



# NOT NEWS 2004

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR TECHNIQUE, PARTNER?

On this deal from Round 2 of the 2004 National Women's Teams, a fine textbook play was missed.

Board 14, East deals, nil vul

<p>♠ A 7 ♥ A K ♦ J 9 5 ♣ A K 10 7 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 4 2 ♥ 8 7 4 3 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 8 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 10 9 6 5 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 9 4</p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ J ♦ A K Q 7 6 4 ♣ Q 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Travis	Feitelson	Elizabeth	Cummings
		Pass	1♦
Dbf	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

I hereby ascribe declarer, Elizabeth Havas, her full Christian name, as I called her Liz in yesterday's bulletin (sorry, Elizabeth, you would think I might learn!)

West, Barbara Travis, gave me the hand as a twofold "Where is the hand you held in the bidding, pards?" (as it was suggested that the rebid of 3♥ should perhaps show a tad more) and a play problem.

South, Val Cummings, kicked off with three rounds of diamonds. On the third round, Candice Feitelson, North, discarded a club.

Havas woodenly ruffed the third diamond, cashed ♥A,K, and had to get back to hand to continue drawing trumps. She tried ♣A,K, and was down when North ruffed the second club.

**Table Tally**  
 at Midnight 14/01/2004  
**610**

## TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEMS 2. VULNERABLE PLAY

Dealer West:  
 North-South Vulnerable

<b>North</b>			
♠ 8			
♥ 8 6 2			
♦ 8 7 3 2			
♣ 9 8 7 4 2			
<b>South</b>			
♠ A K Q J 6			
♥ 7			
♦ A J 10			
♣ K Q J 6			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Double
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Since as little as ♦Q opposite would give you a good play for game, you decide to bid 4♠ rather than 3♠ at your second turn. How will you play the spade game when West begins with ♥A then ♥K?

A better line, which works as the cards lie, is to discard a spade from hand on the third diamond. Now South will switch to a spade, and it is a simple matter to win ♠A, cash dummy's hearts, and cross to hand with a spade ruff to draw North's trumps. Clubs behave for three tricks, and the overbid of 3♥ can then be forgiven (but not forgotten when partner is Barbara Travis).



Elizabeth Havas - Barbara Travis

In this match, CUMMINGS faced RITTER, Catherine Ritter - Sue Ingham, Elizabeth Havas - Barbara Travis (Cummings - Feitelson were Havas' and Travis' teammates last year). CUMMINGS defeated RITTER 25-4 VPs.

**NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS  
AFTER ROUND THREE**

**NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS  
DATUMS**

Plc	Tm	Name	Score
001	006	Paula McLeish Carol Currey Annette Henry Anna Herries	<b>67</b>
002	014	Rena Kaplan Lorraine Harkness Heather Renton Kim Neale	<b>65</b>
003	002	Valerie Cummings Candice Feitelson Jan Cormack Aleda Clark Linda Stern Jillian Hay	<b>64</b>
004	019	Rasma Howes Monica Ginsberg Carolyn Molloy Merrilee Robb	<b>64</b>
005	001	Margaret Bourke Felicity Beale Sue Lusk DI Smart Therese Tully Meredith Woods	<b>61</b>
006	005	Julia Hoffman Nola Church Karen Creet Judith Tobin	<b>61</b>
007	026	Wendy Andrews Sue Phillips Heather Motteram Prudie Wagner	<b>59</b>
008	010	Greer Tucker Margaret Millar Robyn Clayton Agnes Kempthorne	<b>58</b>
009	008	Kate Smith Jill Del Piccolo Wendy Driscoll Deidre Greenfeld Julette Alexander Vivienne Goldberg	<b>56</b>
010	007	Linda King Catherine Wright Elly Urbach Lynn Kalmin	<b>56</b>

Board	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	-40	110	-80
2	-420	210	-270
3	370	-30	30
4	90-	0	220
5	-440	640	-160
6	-200	-100	140
7	550	-20	-280
8	-10	-360	-210
9	80	-620	140
10	-60	630	60
11	-90	-260	410
12	-390	-350	610
13	630	120	-210
14	300	-40	-30
15	-90	-30	-100
16	240	-90	110
17	150	400	0
18	970	-300	1160
19	30	470	-100
20	240	40	-500



**NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS  
AFTER ROUND THREE**

**NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS  
DATUMS**

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
001	004	Walter Scott Charles Snashall Boris Tencer George Gaspar	<b>70</b>
002	034	Glenys Fitzpatrick Pam Fletcher Marie Hucker Colin Hucker	<b>69</b>
003	003	Paul Wyer Mike Hughes Ted Griffin Bobby Evans Alan Walsh Barbara McDonald	<b>65</b>
004	032	Michael Kefford Margaret Kefford Beverly Bonnell Neil Bonnell Pat Glandian	<b>64</b>
005	017	Quentin Van Abbe Richard Kahn Rita Kahn Judy Bayliss Shirley Collins Les Mato	<b>62</b>
006	016	Ray Anderson Robert Stewart Sam Arber Robert Gallus	<b>62</b>
007	030	Brian Thorp Andrew Struik Bal Krishan Mrinal Dey	<b>61</b>
008	013	Earl Dudley Ann Powell Ruth Jamieson Peter Jamieson	<b>61</b>
009	007	Jessel Rothfield Carole Rothfield Michael Kent Joan Kent	<b>60</b>
010	036	Lois Turner Catherine Cooksey Patricia Reid Christa Nimmo	<b>59</b>

Board	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	-50	110	-60
2	-420	-10	-110
3	420	80	-90
4	90	-20	40
5	-450	650	-120
6	-130	-200	140
7	610	60	-620
8	100	-450	-290
9	20	-620	110
10	-190	630	90
11	-20	-340	450
12	-400	-440	630
13	630	10	-60
14	480	-110	-70
15	-80	0	-140
16	210	-10	90
17	100	460	90
18	1060	-170	1220
19	-20	470	60
20	160	120	-640



**NATIONAL NON-LIFE MASTERS TEAMS  
AFTER ROUND THREE**

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
001	010	Andrew Ferguson John Wieczorek Ann Pettigrew Adrienne Stephens	61
002	030	Ian Neill Ashok Tulpule Malcolm Aldons Gordon McAlary Bev Crossman Bruce Crossman	61
003	022	Robin Erskine Janet Clarke Val Holbrook Andrew Marshall	61
004	011	Ken Moschner Sylvia Sender Dewi Eastman Peter Wells	60
005	003	Judith Hilton Thai Chan Edwin Chan Dave Mahadevan	59
006	008	Elizabeth Fanos Peter Kaye West Savery Maureen Cosby	58
007	034	John Midgley Judith Anderson Rosemary Polya David Kennedy Brian Richardson John Reaney	57
008	026	Devika Carter Greg Carter Maggie Kelly Barbara A'Beckett	56
009	018	Deirdre Day Margaret Reid Peggy Stacey Eric Stacey	52
010	036	Fiona Ballard Shelagh Mattinson Susan Crompton Heather Lane	51

**TIMETABLE**

**National Womens Teams**

Stage One  
Thursday 15 – Friday 16 January at  
Rydges Hotel Canberra  
Qualifying session times:  
11.30, 3.00, 8.00

**National Seniors Teams**

Stage One  
Thursday 15 – Friday 16 January at  
The Hyatt Hotel Canberra  
Qualifying session times:  
11.30, 3.00, 8.00

**National Non-Life Masters Teams**

Thursday 15 – Friday 16 January at  
Rydges Hotel Canberra  
Session times:  
11.30, 3.00, 8.00

**Mens Pairs**

Friday 16 January at  
Rydges Hotel Canberra  
Session times:  
11.00, 3.00, 8.00

**Mixed Pairs**

Saturday 17 January at  
The Hyatt Hotel Canberra  
Session times:  
1.30, 7.30

**Graded Pairs**

Saturday 17 January at  
Rydges Hotel Canberra  
Session time:  
7.30

**Swiss Pairs**

Sunday 18 January at  
The National Convention Centre  
Session times:  
11.00, 2.00, 7.30

**Open Pairs**

Sat 17—Sun 18 January at  
Rydges Hotel, Canberra  
Session times:  
1.30, 7.30

## STEPPING STONE SQUEEZE

Youth Pairs Qualifying, Board 7, South deals, all vul

♠ 8 7  
♥ A 10 6 5 4  
♦ Q J 8 5  
♣ A 8

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

♠ 10 9 6 5 3  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ 9 4  
♣ Q 10 2

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	3NT	All Pass

Daniel Geromboux, East, won stripes for his declarer play on the deal above.

South led ♥3 to the ace, and North continued a heart to Daniel's king. He played a spade to dummy's jack, and played a low diamond. When North played ♦J, Daniel won his king.

He played a spade to dummy's ace and another low diamond.

North won ♦Q and persisted with hearts, Daniel winning ♥Q. Now he cashed ♠K, as North shed ♥6.

Ready to cash ♠Q at trick nine, this was the position:

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

♠ 10 9  
♥ ---  
♦ ---  
♣ Q 10 2

If North throws a heart, East cashes ♥7.

If North throws a diamond East overtakes ♦10 and cashes two diamond tricks.

If North discards ♣8 (as happened at the table), East cashes ♦10 and exits a club; North has to concede the last trick to West's ♦A.

## LUCKY FOR SOME

A certain somebody in a women's team from the West (OK, twist my arm, the team was runner-up in the NWT last year) has a fear of Board 13 - that means **all** Board 13s . . .

One of her teammates showed me a deal from Round 2 of the NWT qualifying:

Board 13, North deals, all vul

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

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

♠ K J 8  
♥ J  
♦ A J 9 7 5  
♣ 8 7 6

North opened 4♥, and nobody had anything more to say. East led ♦2.

North idly wondered whether it was more likely for the lead to be a singleton or from length, i.e. ♦K to four.

This was the last board of a good set, so North played low to find out. West won ♦K, and North threw ♦Q on the trick, feeling rather chumpish at this stage.

No matter – West took the card at face value and switched to ♣A and another, so North drew trumps and took her discards on dummy's diamonds for +650.

On reflection, in the bar, it seems more likely, missing nine clubs, eight spades and only five diamonds, that the lead is from shortage, not length. A useful exercise in counting empty spaces would have led to 10 tricks (on guessing spades) rather than 11 or 8 (as should have happened once the diamond was ducked - diamond ruff at trick two, spade to the ace, diamond ruff, club ace). 13 is not North's unlucky number . . .

### PLEASE NOTE:

Team Summary Sheets will be on the tables this morning.

Please check that all ABF numbers and the constitution of the team is correct.

If there is a problem please contact a member of the scoring team as it is difficult to rectify any errors after the event.



## PRECISE DEFENCE

The first event of the Summer Festival was the International Youth Challenge, held last Saturday at the ANU. This event, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, is for players aged under 26, with teams invited from Australia and overseas.

In the final, Australia B, Fiona Brown, Matt Porter, Paul Gosney, Tony Nunn defeated New Zealand 66 IMPs to 30. In the playoff for third, Australia A was thankful for their 10 IMP carry-forward when they narrowly edged out Europe by only 6 IMPs.

Australia B has now won this event three times, proving that there is a lot of value in being the underdog. Here is one of the hands that contributed to their win:

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

With Australia B NS, Fiona Brown, North, opened 2♥ (both majors), and Matt Porter bid 4♠.

West cashed the three obvious winners, and then sat back to wait for a heart trick – he is still waiting.

+420 to Australia B.

At the other table, the New Zealand North passed, and East opened 2♥. South doubled, North bid 2♠ and South raised to 4♠, played this time from the North seat. West, Paul Gosney, doubled this and then backed up the double with precise defence.

East, Tony Nunn, led a top heart to the ace and king, and declarer pulled a small diamond from dummy. Gosney ducked his ace, allowing East to win and lead another heart.

Declarer ruffed with the ace, ruffed a diamond in hand, and led a low club to the jack and king. West exited in spades, and declarer led another club to the queen and ace. West exited in spades again, leaving declarer with only two more tricks – the ♠Q and ♠10.

A further +500 to Australia B, for a total of 920 on the board and 14 IMPs.

*Richard Hills & Brad Coles*

## A GRAND RESULT

Another deal which highlights the skill some of our youth players possess.

Youth Teams Championship Round 4

Bd 16, Dealer West, E/W vul

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

West	East
Griff Ware	Daniel Geromboux
1♠	2♣
2♦	3♦
5♥	5♠
6♣	7♦

3♦ = natural, but not forcing

5♥ = exclusion Key Card in hearts

5♠ = one key card outside hearts

6♣ = ask for useful kings

7♦ = ♣K and the singleton spade both must be good for partner

The slam is not great - especially since the majority of the field were going off in 6♠ - and only game had been bid at their teammates' table. Griff, however, made the grand with careful play, for a big pickup.

A heart was led, dummy's ace winning, as declarer discarded a spade.

Now a diamond was played to the ace and another to the king - so there was no obvious trump loser.

A spade went to the ace and a spade was ruffed.

When South didn't have the last trump, declarer was virtually home. A club to the ace was followed by another spade ruff, setting up the suit. Now after a heart ruff to hand, North's final trump was drawn and the rest of the tricks were there.

Looks easy, doesn't it?



## WHEN YOUR PARTNER GETS IT WRONG - PART 2

By Matthew McManus

In the first article, I spoke of the appropriate procedure for correcting an incorrect explanation by partner. Another problem can arise when you and your partner are on different wavelengths. Sometimes, when no one asks what your bid meant, he just does something weird and you think he should have spent less time in the bar last night. But there are other times when the opponents ask him for an explanation and his answer goes some way to shed light on his subsequent actions. This perhaps is one of the toughest and most infringed areas of the Laws. The Laws require that you not take any notice of what you hear from partner's explanations of your calls or from any alerts or non-alerts that he makes. So, you cannot try to wake partner up to his mistake by your subsequent bids. Nor can you attempt to rescue your side from what might be an awkward spot. You must act as if your partner had described your hand perfectly.

An example may help:

You hold ♠ 3 2, ♥ K 6 3, ♦ K 7, ♣ K J 9 6 4 2

With nobody vulnerable, partner passes and your right hand opponent opens a strong no-trump. You decide to overcall 2♣.

The next player passes, partner bids 2♥ and the opener passes. It is your turn to bid. It looks like partner has at least five hearts and is probably not that enthused about your clubs. As he is a passed hand, it is unlikely that you can make game and 2♥ looks like a fine contract for your side. No problems here.

Now let's assume that exactly the same series of events has occurred with one significant and fateful variation. This time, when you bid 2♣, your partner alerted and when asked, he replied that 2♣ showed both majors. The subsequent auction is the same and it's your turn to decide what to bid over partner's 2♥. This time you are less confident that he has his own natural heart suit - in fact it's unlikely. His 2♥ was just giving preference to your supposed major suit holdings. 2♥ is probably going to be a poor contract for your side. The temptation is there to bid again to get to a possibly better spot. But this is not permitted by the *Laws of Bridge*. You are not allowed to take any notice of partner's alert or his comment that 2♣ showed the majors. You have to act as if he had said that 2♣ was a natural club suit and do exactly as you did in the first example - Pass.

It is not essential that you pass every time you and your partner have a mix-up of this type. There will be some occasions when you have a clearcut follow-up action, which you would have taken if partner had given a correct explanation. However, a good, ethical player will bend over backwards to ensure that any decision they make is not influenced by the knowledge that partner has "gotten it wrong".

## SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

### 2. VULNERABLE PLAY

Suppose you win the heart lead and draw trumps. That's no good. Even if trumps split 4-3, as you must hope, you will have no protection left in hearts when you knock out ♠A.

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

Instead you should play on clubs immediately, knocking out the ace. When East takes the club ace, on the first or second round, he will play back another heart. Now is the moment for your second key move. You discard a diamond from your hand. Do you see the point of this? Dummy now had no hearts left. If the defenders persist with hearts you ruff with dummy's singleton eight of trumps. You can then return to your hand with ♦A and draw trumps with your A-K-Q-J.

If the defenders could take a club ruff when you knocked out the ace, you would go down but then there would never be any way to make the hand.

## ALL BRIDGE TEACHERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 9.30 AM AT RYDGES

COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY

LORRAINE HARKNESS (PRESIDENT)



## 2003 IN PERSPECTIVE

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

2003 was a busy year for our international players, with competition in the PABF in Manila, where the Open, Paul Marston – Sartaj Hans, Phil Gue - Terry Brown, Michael Prescott, Peter Gill, npc Nigel Rosendorff finished in 4th place, and the Women's Team, Carole Rothfield – Jan Cormack, Liz Havas – Barbara Travis, Val Cummings – Candice Feitelson, npc David Beauchamp finished third.

Late in the year, different teams competed in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and World Seniors Championship. The Women's Team, Inez Glanger – Marcia Scudder, Berri Folkard – Rena Kaplan, Lynn Kalmin – Elli Urbach, npc Pauline Evans, finished 16th out of 18 teams in the round robin. The event was won by USA I from China, the winners of the PABF event.

The Seniors Team, (below) Ron Klinger – Zoli Nagy, John Lester – Gabi Lorentz, Bill Haughie – Alan Walsh, npc David Stern made a good showing early in the event, which was a straight round robin, but lost momentum to finish in seventh place. The event was won by USA I from France and USA II.



Klinger, Nagy, Haughie, Walsh, Lorentz, Lester

Our Open Team, Ishmael Del'Monte – Robert Fruewirth, Bobby Richman – Matthew Thomson, Theo Antoff – Al Simpson, npc John Roberts, however, had a great round robin, qualifying in 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 22. They subsequently lost to the strong Italian team in the quarter finals. USA I, who faced Italy in the final, won the treble after possibly the most dramatic and controversial bridge match of all time.

Australia faced USA I in the opening round of the Bermuda Bowl, and despite a lead of 27-0 IMPs after two boards, the Americans proved resilient enough to come back for a 45-37 victory; 17-13 VPs.

♠ Q 7 5 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ Q 6  
♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ ---  
♥ J 9 7 2  
♦ K 9 8 7 5 2  
♣ K 5 4

♠ 6  
♥ K Q 10 3  
♦ A J 4 3  
♣ 10 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Freeman</i>
		1♦ (4+♥)	Pass
1♠	4♠	All Pass	

On the second board, Nickell and Freeman again made quick work of the auction, arriving at their game contract with one bid. As you can see, Bobby Richman's decision to open the bidding with the East hand – plus Matthew Thomson's response of 1♠ made it very difficult for Nickell and Freeman to reach the excellent slam. The only possible loser looking at the NS cards is in the trump suit. Indeed, that was the only trick Nickell lost.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Fruewirth</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Paul Soloway did not consider the East hand an opening bid (*Ed: Warning, Bob!!! One Eric Ramshaw, on proofing this article commented that the opening did not meet the ABF 18-point opening bid standard*), clearing the way for another good auction by the Australians.

Soloway's 3♦ bid did not hamper Del'Monte - Fruewirth, although the Aussie partisans in the Vugraph audience had an anxious moment when Fruewirth bid 6♥.

That contract in one match was down four tricks. Del'Monte was never going to play anything but spades with his hand, however. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace and took a spade finesse, claiming for one loser when Soloway showed out. That was plus 1430 and 13 IMPs to Australia.

## WHERE TO PUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2004 NOT NEWS

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