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Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 8pm Friday 21st January

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• John Pettitt : "Never had such fun in over 30 years at the NOT"

• Lilli Allgood : "Last year was a hoot – even Ray laughed repeatedly"

Sincere apologies to Margaret Bourke, Meredith Woods, Dagmar Neumann, Bobby Richman, Stephen Burgess & Bruce Neill (and anyone else who has suffered the mortification of seeing their name misspelt in the Bulletin). I can console you with the thought that at least they will be right in *Bridge Magazine*.

Tous est fait sans honneur.

These have been corrected in the electronic versions - The Convener

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Tim Bourke's Daily Quiz

7. BAD BREAKS

Dealer West. EW Vul.

NORTH

[Q 8 5 2

] 9 6 5

{ 8 3

} 9 8 7 3

SOUTH

[A

] A K 8 7 3 2

{ A J

} A K 10 2

West North East South

1 { Pass Pass Double

Pass 1[Pass 2{

Pass 2[Pass 3]

Pass 4] All pass

West leads the {K. You take this with the {A and both opponents follow when you play the ace of trumps.

As West will hold almost all of the outstanding high cards, how do you plan to make ten tricks?

TIMETABLE

Mon 17th - Fri 21st January

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Rydgcs

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2	10	Nixon	160	215
3	5	Erichsen	157	199
4	3	Neill	156	175
5	2	Noble	151	207
6	47	Carter	149	142
7	9	Travis	148	132
8	4	Ziggy	147	191
9	13	Gosney	147	105
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12	59	Weaver	144	137
13	16	Moses	144	127
14	15	McLeish	142	141
15	20	Mottram	142	103
16	53	Harrop	140	146
17	22	Westwood	140	90
18	44	Collett	139	112
19	95	Ware	139	83
20	52	Afflick	138	93
21	104	Peston	136	82
22	28	Chrapot	136	67
23	12	Scott	135	130
24		Genc	133	83
25	105	Pettigrew	133	47
26	24	Romine	132	125
27	7	McCance	132	61
28	30	Samuel	130	56
29	70	Robinson	130	50
30	18	Pettitt	130	47
31	91	Walsh	130	46
32	26	Elson	130	42
33	11	Smart	129	44
34	36	Touton	128	82
35	116	Rais	128	50
36	25	Lowry	128	44
37	31	Farthing	128	29
38	27	Darley	127	31
39	54	Guttman	126	77
40	73	Mitchell	126	32
41	21	Van Abbe	125	22
42	17	Jamieson	124	17
43	50	Storr	124	15
44	81	Garbutt	123	7
45	57	Kumar	122	33
46	29	Tuxworth	122	12
47	43	Mayo	122	10
48	87	Callaway	122	9
49	14	Hughes	122	4
50	58	Bedford-Brown	121	79

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1	8	Sarten	160	210
2	3	Reynolds	158	200
3	7	Walsh	157	203
4	9	Lavings	155	210
5	5	Gruia	155	172
6	13	Mulley	155	148
7	11	Ewart	153	142
8	10	Puskas	150	138
9	2	Rothfield	144	103
10	6	Wiltshire	143	139
11	28	Quinn	142	101
12	53	Allanson	142	95
13	38	Smee	141	96
14	56	Phillips	140	95
15	58	Hart	140	86
16	75	Buchanan	139	119
17	30	Wyner	139	95
18	17	Giura	139	78
19	15	Robson	138	114
20	20	Hills	138	86
21	19	Waters	138	81
22	25	Lowe	137	101
23	12	Vaughan	136	109
24	23	Mott	136	74
25	113	Edgton	135	106
26	18	Dutton	135	89
27	4	Horton	133	65
28	37	Parrott	132	52
29	39	Briscoe	131	72
30	1	Bremner-Moore	131	64
31	55	Thompson	131	47
32	22	Collins	130	50
33	87	Reynolds	130	48
34	50	Walker	130	41
35	63	Grigson	130	40
36	114	Zuber	129	42
37	14	Henry	129	40
38	76	Gallagher	127	32
39	33	Magee	126	74
40	40	Priol	126	45
41	32	Raaphorst	126	33
42	107	Riddell	125	62
43	81	Mann	125	29
44	21	Watts	125	18
45	43	Sebestyen	124	16
46	77	Allen	123	18
47	83	Grant	123	8
48	26	McLarty	122	16
49	35	Shannon	122	9
50	51	Eastauth	122	7

SWPT
NOT a Dull Moment

A big thank you to Linda Stern who was kind enough to act as a recorder at one of the tables.

Casting my eye down the draw for Round 1 of the SWPT I spotted Erichsen v Hackett. Could that be the Norwegian stars against the well known Hackett family? Of course it was, as Tom and Jean Hackett and Maggie Brown and Wayne Leppard faced Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen, David Stern and Robert Grynberg.

The favourites won easily enough in the end, but they had to survive a few anxious moments, as you will see.

After four quiet boards the match sprung to life.

Board 5
Dealer N, Vul NS

[		[ 876
] AKJ532		] T764
{ A54		{ 986
} AKQT		} J64
[KQJT52		[A943
] 852		] Q98
{ QJ32		{ KT7
} 852		} 973

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Stern	Hackett	Grynberg
	2{*}	Pass	2]*
2[	3]	Pass	3NT
Pass	4}	Pass	4{
Pass	4[	Pass	6]
All Pass			

Two Hearts was a negative and the 3NT bid showed values, as Three Spades would have been a second negative. After three cue bids South had no more to say and jumped to

slam. It did not take long to play, +1430.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Brown	Erichsen	Leppard
	2]*	Pass	2{*}
4[	6]	Pass	7]
All Pass			

North/South brushed aside West's more vigorous intervention and declarer won the opening spade lead, drew trumps and eventually played clubs from the top, +2210 and 13 IMPs for Hackett.

Board 6
Dealer E, Vul EW

[QT7		[J632
] 2		] AKJT87
{ AQ98		{ 3
} QJ954		} 72
[AK5		[984
] Q65		] 943
{ KT64		{ J752
} AK6		} T83

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Stern	Hackett	Grynberg
		Pass	Pass
1{	2}	2]	Pass
4]	All Pass		

Declarer made twelve tricks when North unblocked the queen of spades, hoping South would be able to win the third round and play a diamond through, +680.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Brown	Erichsen	Leppard
		2]*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3{*}	Pass
4}	Pass	4]	Pass
4[	Pass	4NT	Pass
5[	Pass	6]	All Pass

South led a trump and declarer won and played a diamond for the

two, ten and queen. North tried to cash the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed. He played the jack of hearts, overtaking with dummy's queen. If the play record is to be believed, North discarded a diamond on this trick. If that is true (I don't, preferring to believe it was a club) declarer can get home by cashing the king of diamonds, the ace of clubs and the top spades. He then plays trumps to reach this position:

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

When declarer cashes the ace of hearts, South can throw a club as dummy discards the five of spades and North discards a club. On the last heart South must discard a club and declarer disposes of the now redundant diamond. Now North is caught in the black suits, a classic double squeeze.

As it surely was, declarer could not avoid the loss of another trick, -100 and another 12 IMPs to Hackett. Was an upset on the cards?

Board 7
Dealer S, Vul ALL

		[A8
		] Q94
		{ 84
		} AKT975
[KQT72		[J963
] J5		] AKT6
{ JT95		{ KO3
} 82		} 64
		[54
		] 8732
		{ A762
		} QJ3

West North East South
 Hackett Stern Hackett Grynberg
 Pass
 2[* 3} 4[All Pass

North led the ace of clubs, cashed the king and switched to the eight of diamonds. Declarer put up dummy's king and South took the ace, eliminating the possibility of a diamond ruff, so the contract was one down, -100.

Many pairs have an agreement in this situation that if North leads the king followed by the ace and then switches it to a singleton. (They happily give up the idea that this shows a doubleton AK.)

West North East South
 Brogeland Brown Erichsen Leppard
 Pass
 2{* 3} Pass 3[
 All Pass

The defence went exactly as at the other table. This time it was more important, as declarer was now making a contract that should have been defeated. +140 and 6 IMPs for Erichsen.

Board 12

[6
]T965
 {JT65
 } QJT6
 [AK97
]KJ72
 {7
 } 9543
 [JT832
]-
 {982
 } AK872

West North East South
 Hackett Stern Hackett Grynberg
 1} Pass 1] 1[
 2] Pass 4{ Pass
 4[Pass 6] All Pass

East/West failed to pass their bidding test on this deal. It is not generally a good idea to cue bid a

shortage in a suit partner has bid, but if East had bid Five Clubs and West had then bid Five Spades it would have been reasonable for East to go to seven. Declarer forgot one of his diamonds was good and scored +980.

West North East South
 Brogeland Brown Erichsen Leppard
 1] Pass 4} * Pass
 4[Pass 4NT* Pass
 5]* Pass 7] All Pass

That looks easy, doesn't it? +1510 and 11 IMPs for Erichsen.

Board 13
 Dealer N, Vul ALL

[K874
]QJ42
 {KQJ9
 } 8
 [-
]K9873
 {A86
 } AKQT5
 [AJ9653
]6
 {75
 } 9642

West North East South
 Hackett Stern Hackett Grynberg
 1{ Pass 2[*
 Dble 4[All Pass

Two Spades was described as possibly very weak, but despite that North had no hesitation in jumping to game. West cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the three of hearts. East took dummy's queen with the ace and returned a heart. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the king, drew trumps via the finesse and played a diamond. +620
 I think West should have made a second bid, either a second double (probably works out badly as partner is likely to pass) or 4NT, suggesting a two suiter. Dangerous, but as Bobby Wolff says it is

probably too dangerous to pass!

West North East South
 Brogeland Brown Erichsen Leppard
 1{ Pass 1[
 2NT* 3[Pass Pass
 Dble Pass 4] All Pass

East/West stole the pot here. South led a diamond and declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the ace and a heart. He had to go one down, -100 but still 11 IMPs for Erichsen, who had turned the match around.

Board 15
 Dealer S, Vul NS

[T65
]K3
 {J8643
 } 753
 [AQ7
]A952
 {72
 } KQJ8
 [KJ983
]Q864
 {T9
 } A9
 [42
]JT7
 {AKQ5
 } T642

West North East South
 Hackett Stern Hackett Grynberg
 Pass Pass Dble Pass
 3] All Pass

North led the four of diamonds and declarer won in dummy and ran the jack of hearts to North's king. She won the diamond return and tried the remaining top diamond, and when South ruffed she discarded a spade. Nine tricks were easy enough, +140.

Most players would overcall 1NT with the West hand. Having refrained from doing so West should certainly have bid 3NT when her partner protected.

West North East South

Brogeland Brown Erichsen Leppard
 Pass Pass
 1NT Pass 2NT* Pass
 3} Pass 3}* Pass
 3NT All Pass

Declarer made eleven tricks, +460 and 8 IMPs.

Board 16
 Dealer W, Vul EW

[K743] J6 { AQ83 } AT2	[AQJT] AQ83 { 9752 } 9
[62] K9742 { 64 } 8754	[985] T5 { KJT } KQJ63

West North East South

Hackett Stern Hackett Grynberg
 Pass 1NT 2}* 2NT*
 Pass 3} All Pass

Two Diamonds promised the majors, and 2NT was Lebensohl. It was asking a lot for East to find the killing lead of a ace of hearts and a heart enabling West to win and switch to a spade. On the diamond lead declarer claimed nine tricks, +110.

West North East South

Brogeland Brown Erichsen Leppard
 Pass 1NT 2}* Dble
 3] Pass 4] All Pass

With the spade king onside and trumps 2-2 this was easy enough, +620. Erichsen had completed their recovery with another 12 IMPs to win 60-26, 23-7 VP.

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

Another Good Decision...

David Lusk

How would you bid this hand, All Vul, After RHO Passes?

[J752
] AKQJ8632
{ 9
} -

This hand appeared in round 17 of the Youth Butler last week. Being youth players four of the five simply opened 4] and played there.

Nick Croft elected to open 1] and the bidding proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1]	2}	2[
3}	4} ¹	Pass	4{ ²
Pass	?		

1. Cue agreeing [1st/2nd RC
2. Cue 1st/2nd round control

Nick now applied Roman Key Card and South professed ownership of 3 Key cards + the trump queen. Now what?

6[looks obvious and that was Crofts Choice. This was the whole hand:

Dir W, Vul ALL

[-] 10975 { K106432 } J84	[J752] AKQJ8632 { 9 } -	[K1064] 4 { 5 } AK97632
[AQ983] - { AQJ87 } Q105		

West led a club. After ruffing in a dummy, Declarer played a spade. The

4-0 break now makes the hand unmanageable (*Not if declarer puts in the nine or eight. Editor*) Playing hearts from the outset meets with success.

When I ran this hand past my regular partner he was OK with the bidding but suggested that 6] may have been a good offer to a trusting partner. Declarer will have no trouble unless East leads a spade, where rising with the ace would have been fatal.

At another table, East tried 5} over North's 4] opening. South doubled and led the {A. South's diamond continuation was a disaster. East called for the king and discarded a heart when North couldn't ruff. He then cross-ruffed the next six tricks, playing diamonds and spades. With dummy's last diamond available as a winner, South suffered the dignity of taking his natural trump winner via a ruff in his own five card suit, as declarer discarded his last spade.

A club shift at trick two sacrifices a trump trick but gains two tricks in return (One off.) The } Q at trick two results in a two trick set.

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

COME ON! AUSSIE!
COME ON! COME ON!

Tsunami Appeal

Keep up the good work of the bridge players in Brisbane and please drop your loose change in the appropriate box when you get your coffee.

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

**SWPT round 4
Early Reverses**

Following the advice of at least ten different people I was at table five for the round four match between Ziggy and Courtney.

The match started horribly for Courtney, as they dropped 34 IMPs in three boards.

Board 18
Dealer E, NS Vul

[QT87	
]T	
{QJ9764	
}74	
[J8643	[K5
]J	]AKQ942
{AT	{83
}T9832	}KQJ
	[A2
	]87653
	{K52
	}A65

On this deal they allowed declarer to make Four Hearts – I believe what happened is that South led a diamond, North won and switched to the ten of spades. When declarer guessed right he was home for +420 and the contract failed in the other room. That was ten IMPs and the same number disappeared on the following deal:

Board 19

Dealer

[K92	
]KJ64	
{T	
}J7654	
[J543	[T87
]A9	]7532
{A72	{KJ943
}KT8	}9
	[AQ6
	]QT8
	{Q865
	}AQ3

Both side attempted 3NT, which has little chance, but at one table East/West never got the diamonds into the game so declarer was able to emerge with nine tricks and 10 more IMPs.

The hat trick of disasters was completed by:

Board 20

Dealer W, ALL Vul

[AKJT6	
]AKJ	
{A	
}8643	
[Q832	[754
]75	]QT4
{Q875	{KJ64
}Q75	}J92
	[9
	]98632
	{T932
	}AKT52

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Wyer	Lloyd	Courtney
Pass	2[*	Pass	3]*
Pass	3]	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5{*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6]*	All Pass	

Once North showed his second 'suit' South was off to the races. Despite the missing heart, the slam is still decent, and with careful play can always be made. Suppose East leads a club. Declarer wins and takes the heart finesse. That loses and East plays another club, but now declarer wins and takes a spade finesse. When that holds the road to twelve tricks is easy. However, East found the more challenging lead of the six of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, crossed to dummy with a club and finessed in hearts. When that lost East could play the king of diamonds to force declarer and ensure the defeat of the contract. Thereafter declarer lost his way and finished three down, -300.

It looks better to give up on the heart finesse and simply cash two top hearts. Then cross to dummy and play the nine of spades, overtaking with the ten. Now you are home, as in the fullness of time you will get rid of all the minor suit losers in dummy and all East will make is the master trump.

The point is that even if the queen of hearts is with West, you will still need the spade finesse later on.

At the other table they stopped in game, 14 IMPs to Ziggy.

Courtney recovered a few IMPs on Board 24 when his side got to game with [QJ108543]A9 {Q} Q83 facing [K]764 {7653} AK1052 by the simple expedient of North overcalling

the opening bid of Two Hearts with Four Spades, but those points went back with interest when East/West missed a vulnerable game with [2]103 {J9854} AKQ106 facing [AQ106]A95 {KQ72} 43

Board 25

Dealer N, EW Vul

[JT752	
]AK	
{K6	
}KQ75	
[3	[K94
]QJT8764	]92
{A43	{QT85
}84	}JT93

		[AQ86	
		]53	
		{J972	
		}A62	

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Wyer	Lloyd	Courtney
	1[	Pass	3[
Pass	3NT	Pass	4[
All Pass			

With both the king of spades and the ace of diamonds well placed declarer had twelve tricks in double quick time, +480.

West	North	East	South
M. Bourke	Bach	T. Bourke	Mill
	1[	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3[*	Pass	4[
All Pass			

North denied any shortage at his second turn, but promised better than minimum. If South had cue bid Four Clubs now the poor – but making – slam would undoubtedly have been reached, but with a real minimum he wisely signed off in game. No swing.

Board 26

Dealer E, All Vul

[J	
]AKQ92	
{96	
}QJT52	
[KT4	[A987
]6	]T754
{AQJ72	{K85
}7643	}A8
	[Q6532
	]J83
	{T43
	}K9

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Wyer	Lloyd	Courtney
		1]	Pass
2{	Pass	3{	All Pass

There are many players who dislike opening a weak no trump with both majors – add Tanya Lloyd to the list. Declarer won the opening lead of the jack of spades, drew three rounds of trumps ending in hand and gave up a spade, an easy +110.

West	North	East	South
M. Bourke	Bach	T. Bourke	Mill
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2]*	Pass	Pass
3{	All Pass		

This time North cashed the king of hearts before switching to the jack of spades. The simplest line is to win in hand, draw trumps and claim, but declarer set off on a different tack, winning the spade switch in hand and playing a club to the ace and a club. South won with the king and returned the three of hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. Now she ruffed a club with the eight of diamonds and South overruffed and played a spade for North to ruff. Back came the queen of clubs, but declarer could ruff high and claim for another flat board.

Board 27
Dealer S, Nil Vul

	[97		
	] A8		
	{ QT9		
	} AQ9742		
[K842		[QJ5	
] Q9		] KT62	
{ A85		{ KJ62	
} JT63		} K8	
	[AT63		
	] J7543		
	{ 743		
	} 5		

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Wyer	Lloyd	Courtney
			Pass
Pass	1}	1{	Dble
2{	3}	All Pass	

Three Clubs was unsound, but it was hardly obvious to double with the West hand. The defence started with three rounds of diamonds and then East

switched to a low spade. When declarer ducked West won and switched to the jack of clubs. Declarer tried the queen but East won and played the queen of spades. Declarer won, cashed the ace of clubs, and not having noticed the spots continued with the two of clubs. He finished three down, -150.

West	North	East	South
M. Bourke	Bach	T. Bourke	Mill
			Pass
Pass	1}	Dble	1]
Pass	1[	2}	Pass
Pass	2[	All Pass	

Hello Mr. Moyses! North started with the ace of hearts and a heart and declarer won in hand and played a spade to the queen and ace. South switched to the five of clubs and North won and returned a club for South to ruff. Back came a heart, but declarer simply ruffed high, played a spade to dummy's queen and a spade. South could win and play a heart, but with the queen of diamonds marked with North and the suit now known to be 3-3 declarer had the rest. +110 to hold the loss to 1 IMP.

Board 28
Dealer W, NS Vul

	[AKQJ53		
	] AJ3		
	{ KJ97		
	} -		
[8763		[T4	
] QT		] 96542	
{ Q63		{ T4	
} A743		} J652	
	[9		
	] K87		
	{ A852		
	} KQT98		

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Wyer	Lloyd	Courtney
Pass	2[	Pass	3} *
Pass	3{	Pass	4{
Pass	4[	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6{	All Pass	

North/South discovered their diamond fit, which would have been a very good thing to do if either North or South had held the queen

of that suit, as Seven Diamonds would then have been easy to make. When North showed two aces and a void with the jump to slam South gave some thought to going on. Declarer made all the tricks, +920.

West	North	East	South
M. Bourke	Bach	T. Bourke	Mill
Pass	1[	Pass	2}
Pass	2{	Pass	3NT
Pass	6[	All	Pass

East led a heart and South took West's queen with the ace and drew trumps. It is possible to try for all 13 tricks – heart to dummy, run the king of clubs pitching a diamond then take the diamond finesse, but South preferred to get things over with, safety playing the diamonds – king of diamonds, diamond towards dummy simply covering East's card. +980 and a gain of 2 IMPs.

The early boards had decided the outcome, a comfortable win for Ziggy with 20VPs.

The Little Diamond
Ann Pettigrew

In the Women's pars, one South wrote her bid as 1d. South was very embarrassed about this unintended occurrence, and there was some light-hearted discussion about whether she really meant to write 1 penny, or was it in fact a 'light' 1{ opening, denoted by the lower case 'd', and of less value than a 1{ opening with a capital letter. It reminded us of a situation at the CBC when declarer had bid diamonds. As partner began to put down dummy, she took off her diamond ring and placed it on the right hand side, followed by spades, hearts and clubs. 'Here are my diamonds, partner,' she said. (Reminds me of the story of Mae West, the famous American actress. *Goodness,' said a friend, 'what beautiful diamonds!' 'Goodness had nothing to do with it dearie,' was her retort.*)
Richard Hills Footnote: As a patriotic Canberran, I note that local players Ann Pettigrew and Adrienne Stephens won the National Non-Life Teams (albeit assisted by banana-benders Moschner-Wells).

SOLUTION TO 7

If hearts are 2-2 or clubs are 3-2 then you have at least ten tricks. So the sole concern is what to do if neither of these suits divides well:

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

When West discards a diamond on the]K, you continue by cashing the black aces then exiting with the {J. After winning

the {Q, West cannot play a third diamond for the ruff in dummy is your tenth trick. Nor can he play a club without conceding the contract.

Only the [K delays the inevitable. You counter this by ruffing then leading a low club. West rises with the }J but is then endplayed for a second time. No matter what he plays, you have ten tricks.

Notice that if you play the }K after ruffing the [K, East discards a spade and no matter how you wriggle the defence takes a trump, a diamond and two clubs.

You may ask what would happen if West had the trump trick? Well, on most resulting layouts, you would need the clubs to be 3-2 (or for a defender to have a singleton }Q or }J).



Ray Williams, Ed Rais, Marion Kelly, Rick Oldford

Alaskan Bridge team

Carly Sebestyén

The Alaskan bridge team consisting of Ray Williams, Ed Rais, Marion Kelly, and Rick Oldford arrived in Australia last week for a month of sightseeing and bridge playing. None of the team had been to Australia before so when an Australian at their local bridge club told them about the Summer Festival they literally 'flew' at the chance. When Rick Oldford was asked if he'd been having a good time in Australia his response was 'well Dah'. The whole team have so far been having a great time both at the festival and in Australia and can't wait to come back. Playing bridge in Alaska is quite different as they use bidding boxes back home so are not fond of the way hands are exposed by the way we write down the bid. However they think that the players and directors are fantastic. And also the way that you can win money (as they won \$65 at the walk-ins this weekend).

Lost Earing

If you have lost an earring please go to the reception desk at Rydges

The Bridge to Fantasy Island

A group of bridge players chatting in the usual intellectual way, were trying to remember the name of the little man in the television series 'Fantasy Island'. Subsequently no-one could remember.

On the way in to the next bridge session, I asked one of the directors

if he knew. Not only did he know the name of the actor who played the part, but also the name we wanted to know! I returned to the group to inform them of the name of the actor, and said: 'Now that just goes to show that all directors are brilliant.' (being one myself). One of

the group responded: 'It just goes to show that directors watch trash'. Oh dear, signed - disillusioned. (In case you didn't know it was Hervé Villechaize who played Tattoo)

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