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MODEL OF A MODERN BRIDGE COMPETITOR by Hilda Lirsch

I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor,
I write pellucid prose as a club newsletter editor,

I cleverly calculate cardplay mathematical,
Sliding through squeezes both simple and
quadrilateral,

As committee president, My rule is an Autocracy,
With many cheerful edicts pinged with my hypocrisy,

In short, as any player, president, and editor,
I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor.

COLLECTION OF DIRECTORS – RESPONSE by Elizabeth Wilson

I was interested to read the article in the NOT NEWS
(Tuesday) about a collection of Directors.

While playing in the
Swiss Pairs on Sunday I
observed a gathering of
our hard-working 'blue
coats' and it made me
wonder what the collec-
tive noun would be for
such a group.

Would it be:
A diadem of Directors
A diatribe of Directors
A dolly of Directors
A dandy of Directors
Or my personal favourite

A deck of Directors



Elizabeth Wilson

Table Tally
at Midnight 21/01/2004
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TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

9. Easy, when you see it

Dealer South: All Vulnerable

North

♠ Q 10
♥ Q J 7 5 4
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ A 9

South

♠ 8 2
♥ A K 10 9 2
♦ Q J 4 3
♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	3♦

North's 2♠ showed a minimum of a sound raise to 3♥ and you came to a halt in 4♥. West begins by cashing ♠A-K. How do you play the contract when he switches to ♣10 at trick three?

GROSSEKLAPPE STRIKES AGAIN

The delightful Dagmar Neumann, playing with Kim Neale in Team 23, FUST, has a reputation for saying it like it is. If you have food on your teeth she is the first one to tell you. If you are putting on weight - she will let you know.



This is an endearing quality, not a fault, and I can confirm that Dagmar is great fun (I am rooming with her and Jan Cormack at Capital Tower). However, poor Hugh McGann, visiting from Ireland, looked a bit nonplussed this evening, when the lift doors opened at Capital Tower and we stepped in. "Oh, you have been at the bar too long. Your eyes are very red!" I asked Dagmar the translation for 'Big Mouth' in German, hence the title of this article.

**SWPT RYDGES
AFTER ROUND NINE**

**SWPT RYDGES
DATUMS**

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	002	Paul Marston Matthew Thomson Gabi Lorentz John Lester Stephen Burgess Ashley Bach	206
002	006	Cathy Chua Chris Hughes George Smolanko David Lilley	177
003	008	Tim Bourke Margaret Bourke Arjuna De Livera David Smith Richard Oshlag Mary Oshlag	175
004	004	Andrew Braithwaite Allan Turner Joachim Haffer Nicolas Croft Peter Reynolds Nigel Rosendorff	171
005	003	Matthew McManus Michael Ware Sartaj Hans Avinash Kanetkar Khokan Bagchi	169
006	009	Nick Fahrer Andrew Webb Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy	167
007	005	Ron Klinger Bruce Neill Zoli Nagy Tim Seres Simon Hinge Philip Markey	167
008	013	David Horton Allison Stralow Luke Matthews Justin Williams Peter Rogers Alida Clark	166
009	051	Andrew Creet Tony Kershaw Steve Carter David Randles Paul Sullivan	164

Board	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
1	190	-50	-20
2	-330	-390	210
3	140	-190	-600
4	-1020	-10	50
5	790	620	-90
6	-1360	-490	20
7	170	-70	30
8	-80	-390	-80
9	80	820	-160
10	-130	-100	-90
11	-330	110	-30
12	80	220	-610
13	-410	480	250
14	-20	420	-420
15	-10	-110	-210
16	400	60	60
17	60	300	280
18	-550	110	60
19	310	740	20
20	200	-310	-80



**SWPT NCC
AFTER ROUND NINE**

**SWPT NCC
DATUMS**

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	003	Jessel Rothfield Seamus Browne Kieran Dyke Ishmael Del'Monte Robert Fruewirth Carole Rothfield	198
002	007	Peter Fordham Arian Lasocki Richard Brightling Ian Thomson	178
003	002	Barry Noble George Bilski Terry Brown Phil Gue Michael Prescott Bob Richman	172
004	001	Mary-Ann Brifman Richard Jedrychowski Hugh McGann Jacek Pszczola Michal Kwiecien Matthew Mullamphy	169
005	006	Callin Gruia Wally Malaczynski Apolinary Kowalski Mirek Milaszewski	166
006	014	Joshua Wyner Niek Brink Peter Buchen Rena Kaplan Russel Harms Jeff Travis	165
007	012	Siegfried Konig James Wallis David Appleton Colin Baker	165
008	004	Valerie Cummings Peter Newman Tad Yoshida Edward Chadwick Pauline Gumbly Warren Lazer	165
009	013	Jan Cormack George Kozakos Elizabeth Havas Candice Feitelson Mark Abraham Michael Cullen	162

Board	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
1	160	20	210
2	-330	-270	380
3	30	-70	-550
4	-1260	40	410
5	670	620	50
6	-1450	-600	-70
7	260	40	-70
8	-80	-20	-130
9	-10	920	-140
10	-20	-70	-10
11	-320	50	40
12	-10	200	-630
13	-380	150	280
14	-40	420	-520
15	50	-130	-110
16	450	130	50
17	20	260	390
18	-420	190	60
19	130	800	30
20	-100	-240	-250

**NATIONAL
CONVENTION
CENTRE**

QUICKSAND AND PEPSI-COLA

Session 7 at the Convention Centre contained a draw of some significance as ROTHFIELD, Carole Rothfield, Jessel Rothfield, Seamus Browne, Kieran Dyke, Ishmael Del'Monte faced BRIFMAN, Mary-Ann Brifman, Richard Jedrychowski, Hugh McGann, Jacek Pszczola, Michal Kwiecien, Matthew Mullamphy.

Major achievements:
 2001: Won Caven-dish, 3rd Bermuda Bowl, 3rd European Teams
 2000: 3rd EOC Cup, 4th IOC Grand Prix, 2nd World Team Olympiad
 1998: Won World Open Pairs
 1997: 2nd European Teams



Jacek Pszczola - Michal Kwiecien

Your Editor thus roused himself in time for the morning session (well, at least for half of it), and sat at the table where Pszczola – Kwiecien, NS, faced Fruewirth – Del'Monte.

The world-famous Polish players are often referred to as Quicksand – Pepsi-Cola, and are good sports when ignorant English-speakers, struggling with spelling and pronunciation, refer to them in that way.

The following deal gave Del'Monte the chance to shine as declarer after a defensive slip:

Board 10, East deals, all vul

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

West	North	East	South
Fruewirth	Pszczola	Del'Monte	Kwecien
		1NT 1	Dbi 2
3NT	All Pass		

- 15-17
- Both majors

South led ♠A, then switched to ♥K at trick two, winning the trick. He tried ♣10, and this too won the trick as Del'Monte ducked.

Now he tried the fourth suit, exiting with ♦6. Finally, Del'Monte won a trick, ♦K. He cashed ♣Q, cashed ♦A

and crossed to dummy with ♦Q. After running the established clubs, this was the three-card ending:

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

Del'Monte exited with ♠8, and Kwiecien had to lead into Del'Monte's ♥A-J.

The error was in switching to clubs, not diamonds at trick three. If South exits with a diamond, Del'Monte has no way to duck a club to the South hand, and the defence can prevail.

Nigel Rosendorff went to the trouble of writing up the same deal (thanks, Nigel), after visiting Scotsman Kenneth Forsyth, playing with Wally Scott found the same play as Ishmael after Peter Reynolds, South found the identical defence to Kwiecien (after Forsyth had opened 1♥, South bid 1♠, West bid 2♣ and East rebid 3NT).

He had a good title for the article, too: 'A Canny Duck'.

The next deal comes from one of the other significant matches in Session 7, where NOBLE, Barry Noble, George Bilski, Terry Brown, Phil Gue, Michael Prescott, Bob Richman faced FORDHAM, Peter Fordham, Arian Lasocki, Richard Brightling, Ian Thomson.

Interrupt the relay

Board 4, West deals, all vul

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

Brightling – Thomson scored +1370 in 6♦ at one table. At the other, an innocent-looking bid caused the EW pair to go off the rails:

West	North	East	South
Richman	Fordham	Prescott	Lasocki
1♣	1♦ 1	2♣ 2	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

1. Hearts or both black suits
2. Relay, showing diamonds

EW were playing a strong club with relay. After a 1♦ bid, East was in relay mode (it normally takes five steps to disrupt a relay sequence, ie, 2♣ or 2♦), so Prescott's 2♣ bid showed a positive with diamonds.

Richman thought the relay had been broken, however, and treated 2♣ as natural. Prescott, a very ethical player, knew that the wheels had come off, but continued to bid as if he was replying to West's relay enquiries (I do not have a full account of the meaning of the bids after 2♣). Prescott tried to slow the auction down by admitting to only one Key Card when Richman bid 4NT, but this did not have the desired effect.

Thus when Richman essayed 6♣ in the 4-1 fit, Prescott, who believed he had to act as if his partner had understood his relay bids, had no option but to pass. 6♣ was four down for a loss of 1770 on the deal.

The sad tale brings to mind the following snippet, handed to us earlier in the week:

The Warm-Up Pairs were a real WARM-UP

One pair was not doing well at all. Then they discovered on the second last hand, one was playing Acol and the other Standard - and they had a card for each system on the table!

North commented on how easy it was to disrupt a strong club system, but here the problem was that West and East were on different wavelengths.

In Round 7, ROTHFIELD defeated BRIFMAN 24 – 6, while FORDHAM defeated NOBLE 25 - 2.

Absent from the six-person teams in the matches mentioned were Rothfield – Rothfield, Brifman – Mullamphy and Noble – Bilski.

Wrong time, wrong team

Mary-Ann Brifman reported the following amusing incident while the two teams were in play: she often plays in teams with Kieran Dyke and Seamus Browne. She rushed up to them and said "How's it going, team?" Kieran had to remind Mary-Ann that they were the oppos, not teammates for this event.



Mary-Ann Brifman

IT JUST AIN'T FAIR

by Lilli Allgood

SWPT Board 16, Session 5
West deals, EW vulnerable

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

♠ A K J 9 7
♥ A Q
♦ 5 2
♣ A Q 6 2

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 3
♥ 4
♦ J 8
♣ J 9 5 4

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

Surely with 20 HCP a double of a (very!) cheeky bid should pay dividends!! It didn't!!! Ugh . . .

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♣ 1	4♠ 2	5♥ 3
5♠ 4	Pass	Pass	6♦ 5
Dbf 6	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

1. Michaels
2. Weak, long spades
3. I've done my dash
4. I haven't come all the way to Canberra just to pass!
5. Choose between ♦ and ♥.
6. With alacrity! With 20 HCP they **must** go down.

A♠ lead was promptly trumped in dummy, and 3♣ ruffed in hand. 3♥ led. West went up with A♥ and continued with ♥Q in an attempt to stop the crossruff. But it didn't! After ♥Q was taken with ♥K, the diamonds were established, and declarer claimed +1210. The other side doubled 5♥, also making 12 tricks for 750.

Ed: There were many tales of woe concerning this deal. 6♥ doubled at both tables was a common enough score, but one of the more nasty scores was 5♠ redoubled by West as a Lightner mission. North understood the double to be a general values double, and led a heart, so the redoubled contract rolled home. As Deep Finesse is so keen to tell us, West can make only 2♠, so the choice of lead swung a difference of 2660.

The datum on the board was +170 NS at the National Convention Centre and +420 NS at Rydges.



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THE RIGHT WAY IN

by Zoli Nagy

This interesting problem in declarer play arose in Match 4 of the National Swiss Pairs Championship:

Board 26, South deals, all vulnerable

North
 ♠ A 10 6 2
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 4

South
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ A J 8
 ♦ A Q 7 5 4
 ♣ K Q 8

(Directions changed for convenience)

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	1♦ 1
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT 2
Pass	3NT	All pass	

1. Playing a weak 1NT opening
2. 15-17 points, balanced

West leads ♥5. You win with ♥K in dummy and continue with ♣4: ten – king – three. How do you continue?

At the table declarer played ♥J to ♥Q at Trick 3 and led another club. East took the ace and shifted to ♠K. With the clubs still blocked, the spade continuation drove out the entry to dummy and the contract failed.

Did you continue with a low club from hand at Trick 2? That fares even worse as East wins with ♣J and again drives out ♠A.

This was the complete deal:

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

After heart lead taken by the king and a club to the king, declarer should play a spade to the ace and lead another club. East can duck or win with the ace, but declarer is assured of having an entry in dummy to enjoy the clubs.

While the spade play leaves declarer open in spades, it is unlikely that the defenders will be able to take four spade tricks. If the spades are 4-3, declarer can lose only three spades and if they are 5-2, declarer is also all right if one of the defenders holds honour-doubleton.

FROM THE APPEALS ROOM

SWPT Convention Centre, Round 5

Board 7, South deals, all vul

♠ K Q 9 8
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ K 10 6
 ♣ A K 7 4

♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ J 10 8 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ Q 3

♠ J 6 4
 ♥ Q 9 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	1NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	7NT	All Pass	6♦

Table result: Claim after five tricks for 13 tricks, 2220

Datum: +1340 NS

Adjustment: 12 tricks, -100 NS

The Director, Simon Edler, was called to the table by East after declarer stated "I've got the clubs" as he faced his hand. South maintained that East's objection had stopped him mid-sentence as he was about to state his line of play, saying he was going to say "I've got the clubs, so I'll cash the spades, throwing ♥7 if they break, cash ♥K, ♦5, throwing ♣4, then the two best clubs for the remaining eight tricks.



Simon Edler

EW maintained that South had initially said "the clubs are good", not "I've got the clubs".

The Director ruled that declarer loses one trick either because spades were not originally mentioned (Law 70D) or that even though he realizes the third club is not good and therefore requires four spade tricks, there is an option of either playing for the drop or finessing against jack-to-four in an opponent's hand - this latter line is not allowed under Law 70E.

The Committee's Ruling:

The Committee is unanimous that the claimant was not allowed to complete the clarification of his claim prior to the Director being called.

Further that his subsequent statement about the spade suit was admissible as a clarification of the original claim.

Further, the Committee believed that if EW had allowed the claimant to make a fuller statement at the time, this may have resulted in a different result.

Committee Personnel:

Ivy Dahler (Chairman),
 Ted Chadwick, Peter Fordham, Phil Gue, Terry Brown

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

9. Easy, when you see it

You should win with ♠K, draw trumps and play ♣A. With both black suits eliminated from the fray, you play a low diamond to the queen.

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

Suppose first that West wins with ♦K. He will be endplayed. A third round of spades would give you a ruff-and-discard, so he has to play a diamond. If he plays ♦7, you will cover with dummy's eight, winning the trick. If instead he exits with ♦10 or ♦9, you will win with the jack and finesse dummy's ♦8 on the next round. Realising this, West may decide to hold up when you play a diamond to the queen.

When ♦Q holds that presents no problem! You re-enter dummy with a trump and lead a second round of diamonds towards your hand, intending to play the jack if East follows. Here, when East shows out, you switch horses and play low. West wins the trick and must then lead away from the diamond king or give you a ruff-and-discard.

So, no matter how the diamonds lie, you make three tricks there and 10 tricks in all.

A GRAND TIME FOR SOME

SWPT Session 5, Board 2, East deals, NS vul

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

West	North	East	South
4NT 1	Pass	5♠ 2	Pass
5NT 3	Pass	6♠ 4	Pass
7♠ 5	All Pass		

Notes

1. RKC Blackwood
2. Two Key Cards + trump queen
3. Asking for kings
4. Stop! Please! My 4 losers are making me nervous.
5. We've got all the kings, 7♠ or 7NT is laydown, but partner can play.

Afterthought: With a powerhouse like that, why preempt? Too late!

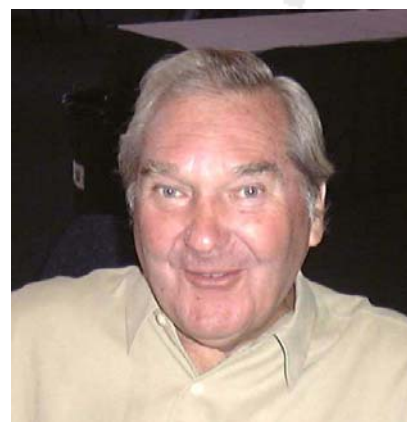
Lead: ♠10

With both minor kings inside and the squeeze working, 13 tricks was no problem. At the other table, EW stopped in 6♠, but on Board 12, EW bid and made 6♦ needing two finesses.

Anon

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING REVISITED

It's a little hard garnering hands for the Bulletin from the bar. No matter how hard you listen, at something-past midnight, there is always a nuance or two that escapes you when you go to write up the hand. Here is the re-edited story of the hand involving Stephen Burgess and partner, Brian O'Hara. The article appeared in NOT News, Issue 6, page 6.



Brian O'Hara

Mens Pairs, Session 3, Board 14, East deals, nil vul

♠ 7 ♥ K 8 4 2 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2	♠ K J 8 2 ♥ A J 6 ♦ A K 9 6 ♣ K 6	♠ A 4 ♥ 10 3 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 2 ♣ Q 9 8	♠ Q 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ --- ♣ A J 7
West O'Hara	North	East Burgess	South
Pass	7♠	3♦ Dbl	3♠ All Pass

As you can see, Stephen had his double. Poor Brian was the one tanking, and when he eventually emerged with a club lead, thinking Stephen was about to ruff the trick, Stephen flinched - teasing partner, not declarer's partner, as reported. The article should maybe have had the title: "Real Men Don't Need Blackwood."

JUST AN IMP

by Sam Arber

SWPT Board 15, Session 4, South deals, NS vul

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 9
♦ Q J 10 9 7 4 3
♣ 10

♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ K 8
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ 10 6
♥ K 8 7 5 4 2
♦ 2
♣ K J 5 2

♠ A K J 7
♥ Q 10
♦ A 6 5
♣ A 9 7 4

West	North <i>Caplan</i>	East	South <i>Arber</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
2♥	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Two hearts were cashed, followed by a club switch, won by the ace.

Declarer made the optimal play, cashing a spade from hand and playing a spade to dummy's queen. Now a diamond finesse, losing, left declarer in control, + 620.

At the other table NS reached 5♦, and received a club lead. Declarer cashed ♦A and ran four rounds of spades, discarding a heart loser.

Seeing 5♦ can be defeated, it seems a hard way to gain an IMP!

FORTHCOMING ABF EVENTS

February 21-28	Gold Coast Congress	Surfers Paradise
May 13-17	Autumn National Teams	Adelaide
May 29-30	Western Seniors Pairs	Perth
June 10-14	McCance trophy and Victor Champion Cup	Melbourne
June 11-14	Barrier Reef Congress	Mackay
July 3-10	New Zealand Nationals	Hamilton, N.Z.

July 23- August 6

Australian National Championships Melbourne

August 21-22

Swan River Swiss Pairs Perth

September 9-12

Sydney Festival Sydney

September 26-29

HGR Memorial Teams Perth

October 16-17

Australian Swiss Pairs Launceston

November 26-28

Golden West Mandurah

January 12-24, 2005

Summer Festival Canberra

Letters to the Editor



Session times – NOT 2004

I have it on most reputable authority that this year's changes (the first in many, many years) to the session times are in response to "what the players want".

Is this really so? And what have the changes achieved?

A later start – at 11.30 am. Longer to enjoy the morning and linger over breakfast? Then a very long time until lunch.

A shorter lunch break – that's OK.

An earlier start at 8pm with an earlier finish for those who wish to socialise after play. But also a shorter dinner break. For Canberra residents there is the additional problem of the Canberra peak hour (such as it is) and thus a very rushed dinner break.

I have no desire to change to the European schedule (early start, 3 matches with two very short breaks, with the day finishing about 7.30pm). Although I do understand the need for this schedule in Sydney with all the difficulties of travel.

A minor change would keep the shorter lunch break, allow extra time for dinner and still finish at a reasonable hour:

11am, 2.30pm and 8pm

Would anyone like to comment – to me, the editors or John Scudder?

Margaret Bourke

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