



# NOT NEWS 2004

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## OVERBALANCING

by Earl Dudley

Bidding has become a lot more competitive in recent years. This is a consequence of ideas promulgated by American bidding theorists like Larry Cohen, that go under the banner of the *Law of Total Tricks*. Strong players influenced by the LAW are reluctant to allow their opponents to play a part-score at the two-level when they have found a fit.

However, too much aggression can cost big time if the wrong hand comes along. Two deals from Session 6 of the 2004 Seniors Teams Championship illustrate this.

Board 18, East deals, NS vul

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

EW bid 1♥ - 2♥, and in the passout seat South made a valiant attempt to grab the partscore by balancing with 3♣. The 3♣ overcall may not be to everyone's taste but the outcome was far worse for NS than anyone could have imagined.

A heart went to ♥K and East switched to a diamond won with ♦A. West returned ♦7 for a ruff. East cashed both major suit aces and returned a spade to ♠K. This was followed by a diamond ruff and a spade ruff. A fourth diamond secured an uppercut in the trump suit. The result was +500 to EW.

Phew!

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**Table Tally**  
at Midnight 16/01/2004  
**1741**

## TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

### 4. CERTAINTY

Dealer South:  
East-West Vulnerable

#### North

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

#### South

♠ A 9 8 5  
♥ A Q J 2  
♦ A J 2  
♣ A 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All pass	

While breaking the transfer with the leap to 4♠ may have been dubious evaluation, since your hand contains a large number of losers, the final contract is superb. How would you play the spade slam when West leads ♣Q? (East has three trumps and West

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**NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS  
AFTER ROUND NINE**

**NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS  
DATUMS**

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	002	Valerie Cummings Candice Feitelson Jan Cormack Alida Clark Linda Stern Jillian Hay	<b>190</b>
002	005	Julia Hoffman Nola Church Karen Creet Judith Tobin	<b>168</b>
003	001	Margaret Bourke Felicity Beale Sue Lusk Di Smart Therese Tully Meredith Woods	<b>160</b>
004	010	Greer Tucker Margaret Millar Robyn Clayton Agnes Kempthorne	<b>159</b>
005	014	Rena Kaplan Lorraine Harkness Heather Renton Kim Neale	<b>158</b>
006	019	Rasma Howes Monica Ginsberg Carolyn Molloy Merrilee Robb	<b>158</b>
007	008	Kate Smith Jill Del Piccolo Wendy Driscoll Deidre Greenfeld Julette Alexander Vivienne Goldberg	<b>157</b>
008	033	Anita Anderson Pam Deverall Maureen Stewart Beverley Stacey	<b>153</b>
009	009	Catherine Ritter Susan Ingham Barbara Travis Elizabeth Havas	<b>152</b>
010	007	Linda King Catherine Wright Elly Urbach Lynn Kalmin	<b>152</b>

Board	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
1	60	-30	480
2	-70	-130	-120
3	20	160	-1660
4	-520	-130	60
5	500	-430	-270
6	290	-360	300
7	-330	-1100	-150
8	160	-110	10
9	440	-630	230
10	510	-350	-100
11	100	340	200
12	-40	-360	-470
13	250	-40	630
14	-60	30	20
15	-390	-440	-170
16	-650	50	90
17	-300	290	100
18	230	740	140
19	570	-1130	-590
20	570	-610	400



**NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS**

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**DATUMS**

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	001	Ron Klinger Bruce Neill Zolly Nagy Tim Seres John Lester Gabi Lorentz	<b>183</b>
002	002	Barry Noble George Bilski Wally Malaczynski Chris Hughes M Milaszewski Apolina Kowalski	<b>174</b>
003	006	John Newman Henry Christie Peter Buchen Andrew Markovics	<b>166</b>
004	003	Paul Wyer Mike Hughes Ted Griffin Bobby Evans Alan Walsh Barbara McDonald	<b>166</b>
005	004	Walter Scott Charles Snashall Boris Tencer George Gaspar	<b>163</b>
006	008	Tom Goodyer Les Varadi David Mortimer David Anderson	<b>161</b>
007	005	William Westwood Roger Januszke Tom Moss Dennis Zines	<b>160</b>
008	018	George Edwards Tina Zines Kinga Moses Neville Moses	<b>159</b>
009	013	Earl Dudley Ann Powell Ruth Jamieson Peter Jamieson	<b>159</b>
010	014	Michael Chrapot Miriam Tencer John Stretton Charlie Schwabegger	<b>158</b>

Board	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
1	10	40	550
2	-40	-220	-80
3	-50	140	-1890
4	-650	90	110
5	610	-420	-150
6	440	-610	360
7	-510	-1350	-30
8	380	-80	90
9	440	-640	80
10	620	-450	-110
11	70	420	140
12	-40	-360	-470
13	330	-130	650
14	-50	30	-20
15	-400	-460	-240
16	-650	30	130
17	-410	250	350
18	220	960	-210
19	480	-1220	-630
20	180	-660	540



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

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	022	Robin Erskine Janet Clarke Val Holbrook Andrew Marshall	<b>162</b>
002	010	Andrew Ferguson John Wieczorek Ann Pettigrew Adrienne Stephens	<b>161</b>
003	003	Judith Hilton Thai Chan Edwin Chan Dave Mahadevan	<b>140</b>
004	013	Kay Black Perelle Scales Ben Rushforth Eileen Starr	<b>138</b>
005	030	Ian Neill Ashok Tulpule Malcolm Aldons Gordon McAlary Bev Crossman Bruce Crossman	<b>136</b>
006	009	Vince Cariola Michael Schmaedicke John Clifton Dorothy Swadling	<b>133</b>
007	034	John Midgley Judith Anderson Rosemary Polya David Kennedy Brian Richardson John Reaney	<b>132</b>
008	011	Ken Moschner Sylvia Sender Dewi Eastman Peter Wells	<b>132</b>
009	028	Tony Collis Doreen Collis Phyllis Whyte Sylvia Foster	<b>128</b>
010	017	Camilla Barlow Kaylee Lemon Marilyn Whigham Judy Wulff	<b>128</b>

**PROPOSED BUS TIMETABLE FOR  
SATURDAY 17 JANUARY**

Bus No	Arr Rydges	Dep Rydges	Dep Hyatt	Dep Hyatt
ABF		12:45	12:50	12:55
R1		13:00	13:05	13:10
ABF	13:00	13:05	13:10	13:15
R1	13:15	13:20	13:25	
ABF				17:15
R1		17:15	17:20	17:25
ABF	17:20	17:25	17:30	17:35
R1	17:30			
ABF	17:40	17:45	17:50	
ABF		18:55	19:00	19:05
R1		19:05	19:10	19:15
ABF	19:10	19:15	19:20	
R1	19:20			
ABF				23:05
R1		23:10	23:15	23:20
ABF	23:10	23:15	23:20	23:25
R1	23:25	23:30	23:35	23:40
ABF	23:30			
R1	23:45			

ABF= Thrifty Bus  
R1=Rydges Lakeside Bus



Val Holbrook, Andrew Marshall, Jo Clarke, Robin Erskine,  
1st overall in Non-Life Masters Teams



Steven White, Kae French, Gerald & Francis van der  
Wetering, first under 100 Masterpoints in Non-Life Masters

## UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS

by Ron Klinger

2004 Women's/Seniors' Teams, Round 7:  
Board 15, South deals, NS vulnerable

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

Table 1:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All pass

South led ♥9, ducked to the king. Declarer ran the clubs. North discarded two spades, two diamonds and two hearts. South threw two hearts, two spades and a diamond. Declarer let go of two diamonds, two spades and a heart. With so many hearts discarded, East could safely lead a diamond to score the overtrick.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
1NT (1)	2♥ (2)	3NT	Pass
			All pass

- (1) Strong NT  
(2) Both majors

Lead: ♥A

Zol Nagy, North, started with ♥A and continued with a low heart. Tim Seres, South, encouraged hearts. Declarer has nine tricks, of course, and ran his seven clubs next. Declarer then went one down trying for an overtrick. Which card was the setting trick?



Ron Klinger

Seres had encouraged with ♥7, then ♥3. On the run of the clubs, he threw three spades and two low diamonds. Nagy let go two spades, two diamonds and then ♥Q, ♥10, retaining ♥8. Declarer discarded two diamonds from dummy, then a spade and when North had dropped ♦Q, he discarded another diamond from dummy.

This was now the position:

North		East	
♠ K 5		♠ Q J 8	
♥ 8		♥ ---	
♦ A		♦ K	
♣ ---		♣ ---	
West		South	
♠ A 10		♠ ---	
♥ ---		♥ 9 4	
♦ J 9		♦ 10 5	
♣ ---		♣ ---	

Declarer now played ♦9 and Nagy won the ace. On this trick Seres followed with ♦10! Nagy switched to ♥8. Seres overtook this and West threw ♠10. When Seres cashed ♥4, West was in the throes of a memory coup.

Had he counted the spade discards, he would have known that North had two spades left (since North's 2♥ had shown both majors). Taken in by South's ♦10, West threw ♦J and Seres put ♦5 on the table for one down.

**Overbalancing continued:** The second sequence illustrates another danger of excessive aggression.

Board 16, West deals, EW vul

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

Playing Acol, the North player opened 1♣. East overcalled 1♠ and West raised to 2♠. This might have ended proceedings as it did at the other table. However, North felt obliged to compete with a takeout double, suggesting extra values and a preparedness to play in three suits.

The auction now came to life. East countered by redoubling to show a better than minimum hand for her overcall. South retreated to 3♣, but now West had an easy rebid of 3♥. East promptly jumped to game in spades and the best that NS could do was to take the save in 5♣, doubled by West for +500.

Does this mean that modern bridge thinking advocating aggressive competitive tactics in part-score battles is flawed? I don't think so. However, a touch of discretion every now and again won't go astray.

## MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

by Neville J Moses

I have made a belated New Year's Resolution: - "Never, never EVER take DW ("Darling Wife") out of 3NT."

On the hand Ron Klinger wrote up in yesterday's bulletin, I doubt if even DW would have found the brilliant line to make 4♠, but she didn't have to. Holding ♠AKQ10864, DW quickly put me into 3NT – a contract which was "Neville proof". However, playing against the Klinger team in Session 3 Board 1, I opened 3♥ holding:

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

DW bid 3NT and I decided this was a play hand and bid 4♥. John Lester was very decent. Holding ♥AQJ10 over me he wrote the X on the bidding pad very gently. And then on Board 5 of session 7 I held:

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

I opened 1♠ and DW bid 2♦ (game forcing with diamonds) then 2♥, 2NT, 3♥, 3NT and I liked my diamonds and bid on in that suit...DW's diamonds were ♦K8532...enough said!!



Neville and Kinga Moses

P.S. Like Margaret Wilson, DW is an expert with the needle. She is wearing on Friday the dress she has been crocheting all week!



John Wieczorek, Anne Pettigrew, Andrew Ferguson, Adrienne Stephens, 2nd overall in Non-Life Masters Teams

## THE KIWI FILES

Paula McLeish and the Mayer Clan



Australia has its share of families who share a legacy in bridge – McCance, Lusk, Neill, for example. One such family in New Zealand is the Mayer clan; the tapestry of interwoven bridge links is remarkable.

The most well-known Mayer is Malcolm, longtime member of New Zealand Open Teams in combination with the late Lionel Wright (perhaps the most famous NZ partnership in recent times), and then Michael Cornell. Malcolm is a regular to Canberra, first coming to the congress in 1974 at the age of 17, where he won the Youth Pairs in combination with the writer of this article. Malcolm learned bridge from his mother Shirley and father Duncan. I fondly remember all-night bridge marathons at Shirley's home in Auckland.

Until very recently, Shirley was an active player, often partnered by daughter-in-law Faith, but her bridge has been curtailed by a stroke, from which she is presently recovering. Shirley has the distinction of an 82% score in a bridge session.

Malcolm is not at the Festival this year (he is a busy property developer, and a trip to the European Championships in Montin and the Bermuda Bowl in Monte Carlo took up quite some time in 2003). Malcolm is a great bridge teacher and theoretician, who has taught here in Australia, and is responsible for a great deal of work in youth bridge in New Zealand.

Sister Paula Bryant (as she has been known at the Festival in the past) married David McLeish last year, adding to the family bridge empire. David, now resident in Auckland, to Melbourne's chagrin, was our Swiss Pairs champion last year with Charlie Snashall. Paula has represented New Zealand in the Women's arena, partnering Jan Cormack, Elizabeth Blackham and the late Lorraine Boyd. This year she is in partnership with Aucklander Carol Currey, but she has played at Canberra in the past with ex-husband Ian Bryant, who, in keeping with the family tradition, is a strong player in his own right. Paula also reports that her aunt, 87, is still an active player in Auckland.

Continuing the bridge line, Malcolm married Faith Mayer, who he met when she was part of the Philippines Women's Bridge Team. At this stage, none of the next generation are bridge players – but give them time!



Wedding portrait - April, 2003

## REAL WOMEN DON'T NEED FINESSES

by Jan Cormack

Val Cummings, captain of the team which so comfortably headed the field in the National Women's Teams qualifying for most of the event, demonstrated to her opponents that finesses are sometimes unnecessary (especially when a finesse is failing). She wrapped up nine tricks in 3NT on Board 2, Session 6.

<p style="text-align: center;">North</p> <p>♠ 10 9 7 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ A 10 8 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">East</p> <p>♠ A J 6 5 2 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ 7 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South</p> <p>♠ Q 8 3 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ J 9 4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">West</p> <p>♠ K 4 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ K Q 6 2</p>		

North led ♣5 to South's jack and Valerie's queen. ♠K and a spade to the jack and queen saw the defenders cash three club tricks. Val sniffed the air and discarded two diamonds, reasoning that the chances of a doubleton ♥Q in either hand offered better prospects. Failing this, there would be squeeze possibilities if either hand held both ♦K and ♥Qxx.



Valerie Cummings

This was the position when the last spade was played:

North immaterial	
<p style="text-align: center;">West</p> <p>♠ --- ♥ A K 5 ♦ Q ♣ ---</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">East</p> <p>♠ 5 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ --- ♣ ---</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">South</p> <p>♠ --- ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ K ♣ ---</p>	

Julia Hoffman, South, folded her cards and conceded nine tricks. In the other room, Alida Clark also led ♣5. However, declarer took the pedestrian diamond finesse for one down.

## SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

### 4. Certainty

The best plan is to win ♣A and draw trumps in three rounds. After crossing to ♠K, eliminating that suit, play a heart to the queen. The only dangerous situation is when the full deal is:

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

West will surely see that if he wins the trick he will be endplayed. A red-suit return would concede an extra trick, either to ♥9 or to South's ♦J. A club return would give declarer a ruff-and-discard. Suppose therefore West plays low, allowing South's heart queen to win. If you have not considered this situation, pause to think how you would continue from this point. It is no good crossing to ♦K and playing a heart to the jack. West will win and exit safely with ♥10. The safe continuation is to cross to the diamond king and run ♥9 when East follows low! Here, West wins with the ten and is well and truly endplayed.



Maggie Kelly, Greg Carter and Barbara A'Beckett, 2nd in the Under 150 Masterpoints Non-Life Masters Teams

## TIMETABLE

### National Womens Teams

#### Stage Two

Saturday 17 January at

Rydges Hotel Canberra

Session times:

10.00, 12.00, 3.00, 5.00 & 8.30

#### Final

Sunday 18 January at

Rydges Hotel Canberra

Session Times:

10.00 then by arrangement

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### Open Pairs

Sat 17 – Sun 18 January at

Rydges Hotel Canberra

Session times:

1.30, 7.30

### 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 19 January at Convention Centre

Session times:

11.00, 2.00, 7.30

## 2004 MENS PAIRS

PI	Name	Total Score	Perc Sess 3
1	Paul Gosney N Brink	754	56.19
2	Stephen Burgess Brian O'Hara	749	51.00
3	Paul McGrath Wayne Smith	713	64.52
4	Phil Gue Bob Cox	699	58.81
5	Michael Prescott Andrew Richman	670	54.29
6	<b>Stephen Loser</b> ( Ed) Grant Jarvis	669	56.43
7	Colin Baker Tony Nunn	657	54.05
8	John Brockwell Hashmat Ali	644	44.29
9	Arie Meydan Gordon Fallon	644	43.57
10	Siegfried Konig James Wallis	636	50.24
11	Geoffrey Schaller Miche Geromboux	630	52.38
12	Ken Dalley Bob Richman	615	50.75
13	Peter Fordham Andrew Wilshire	606	50.71
14	Darko Janzekovic Jan Varmo	605	40.75
15	Felix Molski Timothy Cregan	605	45.48

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