



NOT NEWS 2004

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PLAYERS' PREFERENCE

We received a signed petition from one team stating:
We request that the morning session time reverts to the original time of 11am.

BRING BACK THE VUGRAPH

Another group lamented the demise of the Vugraph:
We are very disappointed that there is no Vugraph on Friday evening, and request that it be reinstated.

SURFERS OPPORTUNITY

Ishmael Del'Monte has confirmed that a quality English men's pair is coming to Surfers. They are looking for teammates. If interested, contact Ishmael, Avi Kanetkar or Tony Jackman.

CALL A SPADE A SPADE

By R R Ellery, Team 83

SWPT Board 6, Session 7

East deals, EW vul

♠ 6 5 4 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A Q
♥ A J 9 5 4
♦ A
♣ A J 8 4 2

♠ 10 8
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K Q J 9 2
♣ K Q 9

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ K 10
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 5

Playing simple Precision, we endured the following auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♣ 1	2♠ 2
3♠ 3	Dbl 4	4♦ 5	Pass
4♠ 6	Pass	Pass 7	Pass

Table Tally
at Midnight 22/01/2004
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TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

10. Ordered Play

Dealer West: East-West Vulnerable

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

South
♠ A K 6 2
♥ A K 6 5 4 2
♦ Q
♣ 8 5

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

Whether you play weak or intermediate jump overcalls in the second seat, it makes good sense to use the intermediate type in the fourth seat. Otherwise the range for a simple overcall becomes too wide. How would you play 4♥ when West leads ♣K?

As it might be to some advantage to sever possible communications between the defensive hands, you duck. West continues with ♣J. What now?

- 16+, any shape
- Garden-tool variety
- I've got the entire toolshed here
- Spades
- Natural.
- Lets keep digging
- To call an earthmover a shovel

When the garden party was over, the contract was made for +620 via a spade finesse early and sheer brute strength. (No need to view 6♥/7♥ via *Deep Finesse*).

C'mon, this ones gotta be hard to beat folks.



**SWPT RYDGES
AFTER ROUND TWELVE**

**SWPT RYDGES
DATUMS**

Pl	Tm	Name	Score
001	002	Paul Marston Matthew Thomson Gabi Lorentz John Lester Stephen Burgess Ashley Bach	253
002	004	Andrew Braithwaite Allan Turner Joachim Haffer Nicolas Croft Peter Reynolds Nigel Rosendorff	228
003	006	Cathy Chua Chris Hughes George Smolanko David Lilley	224
004	009	Nick Fahrer Andrew Webb Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy	223
005	008	Tim Bourke Margaret Bourke Arjuna De Livera David Smith Richard Oshlag Mary Oshlag	223
006	001	Ferdy Waluyan Giovani Watulingas Julius George Yeloy Tontey Madja Bakara Bert Polii	218
007	003	Matthew McManus Michael Ware Sartaj Hans Avinash Kanetkar Khokan Bagchi	217
008	007	Theo Antoff Jamie Ebery Leigh Gold Albert Simpson	216
009	005	Ron Klinger Bruce Neill Zoli Nagy Tim Seres Simon Hinge Philip Markey	214

Board	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12
1	-130	370	-460
2	-440	-220	580
3	-110	-100	20
4	50	340	140
5	-30	-40	-440
6	340	-70	-240
7	-290	-410	-350
8	610	-10	-130
9	-530	-180	90
10	580	-470	290
11	270	50	-340
12	-250	-690	-70
13	130	-700	100
14	400	-290	-430
15	30	320	110
16	250	50	-210
17	-30	150	-740
18	-400	50	-360
19	40	390	240
20	80	-180	-10



**SWPT NCC
AFTER ROUND TWELVE**

**SWPT NCC
DATUMS**

PI	Tm	Name	Score
001	003	Jessel Rothfield Seamus Browne Kieran Dyke Ishmael Del'Monte Robert Fruewirth Carole Rothfield	243
002	001	Mary-Ann Brifman Richard Jedrychowski Hugh McGann Jacek Pszczola Michal Kwiecien Matthew Mullamphy	228
003	002	Barry Noble George Bilski Terry Brown Phil Gue Michael Prescott Bob Richman	227
004	007	Peter Fordham Arian Lasocki Richard Brightling Ian Thomson	224
005	013	Jan Cormack George Kozakos Elizabeth Havas Candice Feitelson Mark Abraham Michael Cullen	215
006	028	Judy Frazier Judy Mott Kerrie Johnman Virginia Dressler	214
007	009	John Puskas David Lusk Jesse Chan Roger Januszke Greg Sargent Attilio De Luca	213
008	006	Callin Gruia Wally Malaczynski Apolinary Kowalski Mirek Milaszewski	211
009	004	Valerie Cummings Peter Newman Tad Yoshida Edward Chadwick Pauline Gumby Warren Lazer	211

Board	Round 10	Round 11	Round 2
1	-90	450	-290
2	-420	-180	440
3	-90	70	-20
4	-60	310	-150
5	-80	100	-340
6	260	-60	-390
7	-150	-640	-390
8	590	-70	-110
9	-630	-290	130
10	650	-580	180
11	270	100	-420
12	-410	-760	-50
13	140	-600	170
14	440	-350	-510
15	-20	40	120
16	340	100	-130
17	30	60	-730
18	-400	-60	-450
19	-50	420	290
20	-230	80	10

**NATIONAL
CONVENTION
CENTRE**

MYSTERIES EXPLAINED

by Nick Hughes

Yes, nearly everyone went off in these three contracts, but the computer still called you a turkey. That's a bit mean, since the winning lines are double dummy.

Session 8, Board 13, North deals, all vul

♠ K J 8 7 5 4
♥ A K J 6 4
♦ 10
♣ 9

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 3
♦ J 9 7 6
♣ K Q J 8 6

♠ 10
♥ Q 10 9 8 5 2
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ 7 3

♠ A Q 2
♥ 7
♦ A 8 4 2
♣ A 10 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Dbl	5♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6/7♠	All pass	

5♣ showed 0 or 3, then North asked for the ♠Q. 7♠ is fair but most settled for the good 6♠ and went down. Say East leads ♣7. Win ♣A, play ♥A and ruff a heart low, overruffed. Now West has to return a trump for one down. Unlucky. Declarer needs to cater for the 6-1 heart break by ruffing high, then ♦A, ruff, high heart ruff, diamond ruff, ruff the ♥J with the ♠2.

Best lead is a trump. Now the winning line is obscure. Win in dummy, ♥A, a high heart ruff then draw trumps. You aim for an ending like this (see next column)

BUS TIMETABLE FOR FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

Bus No	Arr C	Dep C	Arr R	Dep R	Arr CC	Dep CC
ABF	9:00	9:05	9:10	9:15	9:20	9:25
ABF			9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45
R1				9:40	9:45	9:50
R2				9:50	9:55	10:00
R1			9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10
ABF	9:50	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10	
R2			10:05	10:10	10:15	10:20
ABF						12:50
ABF			12:55	13:00	13:40	13:10
ABF			13:15	13:20	13:25	13:30
ABF			13:35	13:40	13:45	

ABF = Thrifty RI = Rydges Canberra R2 = Rydges Capital Hill

♠ 8
♥ K J 6
♦ 8
♣ —

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♠ —
♥ —
♦ A 8
♣ 10 5 4

♠ —
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K Q
♣ —

Now ♦A and a ruff strips North and East down to hearts. Exiting with ♥6 earns applause from *Deep Finesse*. I'm guessing nobody did that, unless East committed a jump overcall of 3♥. But those Easts would usually be conceding -1400 in 3♥ doubled. "It's okay partner. They make 6♠. 1 IMP in."

This one from Wednesday night is easier:

Session 9, Board 1, North deals, nil vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ A 8 6 5 3
♦ 10 7
♣ Q 4

♠ J 4
♥ K J
♦ A Q 8 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 2

♠ 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K J 4 2
♣ J 7 3

♠ A K 10 2
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 6 5

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

Or similar. The defence starts with two diamonds and a club shift. The winning line is quite cute. Draw two rounds of trumps then play clubs, ruffing the fourth round. Now ♥A-another leaves West on lead holding three diamonds so a heart loser goes away on the ruff-and-discard. Going back a few days:

Session 5, Board 11, South deals, nil vulnerable

♠ K 9 7
♥ 9 8 7
♦ J 10 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ A 10 3
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 4
♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ K J

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ A Q 10

A club lead from North will shoot 3NT but it's cold from East. Say South leads a heart. Win, then cash four diamonds. May as well, you probably need them to break. South can't discard a spade so lets go a heart or a club. Now cash hearts then play a spade to the 10. North wins and leads a club. After some agony, you misguess but the blockage saves you. South cashes three tricks then has to lead away from ♠Q-x at Trick 12.

I GET MY KICKS ON ROUTE 6-6

by Nick Fahrer

SWPT Board 19, Session 8
South deals, EW vul

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

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

Let me preface this article by saying that I like Victorians. My partner is a Victorian and he's playing very well this week. But some crimes cannot go unreported.

South (Anonymous Victorian #1) was dealer, and opened 1♥. His partner (Anonymous Victorian #2) raised to 2♥. So far so good.

Canada's Vince Demuy in the East seat thought he had the best hand of the table so he made a takeout double. Now South confirmed he was making 2♥ and he redoubled. Its true, the hand record says he will also make overtricks.

West (Gavin Wolpert from Toronto), noticing the bright red coloured sticker on his side of the board, bid 2♠, passed back to South who, with his fair two-loser hand bid 4♥.

Vince could have passed out 4♥ but that would have been expensive, (huh?) so he bid 4♠.

5♥ from South (still confident) and a 5♠ bid by Gavin. By now North had seen enough, and doubled for penalties but South, sensing a trick in the North hand bid 6♥.

Back to Vince, East, who bid a brave 6♠, vulnerable against not. The madness ended when South doubled.

South cashed ♥A, ♣A and continued with ♥K. East ruffed in hand, ruffed a club to dummy, ran ♦J, finessed ♠J, drew trumps, crossed to dummy in trumps and picked up ♦K.

So going in down in 6♠ doubled for -200 was better than passing out 4♥, which makes +480.



Nick Fahrer, proprietor of *The Bridge Shop*

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH . . .

Anonymous contributor

Cowboys still abound, even at the SWPT. On our example hand, NS are playing a relay system, with the usual amount of frivolity.

Session 6, Board 16, West deals, EW vul

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

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

The auction proceeds:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥ 1	Pass	1♠ 2
Pass	2♥ 3	Dbl 4	Pass 5
Pass	Rdbl 6	Pass	Pass!
Pass			

- 10-14 HCP, 4+ spades, 0-3 hearts, canapé
- Game enquiry relay
- Maximum opening, longer diamonds or three-suiter with both minors
- Intended as takeout
- Relay – asking partner to bid
- Three-suited, both minors + spades

East led a club which ran around to North's queen, West contributing ♣9. Declarer played a club to dummy and finessed ♠Q, losing to East's king.

East exited with a heart, and dummy's queen won. Declarer cashed ♠J, ♠A, and ruffed a club with dummy's ♥6. ♦K followed by a diamond to the ace felled East's queen.

Now declarer played a diamond towards dummy, and East, thinking West had ♦J, discarded ♣K. Down to ♦9 and ♥A-Q in dummy, declarer exited with ♦9. Both defenders ruffed this, and dummy's heart honours scored the last two tricks.

Result: 11 tricks in 2♥ redoubled for +1240 NS. It's not often you play in a 4-1 fit redoubled making three overtricks.

By general consensus the overseas bridge players thought the drinks and nibbles provided at the Cocktail Party for Overseas Players were awesome, and we'd very much like to thank the organizing committee for their hospitality

MEET BARRY NOBLE

DON'T BE CAUGHT NAPPING

by Charlie Snashall

Barry Noble was born in 1927 in Sydney. He was educated at the Christian Brothers, Lewisham and entered Sydney University on an Exhibition in 1945. Here he entered the Faculty of Engineering where he studied for three years.



He left university and went into partnership with the firm G M Scott, where he is still the Managing Director.

Barry is married to Colleen and will have been married for 55 years next March. The couple have five children and now claim 19 grandchildren.

Barry was a particularly good sportsman and played with a very low handicap of two at the Australian Golf Club. He was also an A grade player in both tennis and cricket. He acquired an instrument rating as a pilot and had his own plane, a twin-engine Cessna for years. He flew 2000 hours in command.

His interest in bridge came late in life, and he had lessons under John Newman in the 1990s.

In 1998 George Bilski, Terry Brown, and Phil Gue went to the Rosenblum in Lille, France and were the only Australian side to compete in the round of 64. They were second in the group of 14.

The team won the NOT in 1999 in Canberra and various national tournaments.

In 2001 the team of Barry, George Bilski, Terry Brown, Michael Prescott and Peter Fordham played in Christchurch, NZ and won the Zone 7 Championships. This earned them a trip to Singapore for the Far East Championships and to Paris for the Bermuda Bowl.

In 2002 the team went to Montreal, Canada for the next Rosenblum and again qualified to the round-of-64. At the same time, George and Barry qualified for the final of the Seniors Pairs.

Last year Barry and his team qualified for the Far East Bridge Championships in Manila, Philippines, but Barry had a knee operation and could not travel so Peter Gill took his place.

Last year, Barry, George and others came second in the National Seniors Team in Canberra. This year they were successful in winning the Seniors.

Barry and Colleen live between their home in country Cootamundra and their home in Sydney.

How do you score 1120 ?

Youth players need not answer, as such numbers 'pepper' their scorebooks with monotonous regularity. Eight and a half years ago at the Darwin ANC, Norma Borin, the Victorian non-playing captain of the Open Team, posed the following question.

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	?	

What on Earth does East's pass mean?

Well, each of the six players on that team had a ready answer, but surprisingly none of the partnerships had a clear agreement.

Over the years I have posed the question to quite a few bridge players. Again and again the result has been the same. Partnerships have seldom if ever discussed it, let alone put a firm agreement in place. In the third round of the SWPT at Rydges I took the opportunity to put the question to another bridge partnership. As with all my other 'interrogates', it seemed they had no agreement.

Unfortunately for them, on this occasion, I was able to pose the question in the heat of the battle.



Charlie Snashall

SWPT Round 3, Board 16

West deals, EW vul

♠ 7 3
♥ 10 8 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ Q 10 8 2

♠ Q 10 6 5
♥ A K 9 3
♦ A 10 3
♣ A 3

♠ J 8 2
♥ J 7 6
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ A K 9 4
♥ Q 5 4
♦ K 8
♣ J 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	?	

I emerged with 8 tricks for +1120.

As we left the table our opponents could be heard sorting out their agreement to the Norma Borin Question. Will you be caught napping?

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S DAILY PLAY PROBLEM

10. Ordered Play

Suppose you win the second club and next draw one round of trumps with the ace. This will see you fail in 4♥ when the full deal is:

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ A 7 6 5 2 ♣ A 10 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 8 7 3 ♥ --- ♦ K J 8 ♣ K Q J 9</p> <p>♠ A K 6 2 ♥ A K 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q ♣ 8 5</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ 10 9 4 3 ♣ 7 6 4 3</p>
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After East overruffs the third round of spades he will remove dummy's last trump, leaving you with a spade loser. In addition you will lose one club and two trump tricks.

Instead, after winning the second round of clubs with the ace, play a spade to the ace. Next, cross to the diamond ace and lead a second round of spades towards your hand. You do this so that East will have no chance to ruff a spade winner. Here, East does best to discard and you win with the spade king. Now, with three trumps still in dummy, you take the first spade ruff with the jack. East overruffs with the queen but cannot do any damage. You ruff his minor suit return, cash ♥A and then ruff your last spade. East overruffs again but you will lose just one club and two trump tricks. East makes his two trump tricks but he does this by ruffing your spade losers!

SECRET AGREEMENTS

By Roy Roberts

My partner and I confess to having two secret agreements, which do not appear on the convention card but the directors have sanctioned:

1. WE NEVER BID 7NT (I'm ****)
2. When the bidding goes: 1S;1NS;2S;2NS;3S;3NS *** (where S = Suit; and NS = New Suit) the contract belongs to the older player.

We have also adopted a Pass as a good bid (good for the partnership).

P.S Our CC refers to Psyche bids as follows: "Only Psyche against Blondes" (Only applies to real blondes).

ODE TO RON 1

by Earl Dudley

I am one of many other bridge players who look forward to pitting their wits against Ron Klinger in his regular feature "It's your lead" in *Australia Bridge*. The reader is asked to select the best opening lead on deals taken from actual play. Some are quite difficult but few are as tough as this exhibit from Session 3 of the 2004 Seniors Teams Championship.

You hold:

♠ A Q 2
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ Q 5 2

Partner passed as dealer, East opened 1♦ and rebid 1♣ over West's response of 1♥. West now rebid 3♥ (non-forcing) and East converted to 3NT.

What lead did you choose?

I tried ♣2. Not a great success.

Board 13, Seniors, Session 3, North deals, all vul

<p>♠ J 6 5 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A 10 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 2 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ Q 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 4 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A K J 7 6 ♣ K 9 3</p>
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After ♣2 lead, declarer played ♣J from dummy, won with ♣A and ducked the club return, winning ♣K at Trick 3. A heart to the queen, followed by five diamond winners and a spade to ♠K rendered the defence helpless. So how can 3NT fail? Easy! All South has to do is lead ♣Q at Trick 1, effectively smothering ♣J. What a play! If declarer ducks, South continues clubs and North ducks yet again to preserve communications for a further club lead when South wins ♠A. Of course, North would need to read ♣Q lead as being from a three-card suit to confidently duck at Trick 2.

ADVANCE NOTICE

2004 ANOT

**Seniors Swiss Pairs
Novice Pairs
Open Teams**

Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide

Thursday 13 to Monday 19 May, 2004

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THE ZIGGY FILES

Things happen a little differently in Ziggy World. The contract is usually the same as at the other table - but may be from a different side than one would expect. We reproduce a selection of deals from Session 9:

Session 9, Board 1, North deals, nil vul

♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ A 8 6 5 3
♦ 10 7
♣ Q 4

♠ J 4
♥ K J
♦ A Q 8 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 2

♠ 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K J 4 2
♣ J 7 3

♠ A K 10 2
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 6 5

West	North <i>Ziggy</i>	East	South <i>Jim</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT 1
Pass	2♦ 2	Pass	2♥
All Pass	2♠ 3	Pass	4♣

- 1.15-17!
2. Transfer
3. Invitational!

Jim thought this hand was played well. It requires a partial trump elimination, early cashing of ♥A, the removal of West's exit cards and a heart throw-in for a ruff-and-sluff.

The play went: low diamond to the ace and ♦Q returned. A club shift was won by dummy's queen, and declarer cashed ♥A. Two rounds of spades were taken, followed by three rounds of clubs, dummy ruffing the fourth round.

The position was now:

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

Declarer now exited a heart to West's blank king, and West had to concede a ruff-and-sluff for the contract.

Session 9, Board 7, South deals all vul

♠ A J 6 4 3 2
♥ J 10 7
♦ J 8 7
♣ 6

♠ 5
♥ A Q 5 4 3
♦ K Q 9 6
♣ Q J 5

♠ 10 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A 10 5 4 2
♣ K 10 8 4

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ K 9 6
♦ 3
♣ A 9 7 3 2

West	North <i>Ziggy</i>	East	South <i>Jim</i>
Dbl	4♣	5♦	1♠ 1
			All Pass

South led ♠K, and North, seeing the singleton spade in dummy played ♣2 to ask for a club shift. South duly cashed ♠A and a club ruff defeated the contract.

Session 9, Board 17, North deals, nil vul

♠ K 8 2
♥ A K J 9 8 2
♦ K 7
♣ 10 3

♠ Q 5
♥ Q 6 5
♦ Q 6 3
♣ Q J 9 4 2

♠ J 9 7 6
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A J 9 4
♣ 7 6

♠ A 10 4 3
♥ 10
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ A K 8 5

West	North <i>Ziggy</i>	East	South <i>Jim</i>
Pass	1♦ 1	Pass	3♥ 2
	4♥	All Pass	

1. May have a longer suit, 2+ diamonds
2. Shortage in hearts, agrees diamonds
3. You found my suit, partner!

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