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Winner Swiss Pairs: Richman & Burgess
pictured : Stephen Burgess with John Scudder

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Winner Senior Team Cup: Neill Team
pictured captain Bruce Neill

Brilliant Brisbane

Every bridge club in the Brisbane area got together last Sunday to stage a one day event in aid of the Tsunami relief fund. 50 teams turned out at the QCBC for the tournament which was run entirely by volunteers. The fund raising

activities included a raffle, the highlight of which was the sale of a single bottle of scotch for AU\$3,000.00! The grand total was a fantastic AU\$15,000.00 Well done Brisbane – come on Canberra.

Tim Bourke's Daily Quiz #6

6. ALL IN GOOD TIME

Dealer North. EW Vul.

NORTH

[K Q 6
] A K 8
{ K J 5 3
} 8 4 3

SOUTH

[-
] Q J 10 9 7 4
{ Q 4
} A K 7 5 2

West North East South

1 NT 2 [3]
Pass 4] Pass 6]
All pass

West opens the [2. How do you propose to make your contract.?

TIMETABLE

Mon 17th - Fri 21st January

South-West Pacific Teams

Mon-Fri 17th-21st January
National Convention Centre
Session times:
Mon, Tue, Thur: 10:30, 1:30, 4:00, 8:30
Wed: 10:30, 1:30, 4:00
Fri: 10:30, 1:30

South-West Pacific Teams

Mon-Fri 17th-21st January
Rydges Lakeside Canberra
Session times:
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**South West Pacific Teams
Leading Scores**

Rydges				NCC					
1	1	Marston	93	213	1	3	Reynolds	94	179
2	10	Nixon	91	168	2	18	Dutton	88	140
3	2	Noble	86	181	3	8	Sarten	88	130
4	5	Ericksen	85	151	4	5	Gruia	82	118
5	4	Ziggy	84	171	5	10	Puskas	82	106
6	9	Travis	83	110	6	14	Henry	82	96
7	47	Carter	83	103	7	1	Bremner-Moore	81	107
8	44	Collett	81	123	8	13	Mulley	81	87
9	54	Guttman	81	103	9		Briscoe	80	114
10	95	Ware	80	85	10	28	Quinn	80	104
11	3	Neill	79	103	11	11	Ewart	78	79
12	17	Jamieson	79	83	12	32	Raaphorst	78	79
13	105	Pettigrew	79	80	13	7	Walsh	77	103
14	30	Samuel	76	83	14	6	Wiltshire	77	102
15	29	Tuxworth	76	78	15	30	Wyner	76	85
16	21	Van Abbe	76	67	16	76	Gallagher	76	70
17	53	Harrop	75	74	17	37	Parrott	74	63
18	6	Courtney	74	59	18	23	Mott	74	60
19	13	Gosney	74	26	19	2	Rothfield	72	49
20	104	Peston	73	67	20	19	Waters	72	48
21	43	Mayo	73	63	21	51	Eastaugh	70	53
22	42	Fallon	72	58	22	12	Vaughan	69	80
23	115	Davidson	71	70	23	113	Edgtton	69	77
24	7	McCance	71	49	24	81	Mann	69	47
25	22	Westwood	71	46	25	114	Zuber	69	41
26	71	Cannon	70	61	26	53	Allanson	69	40
27	26	Elson	70	42	27	55	Thompson	69	39
28	16	Moses	69	58	28	27	Chan	69	36
29	55	Maclaurin	69	34	29	45	Lee	69	35
30	116	Rais	69	34	30	9	Lavings	68	90
31	25	Lowry	68	44	31	31	Tishler	67	56
32	52	Afflick	68	35	32	25	Lowe	67	29
33	19	Gaspar	67	51	33	96	Minsk	66	49
34	18	Pettitt	67	37	34	22	Collins	66	23
35	67	Chapman	66	51	35	40	Priol	65	44
36	27	Darley	66	29	36	4	Horton	65	25
37	14	Hughes	66	23	37	58	Hart	65	24
38	57	Kumar	65	53	38	74	Lander	65	24
39	35	McGrath	65	48	39	38	Smee	65	16
40	20	Mottram	65	30	40	29	Twigg	65	14
41	91	Walsh	65	24	41	33	Magee	64	30
42	72	Cullen	65	20	42	89	Van Der Hor	64	19
43	8	Genc	64	19	43	87	Reynolds	64	15
44	59	Weaver	64	17	44	65	Ditchfield	63	22
45	58	Bedford-Brown	63	73	45	57	Hammond	63	13
46	75	Lachs	63	7	46	36	Lindsay	62	49
47	79	Halmos	62	26	47	80	Hilton	62	15
48	40	Atkinson	62	12	48	73	Liepins	62	13
49	11	Smart	62	8	49	20	Hills	62	9
50	36	Touton	62	7	50	83	Grant	62	8

Mark This Man

by Ron Klinger

First a play problem:

West	East
[AQ4	[KJ53
]A863	]K974
{AQ92	{3
}95	}J1083

West opens 1NT (15-17), East shows an invitational hand with both majors and West jumps to 4]. North leads the } A and South encourages. North continues with the } K and the } 2 to South's } Q, which you ruff. Next comes the] A: two from North – four – queen from South. How do you continue?

(Answer later)

This deal arose in Round 9 of the National Seniors and Women's Teams Championship:

Bd. 18 Dealer East: N-S vulnerable

Peter Buchen

[42
] A95
{ K10
} J96532

[10853	[QJ96
] Q32	] 8
{ 65	{ AQJ8742
} AK104	} Q

[AK7
] KJ10764
{ 93
} 87

Andrew Markovics

East opened 1{, South bid 1] and West finished in 4[. North led the

]A and Markovics discouraged a continuation. Good move #1. North shifted to a club. Declarer let the } Q win and played the [Q. Markovics ducked. Good move #2. When declarer continued with another spade, Markovics pounced. He won and cashed his other top spade. Next came the coup de grace, the] K. This would be one down if declarer let it win, while if declarer ruffed in dummy, he would have to lose a diamond.

To make the contract as the cards lie, declarer needed to overtake the } Q and take a diamond finesse before leading a spade. Marko's defence enabled the NEWMAN team to reach the Stage 2 finals, where this deal arose in Round 5: Bd. 12 West dealer: North-South vulnerable

[82	[KJ53
] J52	] K974
{ KJ1054	{ 3
} AK2	} J1083
[AQ4	[10976
] A863	] Q10
{ AQ92	{ 876
} 95	} Q764

West	North	East	South
Klinger	Buchen	Neill	Markovics
1NT	Pass	2{ ¹	Pass
2]	Pass	2[²	Pass
4]	All Pass		

1. Transfer, 4+ hearts
 2. At least 4-4 majors, inviting game
- Lead: } A

Markovics encouraged clubs to be continued. Good move #1. Normally with that club holding

in dummy one discourages since you can place partner with 3+ clubs (with A-K doubleton, the lead would be the king) and to have clubs continued will set up the jack in dummy. However, Markovics had already formed his plan. He knew from the bidding that West had two clubs and North's lead was from precisely a 3-card suit.

Buchen continued with the } K and } 2, ten, queen, ruff. When I played the] A next, Buchen contributed the two and Markovics the queen. Good move #2.

Knowing Marko, one is always suspicious, but if he had] Q singleton, what choice did he have about which heart to play? You either think South is conning you and play a heart to the king next. If the hearts are 4-1, you wind up with egg on your face.

I decided to cater for the 4-1 break and played another heart to the five and seven. Markovics pounced again, winning with the] 10 and firing back his fourth club for Buchen to ruff. One down and egg on my face the other way.

One clue to the winning play is Markovics' decision to encourage clubs. On the other hand, he might have started with only } Q-x-x and North's } 2 on the third round, thinking that perhaps South was about to ruff, could be a suit-preference card for diamonds. Full marks to Marko for creating the losing option.

] [] {} [] {} [] [] {}

Finals Countdown

It was a 64 board showdown to decide the winners of the Seniors and Women's Teams Finals. In the Seniors event, Noble started with a slender lead of 2.5 IMPs. After the first set of 16 boards they trailed Neill by 33-13.

In the Women's final Bourke carried forward 11 IMPs and increased their advantage to 40-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The second session effectively decided one match and was also significant in determining the eventual outcome of the other. If the play was less than sparkling, keep in mind that it is often that way in the final of a major event when the player has already been hard at it for several days.

Board 14 Seniors

Dealer E, Vul Nil

[KJ763] QJ { 542 } Q94	[542] T643 { Q96 } J63
[AT98] 952 { KT87 } T2	[Q] AK87 { AJ3 } AK875

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nagy	Noble	Middleton	Bilski
		Pass	2} *
Pass	2{ *	Pass	2NT
Pass	3} *	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

South's off centre opening bid did no real damage – unless you would

like to be in Six Clubs – and 3NT was a simple affair, declarer making twelve tricks when West led the five of hearts, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Neill	Malacynski	Klinger
		Pass	1}
1[	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The point of One Spade is lost on me. Although it is not usually profitable to take a penalty at the one level, this was an exception. North cashed the queen and jack of hearts and switched to the four of clubs. South won and played his top hearts, West discarding a club and North two diamonds. Declarer's goose was well and truly cooked and he was down 5, -1100. 12 IMPs to Neill.

Board 18 Womens

Dealer E, Vul NS

[87] J864 { Q872 } T53	[A94] A732 { 95 } J974	[T532] KQT5 { K4 } AK2
[KQJ6] 9 { AJT63 } Q86		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
		1NT	Pass
2} *	Pass	2]	Pass
4]	All Pass		

South led the king of spades and declarer won and played a top heart,

a heart to the ace and a heart to the jack and king. Then came ace, king and a third club. South won and cashed two spades and the ace of diamonds but neglected to play her last spade which would have given North a trump trick as well. +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
		1]	Dble
3{ *	Pass	4]	All Pass

Again South led the king of spades and declarer won but this time drew trumps in four rounds and then played a spade. South won, cashed the jack of spades and then made the mysterious play of the jack of diamonds. A grateful declarer took that with the king and discarded her losing diamond on the good spade. She made an overtrick in the wash, +450 and 11 IMPs for Bourke.

Board 20 Seniors

Dealer W, Vul ALL

[JT2] 854 { AQ73 } K72	[K6543] AJ { JT6 } A86
[AQ7] Q9632 { K8 } J95	[98] KT7 { 9542 } QT43

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Smolanko	Malaczynski	Lilley
1]	Pass	1[	Pass
2[	Pass	4[	All Pass

South led the five of diamonds and North won with the queen and switched to the two of clubs. South won with the queen and played back a diamond to North's ace. Now came a heart and South's king scored the setting trick, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nagy	Chan	Middleton	Brown
1NT	Pass	2]**	Pass
2[*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4[	All Pass		

This time North was declarer, and when he led an entirely reasonable heart, declarer needed no further assistance. The defenders could get their three red suit tricks, but declarer had the rest, +620 and 12 more IMPs for Neill.

Board 22

Dealer E, Vul EW

[T7	[A84	[KQ96532
]KT2	]Q97543]-
{K86	{2	{AJ74
}JT642	}K87	}53
	[J	
	]AJ86	
	{QT953	
	}AQ9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Smolanko	Malaczynski	Lilley
		1[	Dble
1NT	4]	All Pass	

There was nothing to the play and declarer made eleven tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nagy	Chan	Middleton	Brown
		4[	All Pass

I confess I would have doubled on the South cards – the risk of partner having no sensible action being considerable.

South started with the nine of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the jack and played the queen of spades. North took the ace and switched to the seven of clubs. South took the queen, cashed the ace of clubs and played a red card. Unfortunately it was not the diamond North was hoping to see, rather the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed and could claim, +620 and a juicy 14 IMPs to Neill, well in control of the match.

Board 23

Dealer S, Vul ALL

[98432	[A65	[Q7
]T98	]KJ3	]AQ74
{JT	{AK7543	{8
}AQJ	}2	}987643
	[KJT	
	]652	
	{Q962	
	}KT5	

Womens

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
			Pass
1{	Pass	1]	Pass
3{	All Pass		

North led the nine of spades, setting up a spade trick for the defence which together with two diamonds and a club left declarer with the balance, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
			Pass
1{	Pass	1]	Pass
3{	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I suspect East bid 3NT on the basis that she might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb.

South led the five of clubs and when the defenders played three rounds of the suit declarer could claim the rest for +630 and another 11 IMPs to Bourke.

Board 24

Dealer W, Vul Nil

[KQ874	[AT3	[J65
]T7	]AQ4	]J53
{J973	{AQT6	{85
}74	}986	}AKQ32
	[92	
	]K9862	
	{K42	
	}JT5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
2[*	2NT	Pass	3{*
Pass	3]	Pass	3NT
Pass	4]	All Pass	

East cashed three top clubs and switched to a spade (a fourth club would have made declarer work hard). Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps, played a diamond to the ace, a diamond to the king and a diamond to the ten for a well earned +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
2[*	2NT	3[	All Pass

Of course there is some risk in bidding over Three Spades with the South hand, but it is one you simply have to take. North led the nine of clubs and declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. North switched to the ace of hearts and a heart and South won and perhaps forgetting the bidding made the otherwise inexplicable play of the jack of clubs. That gave declarer nine tricks, +140 and yet another 11 IMPs for threatening to run away with the match.

Board 25

Dealer N, Vul EW
[AKQJ864
] J3
{ 98
} T2

[T
] T872
{ KT5
} 98653

[93
] A5
{ Q7432
} AKQ4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
	1[	Pass	2{
Pass	4[	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5[*	Pass	6[
All Pass			

For me there is only one possible bid on the North cards, Four Spades. South was entitled to expect a much better hand but even so, Blackwood was not the way to continue. A cue bid of Five Clubs would have seen North retreat to Five Spades and that would have made. East led the king

of hearts and declarer won and ran the trumps. West was not going to part with two clubs and the contract was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
	4[	All Pass	

Declarer made eleven tricks, +450 and 11 badly needed and easily won IMPs for Havas.

Board 30

Dealer E, Vul Nil
[KT
] QT8
{ AQ92
} KJ86

[A73
] J92
{ JT763
} A2

[642
] AK76
{ K
} Q9543

[QJ985
] 543
{ 854
} T7

Senior Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Smolanko	Malaczynski	Lilley
		Pass	1}
Pass	1{	Pass	1]
Pass	1[*	Pass	2}
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the queen of spades and South was allowed to win with the king. He dislodged the ace of clubs, but the defenders cashed four more spades for one down, +50. The lure of notrumps is very great, but how can it be right to conceal such excellent club support?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nagy	Chan	Middleton	Brown
		Pass	1}
Pass	1{	Pass	1]
Pass	1[*	Pass	2}
Pass	3}	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I don't care much for that 3NT bid, 3[looks more logical, but you can't argue with success! This time West was on lead and when he went for the six of diamonds the hand was over. Declarer lost only to the black aces, +460 and 11 IMPs that Noble certainly needed.

Women Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
		Pass	1}
Pass	1{	Pass	1]
Pass	1[	Pass	2[
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The defence went along the same lines as in the other Open Room, so declarer was down one, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
		Pass	1{*
Pass	1]*	Pass	2]*
Pass	2[*	Pass	3{*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Once again the lead was the queen of spades and declarer won with the king. She played a diamond to the king and then tried a low club which got past a sleeping West. The red suits now provide the tricks she needed for her contract, +400 and 10 IMPs for Havas.

Board 31

Dealer S, Vul NS

[KJT4	
] A	
{ A98754	
} Q2	
[63	[AQ2
] QT9876	] J43
{ T6	{ Q2
} 753	} KJT98
	[9875
	] K52
	{ KJ3
	} A64

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk
			Pass
Pass	1{	Pass	1[
Pass	4[	All Pass	

There are eleven easy tricks in spades and declarer took them, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans
			1]
Pass	1[*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2}*	Pass	2[*
Pass	2[*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3{*	Pass	3]*
Pass	3[Pass 4}		
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6{
All Pass			

I have not had time to get an explanation, but it looks like a relay auction. If the queen of spade had been onside, Six Diamonds would have made, but its not a great slam and it had to go down, minus 100 and 13 IMPs for Bourke.

Board 32

Seniors

Dealer W, Vul EW

	[T763	
	] AJT94	
	{ A94	
	} 3	
[KQJ9		[A8
] 7		] Q52
{ KQT		{ 65
} AQ852		} KJT764
	[542	
	] K863	
	{ J8732	
	} 9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Smolanko	Malaczynski	Lilley
1}	1]	1NT	3]*
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

3NT was a very poor bid and it got what it deserved when the defenders collected five heart tricks and the ace of diamonds for +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nagy	Chan	Middleton	Brown

1}	Dble	2NT*	3]
4}*	4]	Pass	Pass
5}	All Pass		

Doubling with that North hand is about as old fashioned as the penny farthing. There was never any danger of East/West going wrong and when North cashed the ace of hearts and switched to a spade declarer claimed 12 tricks, +620 and 14 IMPs.

Neill had won the set 60-24 to lead 93-37, and when they took the next one 49-52 Noble did the noble thing and conceded. As my old pal Eric Kokish would say, 'Neill was a team of destiny.'

Women
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Havas	Tulley	Feitelson	Lusk

1}	1]	2]*	4]
5}	All Pass		

A sensible auction to the right contract. Declarer made twelve tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Fuller	Neumann	Evans

1}	1]	2]*	Pass
2[	Pass	3]	Dble
Pass	Pass	4}	Pass
4NT	Pass	5]	Pass
6}	All Pass		

I have already lost count of the number of times in this tournament that a player has misused Blackwood. A delighted North cashed her aces and collected 12 soft IMPs

Bourke had threatened to end the match in this session but Havas had managed to get most of the points back. They lost the set 41-51 to trail 53-91. Still, the smart money was on Bourke and although they lost the third set 22-27, they poured it on in the final session, outscoring their opponents 58-19 to win going away, 171-99.

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When Everything Was Shiny and New....

The following conversation took place between Jan Cormack (member of the winning Bourke team) and two teenage New Zealanders, fresh from their participation in the YouthWeek.

JC: How long have you been playing?

Kiddie 1: Six months.

JC: How did you get on?

K1: Came last.

K2: We won!

JC: Did you have a good time?

K1/2: Yeah!

JC: Did you learn anything?

K2: Standard American.

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SOLUTION TO 6

The first things to note are that you need clubs to be 3-2 and for East to hold his expected {A. So the full deal will be similar to:

[K Q 6	
] A K 8	
{ K J 5 3	
} 8 4 3	
[10 5 4 2	[A J 9 8 7 3
] 6 5 3	] 2
{ 8 6 2	{ A 10 9 7
} Q 9 6	} J 10
[-	
] Q J 10 9 7 4	
{ Q 4	
} A K 7 5 2	

Suppose you play dummy's [K and East covers it with the ace. You ruff and cross to dummy with a trump to lead a low diamond, catching East in a Morton's Fork.

If he rises with the ace, you will have three discards for the club losers (one on the [Q and two on the diamonds). If instead East plays low on the first diamond, you will win the {Q then cross to dummy and discard your last diamond on the [Q. After that you draw trumps and set up the clubs, again making the slam.

What do you make of this? Although it is unlikely in practice, but certain in this column, East defeats the slam by refusing to play his [A on the [K at trick one. You will then have to choose a discard prematurely, before executing the Morton's Fork. For example, if you throw a diamond, East defeats the contract by rising with the diamond ace on the first round leaving you with a club loser at the end.

No doubt, by now you have seen that you should play a low spade at trick one. After ruffing the [J high, you cross to dummy with a trump and lead a diamond. If East ducks, the {Q wins and only then do you establish a spade winner, by using a trump to take a ruffing finesse in spades. This sets up a spade winner, with a trump entry to get to it, and gives you a resting spot for your losing {4. Later you play } A-K and a third club and, as clubs are 3-2, you have your slam.

Of course if East plays the {A when you lead a low diamond from dummy, you set up a spade trick once you regaining the lead. Finally after cashing {Q and drawing trumps, you discard your three small clubs on [Q and {KJ.

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