suppose East rises with ♣A and shifts to his trump. The second key play is to rise with ♠A and the third essential play is to lead a diamond next – otherwise the defence can prevail.

Should East take ♦A and return a heart to dummy's king, ruff a club then cross to dummy with a diamond to ruff another club. You have six tricks with ♠Q-J-9, ♥10, ♦8 left while West has four trumps and ♥J. After you exit with a heart and East wins ♥Q, you play ♦8 on the next trick and so must make two more trump tricks for +670.

If East ducks the first diamond, ruff a club and play a second diamond. Eventually West will be forced to lead away from ♠K and you will make two trump tricks from ♠Q-J-9.

The final edition, never thought it would arrive. A very special thank you must go to T.Editor (Stephen Lester) for all the work that he put into producing interesting and informative articles. He thoroughly entertained us all both in the News Room and behind the piano. Thank you also to the proof-reader Bob Geyer and also Jen De Livera, Claire Rasmussen and Justin Stark for their administrative and photographic skills. Last but not least thank you all for the many contributions we received and apologies to those of whom we may have missed.

F.C.

NULLIFYING A BAD SPLIT

by Ron Klinger

NOT Quarter Final
Session 4, Bd 15,
South deals, NS vul

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

West	North	East	South
P. Smith	P. Lambardi	P. Yovich	A. Bach
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

It looks as though declarer has to lose two aces and two trump tricks, but see what happened. North led ♣A and switched to a diamond to the ace. South reverted to clubs and the king won.

♥A revealed the usual Canberra trump break. South continued with a diamond to the king and a spade to dummy's jack. After a diamond ruff, declarer played his last spade to dummy's queen. On ♠A, he discarded his last club, leaving this ending:

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

He now called for any card from dummy, and played ♥8 from his hand. That finished North off.

If North continues with a second club at trick two, seeking a ruff, declarer wins, cashes ♥A, plays a heart to the king, runs ♠10, overtakes ♠9 with the jack, discards a diamond on ♠A and another on the fourth spade. North collects two trumps and one club, but that's all.

UNUSUAL UNBLOCKING

by Jim Fitzgerald

The following hand came up in the Mixed Teams:

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	2♦ ¹	Dbl
All Pass		Pass	2NT

1. Multi

After the bidding sequence above, West led ♥2. Declarer (Permanent Partner) ducked once, took the second heart, and played a diamond to the king. A second diamond was led to the queen, and Permanent Partner took the heart continuation. A third diamond went to the ace, and the hand suddenly became interesting.

West cashed ♠A, and partner cunningly unblocked the queen to avoid the endplay... NOT. Unfortunately for EW, West could not diagnose the position, and switched to a club for nine tricks. It's not often you can arrange to endplay declarer!



SEND YOUR KIDS

The under sixteens in the youth event was fun. Brad Coles was very nice and helpful, and I learned a lot of new strategies. We played the Individual, the Pairs, the Teams and with an expert. We also did a bridge-based treasure hunt. But there weren't enough of us. Send your kids please!

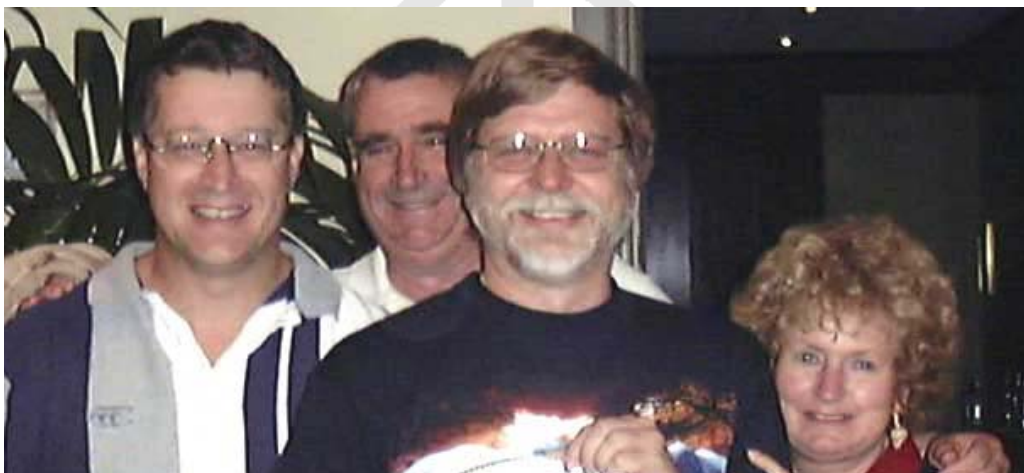
Miriam Haffer

2003 NOT SEMI 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	37	23	52	33	145
NOBLE	B NOBLE M PRESCOTT T BROWN P GUE G BILSKI	34	34	17	18	103

2003 NOT SEMI FINAL

Team	Team Members	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total Score
CHADWICK	E CHADWICK A KANETKAR P REYNOLDS J HAFFER	22	13	29	C	64
MARSTON	P MARSTON S BURGESS G LORENTZ J LESTER P LAMBARDI A BACH	42	70	49		161



Winners of the 2003 Australian Mixed Teams:
Helen Snashall, Charlie Snashall, Roy Nixon and Steve Hurley.
Absent: Ken Forsyth and David Jones

RESULTS OF SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS

Grand Slam Trophy

1st Paul Marston
 Stephen Burgess
 Gabi Lorentz
 John Lester
 Pablo Lambardi
 Ashley Bach

Category Winners

Mixed – Brian Rawson Trophy

1st David Horton
 Allison Stralow
 Luke Matthews
 Marc Deaton
 Jill Del Piccolo
 Kate Smith

Womens

1st Judy Frazier
 Judy Mott
 Virginia Dressler
 Kerry Johnman

Seniors – Eva Hardy Trophy

1st John Mottram
 Liz Quittner
 John Ashworth
 Terry Piper

Veterans

1st Kay Rich
 Jenny Keegan
 Bernie Adcock
 Ian Walker

Country

1st Neville Francis
 Denis Croft
 Magnus Moren
 Terry Strong

Novice

1st Judy McGuinness
 Anne Apthorp
 Sue Dry
 Elizabeth Benda

Zone 7 – New Zealand High Commissioner's Trophy

1st Wayne Burrows
 Murat Genc
 Anna Herries
 Margaret Perley

Local – Lew Thomson Trophy

1st George Jesner
 Bernie Waters
 Earl Dudley
 Ann Powell
 Steve Hurley
 Roy Nixon

SOLUTION TO JANNERSTEN'S PROBLEM TWELVE

In the first place West must have at least two diamonds. Only one spade can be discarded on clubs; the other must go on a diamond. Since you have to test the diamonds sooner or later it must be right to do so at once. If both defenders follow to two rounds of diamonds, you plan to play three rounds of clubs and then a further diamond honour. In practice East shows out on the second round of diamonds.

Now what do you require from West in clubs and how should you continue?

The unexpected diamond break (four with West) enables you to change tack. You can now make sure of the slam, provided that West has a least one club. The complete deal may be something like this:

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

You continue with $\diamond Q$, discarding a spade from hand, and then ruff a diamond. It is then a simple matter to play $\clubsuit Q$ to dummy's king and lead an established diamond for a discard of your last spade.

Just as well you appreciated that the primary requirements for success was to find West with at least two diamonds. If you had missed that point and had started on the clubs, as many would, you would have gone down to defeat.

Do you know anything about probabilities?

No doubt you have at least a smattering of knowledge on the subject. A good rule of thumb to remember in practical play is that an even number of cards in the opponents' hands will probably divide unevenly, and vice-versa. Six cards will more often be divided 4-2 than 3-3, while five cards will break 3-2 more frequently than 4-1. Any particular card is most likely to be with the player who has the greater length in the suit. Two honour cards are most often divided.

After that piece of elementary revision we are ready to tackle the next problem.

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