



Day 4, No 1 Sunday 16th November
Editor Anne Bates

We hope you enjoy the Congress Teams, the middle event of the Sydney Spring Nationals.

In the last 3 days, 36 women's teams, a record field, have been contesting the women's event.

Today the finals will be played between
Margaret Bourke's team, which includes Felicity Beale, Sue Lusk, Di Smart, Teresa Tully and Meredith Woods, and Dagmar Neumann's team, which includes Kim Neale, Val Cummings, Helen Pitt, Rita Nailand and Candice Feitelson

Congratulations to all the finalists.

The results of the final may be available to players in the Congress, before they leave the Hakoah Club

Tomorrow, Monday 17th, the Spring Nationals Open Teams begins, with a field of 50 teams.

A live **Vu Graph of the Final** will be featured at www.bridgebase.com/online on Thursday 20th November, from 9.00am.

And don't forget:

**Spring National Charity Pairs
For
Mission Australia
Thursday 20th November
48 Boards in 3 stanzas
\$50.00 per pair**

For light relief:

You know you are hooked on Bridge if:
You are a racegoer and HCP no longer means 'handicap'
You are a Londoner and 'Drury' is no longer the name of a lane.
You are a tennis player and an 'ace' does not refer to your serve.

You are a golfer and 'hook' is no longer the opposite of 'slice'.

You play bowls and 'jack' is no longer a white marking bowl.

You are an undertaker and 'stiff' no longer means a cadaver.

You are a lawyer and 'honour' no longer refers to a judge.

From: *The Bridge Player Who Laughed* by Ron Klinger.

Puzzle

♠ A J
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K J 6 4

♠ 9 5 4 3
♥ K 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ K 10 8
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ 10 2

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ A 7 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 7 5

South plays in 3NT. West leads the ♣3. What is the best line?

And now some Bridge philosophy.

Card sense is when it's technically right to do something, the little man who sits on my shoulder or anyone else's shoulder says, "Don't do that." And you say to yourself, "Well, wait a minute, that's the right way to play."

And he says, "Yes, but you don't want to play that way."

That instinct is card sense. It's almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It's something that you can't buy, you can't find; you're born with it. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time or really to do the wrong thing at the right time.

Barry Crane



In perhaps the most dramatic finish in Bermuda Bowl history, USA I gained 12 IMPs on the last board of the event to emerge with an amazing 304-303 victory over Italy.

The issue was not settled, however, until an appeals committee had rendered a ruling on a disputed ending to the final board. In the closed room, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth had gone plus 400 against 4♥ by Italy's Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin.

In the open room, Paul Soloway had doubled Lorenzo Lauria in 5♦. If Lauria could get out for down one – minus 100 – it would be an 11-IMP gain and the match would be tied.

As play wound down, Lauria had already lost two tricks and still had the trump ace out against him – plus the losing ♥9 in his hand. With a singleton spade in his hand, Lauria had played the king from dummy's holding of ♠K Q to five. Soloway could have cashed the ♥10 to guarantee two down, but he played back a spade instead.

Lauria's partner had left the table after putting down the dummy, so Lauria was playing the cards

himself. Lauria apparently expected Soloway to cash his winning heart, so he pulled the ♠7 from dummy – which held only clubs and spades – realizing too late that a spade had been played. He tried to change his play to the queen, which would have allowed him to discard the losing heart and get out for minus 100. Hamman, who had started with the ♠J 10 doubleton, had played the jack to the first lead of the suit, and he covered the ♠7 with the 10.

A tournament director was called, and the ruling was that the ♠7 was a played card, resulting in two down for minus 300. That gave the Americans a 12-IMP gain and a 1-IMP victory.

The Italians appealed the ruling, but the appeals committee, citing rule 45B from the law book, backed the director. The rule states that when a card is touched it is played.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, the Italian Lavazza squad cruised to a win over Zhuang of China.

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