

NOT NEWS 2003

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LINDFIELD by the Editor

In last year's NOT News, John Brockwell wrote about Horsham, the unfortunate player who earned his moniker by conceding 3400 (Horsham's postcode) several years ago.

We join George Kozakos - Jan Cormack as George has a slight problem on Board 13, Session 2 of the SWPT. Keep in mind, won't you, that 13 is Jan Cormack's lucky number . . .



George Kozakos

would call a youthful and exuberant redouble when put to the test. This worked well when East - somewhat inadvisably, I think, led a pedestrian ♣Q. There is a good case for a trump lead, as it would appear that West must have a trump trick in addition to one of the missing aces.

On ♣Q lead, Cormack was quick to discard dummy's spade loser on the second club honour.

George lives in Vaucluse, Sydney, but I suggested to him that he might consider moving to Lindfield, home of the 2070 postcode, the score for 6♠xx.

North deals, all vul

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²
Pass	1♥ ³	Pass	2♥ ⁴
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT ⁵
Pass	5♠ ⁶	Pass	6♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

1. Polish-style club, weak notrump or 16+
2. Negative
3. Strong hand, 19+
4. Natural, 5-9
5. Key Card
6. Two controls with ♥Q

Cormack knew that Kozakos could not have two aces, so made the practical leap to 4♥. Kozakos went into the tank - three aces in Cormack's hand and it was likely that slam would be on. But he had not thought of the eventuality of a 5♠ response, so had to correct to 6♥.

Hoping that Cormack's three controls would be two aces plus the trump queen, Kozakos tried what some

TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

8. DANGEROUS TIMES

Love All. Dealer North.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1♠ ¹
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

¹ at least five cards

West leads the ♥Q and East plays an encouraging ♥8. While 3NT would depend on a successful club finesse, 4♣ will only succeed only if you can limit your trump losers to two. It may depend on the club finesse too. Can anything be done to improve the chances of success?

Table Tally
 at Midnight 21/01/2003
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2003 SWPT RYDGES AFTER ROUND 6

RYDGES DATUMS

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
001	001	SIEGFRIED KONIG JAMES WALLIS ISHMAEL DEL'MONTE ROBERT FRUEWIRTH BOB RICHMAN MATTHEW THOMSON	130
002	044	PAUL MCGRATH WAYNE SMITH CHRIS DIBLEY NEIL COWEN GRANT COWEN	124
003	012	NICOLETA GIURA NICK HUGHES ROBERT KROCHMALIK DANIEL KROCHMALIK DAVID MORGAN	121
004	003	MATTHEW MCMANUS TONY NUNN SARTAJ HANS DAVID BEAUCHAMP PETER FORDHAM MICHAEL WARE	120
005	007	MARGARET BOURKE TIM BOURKE ARJUNA DE LIVERA ERIC RAMSHAW JOHN WIGNALL ROY KERR	119
006	011	IAN MCCANCE FELICITY BEALE DAVID HOFFMAN JULIA HOFFMAN DI SMART ROBBIE VAN RIEL	119
007	006	DAVID STERN BOBBY EVANS ROBERT GRYNBERG WALLY MALACZYNSKI MAREK SZYMANOWSKI M MILASZEWSKI	119
008	004	BEN THOMPSON NIGEL ROSENDORFF ANDREW BRAITHWAITE ALLAN TURNER GAVIN WOLTER VINCENT DEMUY	118
009	002	JOHN ROBERTS BRUCE NEILL PETER SMITH PAUL YOVICH ZOLLY NAGY RON KLINGER	116

Board	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	-330	70	60
2	10	640	-160
3	180	180	-20
4	-260	-210	-610
5	-120	670	-620
6	-690	160	420
7	-310	120	30
8	-400	-140	230
9	350	140	-90
10	-400	-660	-550
11	80	230	30
12	-450	960	-80
13	-150	-600	-400
14	60	70	-20
15	-60	-500	750
16	-70	60	110
17	390	60	420
18	-310	480	30
19	-130	-160	440
20	300	130	-80



2003 SWPT HYATT AFTER ROUND 6

HYATT DATUMS

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
001	004	EDWARD CHADWICK AVINASH KANETKAR PETER REYNOLDS JOACHIM HAFFER	143
002	001	PAUL MARSTON STEPHEN BURGESS GABI LORENTZ JOHN LESTER PABLO LAMBARDI ASHLEY BACH	126
003	101	GRIFF WARE DANIEL GEROMBOUX MATTHEW PORTER WILLIAM JENNER-O'SHEA	126
004	005	SEAMUS BROWNE GEORGE SMOLANKO RITOB RAT BAGCHI RICHARD BRIGHTLING DAVID MORTIMER IAN THOMSON	117
005	006	ALAN WALSH BARBARA MCDONALD MIKE HUGHES TED GRIFFIN KIM MORRISON MARILYN CHADWICK	114
006	007	JAMIE EBERY THEO ANTOFF ALBERT SIMPSON LEIGH GOLD	114
007	002	BARRY NOBLE MICHAEL PRESCOTT TERRY BROWN PHIL GUE GEORGE BILSKI	113
008	015	JOHN MOTTRAM ELIZABETH QUITTNER JOHN ASHWORTH TERRY PIPER	112
009	003	ERVIN OTVOSI ARIAN LASOCKI MAREK BOREWICZ KRZYSZTOF LASOCKI JERZY RUSSYAN	112

Board	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	-370	0	70
2	-60	610	-140
3	230	250	90
4	-490	-270	-650
5	-60	660	-440
6	-680	140	420
7	140	130	-10
8	-410	0	70
9	420	120	30
10	-640	-650	-630
11	100	280	20
12	-450	890	-120
13	-190	-550	-520
14	180	80	-120
15	-70	-490	800
16	-30	150	-60
17	350	80	420
18	-160	450	40
19	-100	-10	440
20	220	160	-140

From the Fat Controller:

Each morning your table has team summary sheets placed on it.

Please check that all members of your team appear, and that your ABF **Masterpoint** numbers are correct.

Also check that the match results are correct, as this is quite difficult to fix some weeks after the event.

FAST FINISHING FIRST

by Nick Hughes

While you were at the Convention Centre, waiting in vain for the final round of the Swiss draw to appear, a far more interesting event, the Blue Ribbon Pairs (AOP), was reaching an exciting climax at the Hyatt. Sure, our event was 28 tables compared to your 128, but I would *much* rather win the AOP than the Swiss.

Who wants a 12-hour event where you seem to spend most of the time waiting for the draw? Then, after a random number of rounds, someone (usually Grynberg - Stern) percolates to the top. Some people play the Swiss Pairs as a "warm up" for the 280 board teams event. Get real!

Our win was popular with Stephen Lester 'cos he knew he'd get plenty of copy. Just make sure you return the favour in Surfers!

Robert Krochmalik and I made the final and were leading at half way. With a round to go, we had slipped back to a close fourth. By luck, all four contending pairs were sitting EW for the last three.

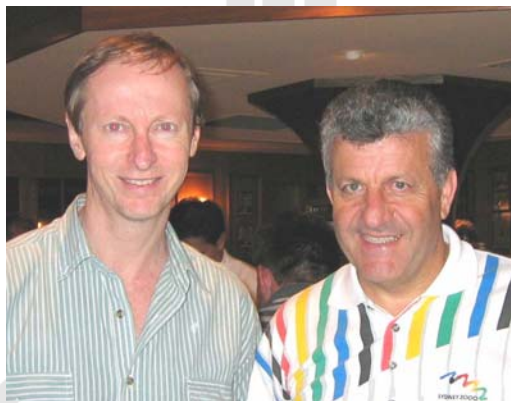
AOP Final 2, Bd 25, North deals, EW vul

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

We all did well here, making +690 on the magic positions in hearts and clubs. Robert was unlucky in a way. After we doubled them in 1♣, South bid 1♦ so North hit out with ♦A-another. Declarer ran ♣J-10 then hooked a heart. After running the clubs he crossed to ♠A to cash two diamonds, hoping to squeeze North in the majors. Finding ♥K-x instead was a bit of a blow. All the contenders made 12 tricks, no change.

AOP Final 2, Bd 26, East deals, all vul

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



Nick Hughes - Robert Krochmalik

Burgess - Marston had a relay auction and chose 3NT, held to +600 on a spade lead and good defence. That was goodbye to them. Most made 11 or 12 tricks in 4♥.

I played 4♥ from East on a helpful diamond lead to the Q-K?-A. I finessed in trumps and led ♠Q, preparing to beer it, but a tired South ducked, not fatal.

So I crossed to ♦J and cashed the last two trumps, pitching ♠K and ♣5. When I cashed ♦7 at trick 10, South was looking at ♠A and ♣Q107. Not knowing who had ♠J (and wishing the event would finish), she pitched ♣7 so my ♣9 won the last trick for +710 and a top.

We were now in front of Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer, with one more to go.

AOP Final 2, Bd 27, South deals, nil vul

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

Against 4♠ by North, Lazer and I both led a heart. When declarer won ♥Q and quickly claimed 480, I thought we'd blown it but there are always 12 tricks. For our remaining challengers, Ciszik, West, was on lead against 4NT and found the losing club lead for -490 and a near bottom. That took care of them so we scraped in.

Why did we win? Yes, we were lucky but our slam bidding was good. We bid and made all the good ones and stayed out of the bad ones.

We had a dreadful set against Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer, including this:

North deals, NS vul

	♠ 6		
	♥ A J 2		
	♦ A K 10 7 4		
	♣ K 8 4 3		
	♠ 7 4		♠ K J 8 5 2
	♥ Q 10 8 5 4		♥ K 6
	♦ Q 6 5		♦ J 9 2
	♣ Q J 6		♣ 9 5 2
	♠ A Q 10 9 3		
	♥ 9 7 3		
	♦ 8 3		
	♣ A 10 7		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
K'malik	Gumby	Hughes	Lazer
	1♦	1♠?	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

1♠ can't be that bad, can it? Matchpoints, favourable vul, etc. They needed to hold me to three tricks to beat the 630s and they did. Lazer got all five of his trumps plus five top tricks for +800.

Here was a good relay hand, sort of ...

East deals, NS vul

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

Yes, 7♥ is a top spot but we running short of time and we couldn't nail down ♥J so we played 6NT from the East seat.

Lavings led a spade to my ace. I unblocked ♥A, crossed to ♠K and ran hearts. Normal is to cash ♣A-K then go for the minor squeeze. Most did that for 12 tricks but Relay helped us because the East hand was unknown. Dalley could pitch two spades easily, but the last heart saw him pitch a club. He figured partner had a few of them and he didn't want to expose the diamond position. +1020.

A missed opportunity:

South deals, EW vul

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Richman	Hughes	Dawson	K'Malik
			1♦ ¹
DbI	3♠?	4♥!	All Pass

1. 1♦ showed 4+ spades and 10-15 points.

Over the double, 3♠ looked right ("nobody is going to push me into a phantom") but 4♠ is clear enough at this vulnerability at matchpoints. After a spade to the ace, I played a club back to the queen and ace. -620? Not at all.

Declarer played a diamond to the queen and a spade ruff, followed by ♥A. This might have surprised me somewhat because I played ♦2. Now when partner won ♥K, a diamond was called for. -650.

Robert earned his beer here:

West deals, all vul

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

He played 3♥ from South on the unfortunate ♠10 lead. He won ♠A, played a club to the queen, drew trumps then exited ♠J. East won and played another spade, thinking partner had started with the doubleton. Declarer pitched ♣2 and went about diamonds, taking care with the pips. This led to +170 and a \$7 Crown Lager for winning the last trick with ♦7. *Ed: ♦7 is the Beer Card, for those not in the know.*

See if you can get this right:

As South, you hold:

♠K ♥K762 ♦AKJ863 ♣A6

West	North	East	South
	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	?

Double, pass or bid 6♣? Partner had nine clubs and out. Passing is -650, so double is worse. 6♣x is only -200.

Should you make this 4♠?

South deals, NS vul

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

When I played 4♠ from the North seat, Jedrychowsky led ♣Q for an easy +620. A low club looks better. Then win ♣A, cash ♠A,K, play three hearts and exit with a trump (not a low one!). Finish.

Baker - Ware won this event last year.

Michael Ware did well against us on the next deal:

South deals, EW vul

♠ 9 2
♥ 10 4
♦ K 10 8 6 2
♣ A J 6 2

♠ A 10
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ J 9 8
♦ J 5 3
♣ K 10 9

♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ K Q 6 5
♦ 7 4
♣ 5 4

West	North	East	South
Ware	Hughes	Baker	K'Malik
1NT	No	2♣ ?	1♠
2NT	Dbl	All Pass	No

1♠ showed the majors. 1NT could have been comic, so Baker felt like a bid. +200 looked tasty so I doubled and led a diamond.

The ♦J? won, then declarer ran a club to my jack. I switched belatedly to ♠9. Ware won ♠A and knocked out my ♣A. We cashed two spades then South led his remaining diamond.

Declarer rose ace and led a heart to the nine and queen, endplaying South to give a trick to ♥J and access to ♠8 (or see my ♥10 pinned). -490.

Luckily they gave it back bidding a hopeless slam on the next board

How do you stuff up this suit

♠ J 10 8 7 5

♠ K Q 2

♠ 9 6 4

♠ A 3

West was on lead against South's 1NT opening, which denied a major. ♠K lead was no good, so bad in fact that East gave it the thumb of disapproval with the discouraging ♠9. Without that, declarer will surely hook ♠8 next time. Hmmm ...

Keiran Crowe-Mai must have hated this board:

West deals, nil vul

♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ 10 8 7 4 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 9 4

♠ K 2
♥ —
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 5 3
♣ K 10 7 6

♠ A J 9 8 5 4
♥ A K 9
♦ 4
♣ A 3 2

♠ 10
♥ Q J 6 5
♦ A K J 6 2
♣ J 8 5

West	North	East	South
K'Malik	Crowe-Mai	Hughes	De Ravin
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

De Ravin led ♦K, then switched to his trump. I rose king, ruffed a diamond, played ♥A-K-ruff, then ruffed another diamond. After ♣A-K I ruffed again and exited with a club, winning the last two tricks with ♠A-J. +450.

YOUR MULTI OR MINE?

by Anonymous

This year we two couples decided to augment our Seniors team with a fifth friend. She plays Precision and Standard. Our first couple play Precision, and we play Standard.

The friend arrives at lunch on Day 1, and we sort out the standard system, with multi-twos, etc. Unfortunately she plays in the afternoon with the Precision husband.

At night, we sit down without further revision, and our first deal together is Board 17.

North deals, nil vul

♠ 8 5
♥ A 10 7 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 7

♠ K Q 10 6
♥ J 9 4
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ J 9 7 4 3
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ A 2
♥ K Q
♦ A K J 6 3 2
♣ K 6 4

I open 2♦, Multi with the North hand.

"Alert" says our friend.

"Oh," say our opponents, "You play Multis?"

"Yes," says our friend.

"2NT" says our friend (15+ pts, I say).

4♥ by me (minimum weak two).

"What has he?" ask the opponents.

"Oh, 8-9 playing tricks," says our friend.

"Oh you don't play Multis?"

"Yes we do!"

4NT by our friend. Passed out. I advise the opponents of the misinformation. Our friend is mortified. 7♥ of course walks in with trumps splitting 3-2 and the diamond finesse working.

Should have gone on.

BUSHFIRE UPDATE

Allan Scerri, who played with wife Susan in the Mixed Pairs on Saturday, had to leave during the session because of bushfires near his home.

A story about his ordeal can be found in Sunday's edition of the *Canberra Times*. NOT News recounts the details:

He arrived home to find spot fires breaking out in the gutters of his Chapman house. In the fight to put out the flames, he ended up in hospital suffering from smoke inhalation, burns to his right arm and blisters on his face.

The brave Mr Scerri was quoted as saying: "I just want to get home and check my house is okay."

Denise McKinnon and David Lilley were very sad to hear that the Duffy house they moved from in June 2001 was lost in the fires.

We hope everything turned out for the best, and our sympathy goes to all those affected by the bushfires.

PRIORITIES

by Peter Grant

Saturday, 18 January, 3:30pm:

We're half-way through the first session of the Mixed Pairs at the Lakeside. Declarer, East, is a few tricks into her 3♠ contract when the Director, Peter Marley, moves to the microphone to announce the bushfire crisis and emergency services warnings. "Residents of the following suburbs should return to their homes immediately to protect their property: Duffy, Holder, Weston, Chapman, Rivett, Stirling.....". I nodded to Faye, my partner: "We'd better go."

"You can have all the rest of the tricks", I tell a surprised East, and mark the scoresheet: "3♠ - E - 9 - 140".

We're getting up from the table when East suddenly protests loudly: "No, I made 10 tricks!"

We both look at her. "Let's go."

Sunday 19 January 8:30am:

We meet Bill and Edna, our neighbours from two doors up, at Canberra Hospital. "How are you, Bill?", I say lamely as I greet him. "I'm fine", he says, "it wasn't as bad as the blitz". Bill had been in the RAF during the war.

They tell us their story from the day before. They'd been at home all afternoon, wetting towels and filling the gutters as they'd been urged on the radio. Then the fireball hit, jumping from the pine forest over the road in Duffy. "We were winning", says Bill, "until the gas blew. The flame fed by the gas soared to the eaves, and the next thing we saw was the roof on fire." They were on their own: no firemen, police, emergency service workers or neighbours in sight. "We knocked on your door, but you must have been out", says Bill. "How did you get away?", I ask. "We drove our car under the burning power pole which was hanging across the road", he says calmly. "We had to be careful to dodge the power lines which were down everywhere."

Like eight other families in our street, and hundreds in

our neighbourhood, Bill and Edna lost everything they owned in Saturday's fire - everything, that is, except their prized 1975 Toyota station wagon. Our own house, and those on either side of us, were spared.

We did our best to help them on Sunday and Monday. The action list was dauntingly long: emergency accommodation; insurance claims; medical records and prescriptions from the chemist; replacement bankcard, Seniors' cards and driver's licence; a new set of clothes; some make-up for Edna; a mobile phone (their first ever); redirection of mail; and more. Come Monday lunchtime, Edna insisted that we take a break and go with them for lunch at the Southern Cross Club. There was reason to celebrate, she explained: they were both alive; they had each other; it was Bill's 86th birthday.

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

7. FORESIGHT

As long as trumps are three-two, playing ace-king and a third trump will yield a minimum of 10 tricks. If trumps are 4-1 and East has ♠A, you will still succeed provided you can ruff a heart in dummy.

A more sophisticated approach is needed when the full deal is:

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

After winning ♥A, playing ♠A-K, then ♥K and ruff a heart leaves West in control. The 5-3 heart division precludes returning to hand with ♦A and either leading a third trump or playing on diamonds. After the former, West ruffs and plays a heart forcing you to ruff and play on diamonds. As in the case when you play on diamonds directly, West ruffs the third diamond and forces you in hearts eventually forcing you either to lead away from ♣K or concede a heart trick. Leading a club fares no better as the ♠A is offside.

The solution to sidestepping these problems is to lead a small trump at trick three. West wins but has no safe exit. On a trump return you win ♠K and play a fourth round of trumps, throwing a club from table. If West does not take his ♠A he will lose it for then you will have 6 diamonds, 2 hearts and 3 trumps for 11 tricks.

West does no better to exit with a red suit. If it is a heart for you win the ♥K and ruff ♥5 in dummy. After returning to hand with a diamond, you play ♠K and a low trump to make the contract safe. If instead he exits with his singleton diamond, you win ♦A and play ♠K and a low trump to make sure of 10 tricks.



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Clubs need to register for each event they wish to play. This registration is free. When a club is registered the nominated club representative, nominally the person who will direct events, will be given an ID and password that will enable access to a web page for them to declare their intention to run an event, set up the event seating and input the results.

All clubs that declare their intention to run an event will be sent the files for 33 boards that may be used. It is expected that the hands will be sent to the club representative on a CD initially. They will be made available to download in the future. The club representative needs to organise the dealing of as many copies of the boards as necessary.

Once the number of tables and types of movement is known to the director, the movements are selected and the seating must then be entered. No results can be entered until the seating has been successfully entered. Movements and seating may be altered at any time provided results have not been entered. Entry of seating and results can be completed once the session has been run.

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We will show the complete results for the event, each club's results, the Mitchell North-South and East-West scores and the Howell scores. The bids and number of times bids were made will be shown, along with the hands themselves with an analysis of the best contracts. A record of the hands and results will be shown for each pair that plays in the event.

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WINE TIPS FOR THE FESTIVAL

by Denise McKinnon

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Vintage Cellars (Manuka, Woden)

Supa Barn (Bunda St)

Dan Murphy's (Belconnen).

Last week Liquorland was offering 20% discount (minimum six bottles). The offer may still be available. I occasionally make the trek to Dan Murphy's (one hour round trip from Wamboin) at Belconnen to buy in bulk.

Some good value current drinking recommendations are:

- Orlando Jacob's Creek riesling (\$7.00 - \$9.00)
- De Bortoli Windy Peak chardonnay (\$8.00 - \$11.00)
- Lindeman's Padthaway chardonnay 2001 (\$11.00)
- Meeting Place chardonnay 2001 (\$12.00) local medal winner, may be hard to find
- Wolf Blass Reserve chardonnay 2000 (\$15.00) subtle oak
- Wynns Coonawarra Estate chardonnay 2001/2 (\$12.00 - \$14.00) oaky
- Hardys Tintara Cellars chardonnay 2000 (\$14.00 - \$16.00) Halliday rating 92
- Grant Burge Barossa Vines semillon sauvignon blanc 2002 (\$11.00)
- Montana Marlborough sauvignon blanc 2001 (\$10.00 - \$14.00) recommended by ex-Kiwi Neil Ewart
- Yalumba Barossa shiraz 2000 (\$12.00??) recommended by Judith Tobin
- Orlando Jacob's Creek Reserve cabernet sauvignon 2000 (\$12.00 - \$15.00)



- Taylors cabernet sauvignon 2000 (\$11.00 - \$14.00) Halliday rating 91
- Hardys Stonehaven Stepping Stone cabernet sauvignon 2000/01 (\$10.00 - \$12.00) top value, may need time
- Annies Lane cabernet merlot 1999 (\$13.00 - \$16.00)
- Ingoldby shiraz 2000 (\$13.00 - \$16.00)
- Penfold's Koonunga Hill shiraz cabernet 2000 (\$12.00 - \$14.00)

- Hardys Sir James Cuvee Brut (\$13.00 - \$17.00) was recently available at Vintage for \$11.00!

Halliday rating 90

P.S. As most of my friends would testify, I am definitely not a wowser. However, if you want to play bridge with a clear head – eat lightly at lunch and dinner and drink no alcohol until after the evening session.

The best thing to do is to play in a six-person team and arrange to play the daytime sessions, then you may drink at dinner with gay abandon.



The author of this article with Tina Zines. Denise has a fabulous collection of vintage bridge photographs, from the 1970s till today. Denise was not happy with the photograph taken for an earlier bulletin, so this picture is being reprinted as payment for the article. Denise and Tina played in the Seniors Teams this year.

THE SHAPE FACTOR

by Ron Klinger



Today, Lorraine Harkness, President of the Australian Bridge Teachers' Association, presented Ron Klinger with a lifetime membership to the organisation

The bridge column in today's *Sydney Morning Herald* (Wednesday 22/01/03) deals with the desirability of playing in notrumps when holding a five-card major in a 5-3-3-2 hand opposite a 4-3-3-3.

This feature appeared again in the SWPT:

Session 4, Board 18. East deals, NS vul

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

The -310 datum suggests most players did the right thing and played in 3NT. In 4♠ you are likely to lose two spades, a heart and a club.

In our match:

West <i>Neill</i>	North	East <i>Roberts</i>	South
---	---	1NT ¹	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1. 10-12			

Lead: ♥4 - 6 - 10 - king. ♠J was run to North's king and North tried a low club. This was ducked to the 10 and soon after declarer wrote down +400. At the other table 4♠ was -50.

In Round 2, 3NT was also the better spot on Board 1, despite the 10-card spade fit:

North deals, nil vul

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

At our table Zol Nagy, South, raised the 1NT opening to 3NT, which is unbeatable, while the opponents reached 4♠. Lucky for them ♦A was onside.

At other tables, South had the right idea: 1NT : 2♥, 2♠ : 3NT but North removed to 4♠. The datum was NS 420.

Even a 5-4-2-2 pattern opposite a 4-3-3-3 may be best in 3NT, particularly when the semi-balanced hand has high cards in the doubletons. Both pairs in our Round 1 match played in the superior 3NT on Board 19:

South deals, EW vul

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

South <i>Marie Hucker</i>	North <i>Colin Hucker</i>
1NT	2♥
2NT ¹	3NT ²

1. Super-accept with 3 trumps only
2. Good decision

Even if declarer were to pick the spade position, the defence can beat 4♠ via a diamond ruff. 3NT cannot be defeated.

The other table:

South <i>Peter Smith</i>	North <i>Paul Yovich</i>
1♣	1♠
2NT	3♦
3♠	3NT ¹

1. Good decision

Nine tricks, +400, no swing. Datum NS +230.

FROM THE APPEALS ROOM

AUSTRALIAN OPEN PAIRS, ROUND 1

Board 6, East deals, EW Vul

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

It was established that South had stated that he would concede one spade and one diamond, before East claimed one down. Declarer maintained that East had interjected before he had completed his statement of clarification.

EW argued that South's statement was complete before East disputed the claim, and that declarer's later words about the diamond finesse amounted to an alternate or new line of play.

In a majority decision, the committee ruled that declarer's reference to the diamond finesse was simply an amplification of his initial statement and not a new line of play.

The Director's decision was upheld: 3♥ making 140 for NS.

The final contract reached by South was 3♥; declarer made nine tricks +140.

The dispute occurred after trumps had been cleared and ♣A taken. Declarer claimed, conceding two tricks. He started to show his hand, then realised that he had made a mistake.

The Director, David Anderson was called, and ruled that he could continue with his claim statement.

He thought for some time, and finally announced "Taking the diamond finesse; I am one down if it fails." It worked, so the contract made.

This ruling was made in accordance with Law 68C (Clarification of Claim) and Law 68A (Claim Defined) rather than under Law 70, (Contested Claim).

The appealing side's submission:

"After declarer explained his line, (without talking about a finesse) my partner replaced his hand and claimed one down. Declarer then reconsidered and announced "Taking the diamond finesse to make, or go one off!!!!" We contend that declarer cannot alter his line, especially if it incorporates a finesse!!

We claim 3♥ -1."

The opposing team's response:

"I started to make a claim (I had not shown my cards) when I said I'd better play. They called the Director and said play should cease so I completed my claim. Fair enough, I can be stopped from playing but surely I cannot be prevented from stating my claim."

Appeals Committee:

P. Markey
M. Ware
S. Hinge
K. Crowe-Mai

ACTIVE ETHICS

Last night at table 42 we played against a Mr. Chapman from Team 107, BORGENTICHT.

His partner (declarer) said "Club" - dummy had the jack, nine. I had ♣10.

Without blinking he played ♣9, knowing full well that it would lose.

His partner said he should have played the jack, but he said "I had no choice - you said club, and I had to play the lowest."

Such ethical behaviour was impressive, especially when you think how low the table was.

From Ann Ohlsen

LEAD IT AGAIN, JACK

Reported by Stephen Burgess

Stephen reports that in the first match of the SWPT he was playing against two delightful ladies. As is his wont he was declarer on the first five boards. His LHO led a Jack on every deal. Stephen asked why the fascination with Jacks?

"My husband's name is Jack", she said.

"You must be trying to get rid of him then", said Stephen. The ladies partner nodded her head in agreement. On the next deal Stephen was declarer again. LHO led a small club.

"Ah Ha", said Stephen, "you don't have the ♣J!!"

"Yes I do", said the lady. The table erupted in laughter.

RUBBING IT IN

by Ron Klinger

Want to annoy the opponents thoroughly? One way is to bid to game after the bidding could have been passed out at a low level. If you then make your contract, the irritation factor will be high indeed.

Witness Seniors, Session, 1, Board 19:

South deals, EW vulnerable

		NORTH			
		♠ Q J 5			
		♥ Q 9			
		♦ K J 9 7 4			
		♣ K 7 4			
WEST		EAST			
<i>Jim Borin</i>		<i>Bill Haughie</i>			
♠ A 7 6 3		♠ 10 4			
♥ K 6 5 4		♥ A 10 8 3			
♦ 10 6 5		♦ A 3 2			
♣ A 6		♣ Q J 9 8			
		SOUTH			
		♠ K 9 8 2			
		♥ J 7 2			
		♦ Q 8			
		♣ 10 5 3 2			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	---	---	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
4♥!	All Pass		

Had North passed 2♥, that would have become the final contract.

When North competed with 2♠, however, Borin judged that his prime cards were working extremely well. East would have two spades at most and perhaps just a singleton. In addition, East could be a bit stronger for this double, having been unable to double on the first round because of lack of spades.

If North had led a diamond, there would be no story but North naturally started with ♠Q and Borin played low. A diamond shift would still have cooked declarer's goose but ♠J was continued.

Borin won and played ♣A and another club. North took ♣K and now switched to a diamond. Too late.

Borin rose with ♦A, played a heart to the king and a heart back to the ace, followed by ♣Q and ♣J, discarding the diamond losers. He could now cross-ruff diamonds and spades. South could have ♥J whenever he pleased . . . and he was none too pleased.

DON'T LOOK CLEARLY IN THE AUCTION

by Robert Herr

The following are two examples from the 2003 SWPT. They were reported in the form of remarks to Denise McKinnon after her *Recipe for Winning the NWT* article.

1. Session 1, Board 1, North deals, nil vul

		N			
		♠95			
		♥QJ64			
		♦AQT95			
		♣KT			
♠AT84		W		E	
♥75				♠Void	
♦J				♥AK83	
♠AQJ953				♦K7642	
		S			
		♠KQJ7632			
		♥T92			
		♦83			
		♣4			

North opened 1♦, East passed, South jumped immediately to 4♣ and West (me) bid 2♣, (because I had read 4♣ as 1♠). The Director was called and North did not accept the bid, so I changed it to 5♣ which was doubled by North, making +550.

2. Session 3, Board 20, West deals, all vul

		N			
		♠K93			
		♥J7652			
		♦A96			
		♣T4			
♠T		W		E	
♥AK43				♠J65	
♦JT7				♥QT98	
♠AQJ72				♦KQ52	
		S			
		♠AQ8742			
		♥Void			
		♦843			
		♠9853			

West (me) opened 1♣, North passed, East bid 2♦ (in our system, 16+ points) because he had read my bid as 1♠. West passed and I jumped to 6♦, doubled by South.

North led ♦A and continued with another trump! +1540



Summer Festival Conveners before the start of the event

SOLUTION TO JANNERSTEN'S PROBLEM SEVEN

Since West has a sure trump trick you must somehow find a way of disposing of your minor suit losers – all five of them. The heart suit at best will provide four tricks, thus taking care of three of your losers. A throw-in might cause a further loser to disappear by forcing West to allow you to score one of dummy's minor-suit queens, and this would at the same time open the way for a ruff in dummy.

The throw-in will succeed only if West has the kings in both minor suits. It will be necessary to eliminate West's hearts first, and a vital condition is that West must have exactly three cards in the suit. Do you see why?

You have to hop for a distribution such as this:

	♠9753		
	♥AKQ62	N	♠8
	♦Q3		♥10873
	♣Q6		♦1096
♠QJ10		W	E
♥J94			♣J9542
♦KJ84			
♣K107			
	S		
	♠AK642		
	♥5		
	♦A752		
	♣A83		

After discovering the trump position you cash the ace and king of hearts, discarding a diamond from hand, and continue with a heart ruff. Then you play a trump to put West on lead. No matter which suit West elects to return, you score two tricks in that suit plus a ruff in dummy, and your losers in the other suit are discarded on the established hearts.

Why not cash the queen of hearts before taking the heart ruff to make sure of eliminating West's hearts? The answer is that you cannot spare a discard from your hand on the queen of hearts. If you reduce to ace and another in either of the minors, West will exit in that suit when he is thrown in. He will still have to give you two tricks in the suit, of course, but you will have lost the ruff in dummy that brings your trick total up to twelve.

That is why you have to rely on West having precisely three hearts.



JANNERSTEN'S PROBLEM EIGHT

NS vulnerable. Dealer South

♠7542
♥K842
♦76
♣Q94

N

W E

S

♠AK
♥AQ653
♦AKQ
♣A105

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West leads the jack of diamonds, East plays the three and you win with the ace. When you test the trumps, West discards a diamond. How must the cards now lie for the slam to succeed? Singleton club king with East? That's no real chance.

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Richard Grenside's Questions and Answers

Q: My opponent claimed, I have a trump, therefore one trick should be for me.

A: Just because you have a trump when your opponent claims does not guarantee an automatic trick to you. The Director will determine the likelihood of you winning with this trump, giving you every benefit of any doubt. If in the normal play of the remaining cards there is no logical way for you to win a trick, then the Director will allow the claim.

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE (3)

by Neville J Moses

DW is exasperated with me for another failure to properly plan the play of the hand. And what's worse again there was an attractive woman at the table (in addition to DW of course).

We had reached 5♦ which I played from the West hand after our opponents had competed vigorously in hearts:

West	East
Me	DW (Dummy)
♠ A 10	♠ Q J 9 8 6
♥ Q 9	♥ K
♦ K 8 7 6 4 2	♦ Q J 5 3
♣ A 10 9	♣ Q 7 3

North led ♥A and a second heart on which I pitched a club from dummy. I led a small trump to the queen and thus consigned the contract to the WPB.

For South (Sushilla Knottenbelt) took the ace of trumps and switched to a club. Obviously she would not lead from the king in this situation, and I was allowed to take the ace and try to set up the spades when the penny dropped!

To do that requires not merely South to hold the king – which she did – but **three** entries to dummy. (check it out)

I should have played ♦7 or ♦8 at trick three, not a small one!! So I meekly ducked the club to North's king and finished one down.

(Note that even playing ♦K at trick three does not work against best defence since South held AX trumps and can duck to deny dummy an entry!)

"I think you must intentionally mangle contracts when playing against good-looking women" said DW acidly – "You just want more of them to come to the table."

If only it were true!



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Answer to our teaser in yesterday's bulletin: The only person at this Festival to have been mentioned in Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* is ex-Christchurch (now Waiheke Island) player Professor Roy Kerr. Roy was at the forefront of New Zealand bridge for many years, and was the prime inventor of Symmetric Relay. It is for his research into black holes, however, that he makes it to *A Brief History of Time*.
Reported by Len Dixon

TABLE 30 EXPOSED!

On Tuesday afternoon, while the NOT News team were busy staking out Table 30, a group of Sydney players arrived. We soon discovered that they had been one of the Table 30 teams on the previous round, and were now basking in the glory of Table 29, having zoomed up after a 16-14 win.

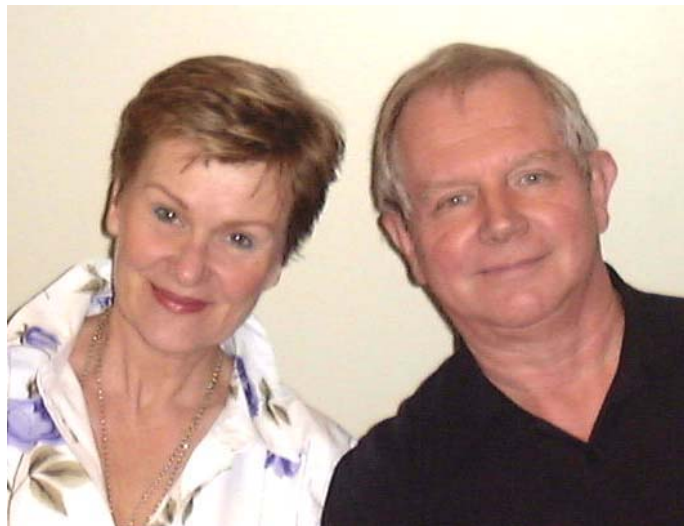
So we thought we'd interview them instead, just to keep you on your toes!

This team had been pieced together from the remains of two collapsed teams. Jim and Ellie Fitzgerald joined up with Marcia Sawyer and Hans Geldens, who have been playing at the Summer Festival of Bridge for around 10 years.

Jim Fitzgerald used to create squeeze problems for *Australian Bridge Magazine*, and a couple of matches ago, had organised a squeeze in 3NT for himself, but fluffed it.

Ellie was proud to tell us that she is expecting to become a grandmother some time this week (but could safely come to Canberra because the baby will be born in London). The pair describe themselves as 'Pitt Street Farmers' – they live in a high rise apartment in Pitt Street in the centre of Sydney, but also have a property in the Hunter Valley.

Their system is modified Acol, and they have recently discovered – and love - OKbridge.



Ellie and Jim Fitzgerald

When asked if they had any gossip from the tournament so far, Marcia told us that they have had a pretty clean-living time so far, so unfortunately she was unable to dish up any dirt on the other players.

Marcia is staying at Rydges Lakeside and Hans is at the Capital ParkRoyal.



Marcia Sawyer



Hans Gelden

Marcia and Hans play Standard, and their home club is Lindfield Bridge Club on Sydney's North Shore. Marcia directs at Warringah Leagues Bridge Club, and confirms that there are quite a few players from the club here at the Summer Festival.

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