



Spring Nationals Bulletin



Day 6 No 1 Tuesday 18th November
Editor Anne Bates

Meet the Players - Pauline Gumby

Profession: Former Systems Programmer
Home: Concord
Interests: Cryptic Crosswords
Bridge Achievements: Winner ANC 1994
NOT 2000
SpNOT2002
Australian Women's Team –
Venice Cup 1981
Venice Cup 1985
(Winners) Far E'tern Championships 1985
(and this is not a complete list!)

Current Projects:

- Webmaster for the NSWBA & FABC
- Congress Calendar for the NSWBA & FABC
- Adding a mapping facility to the FABC Website. This will enable site users to find the location of all Bridge clubs in NSW.
- Recently wrote the program to display players' masterpoints on line.
- Results pages for the Sydney Bridge Festival and the Spring Nationals.

Solution to Yesterday's Problem

The hands:

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

Contract : 6H. West leads ♥ 2.

Take the first Heart lead in dummy. Play a spade and discard ♦A in your hand. Any return can be taken by declarer. Draw one more trump. After playing ♦K and ♦Q, draw the last trump by leading to the ♥Q in

dummy. The three diamonds in dummy will take care of your losing Clubs.

Assumptions to be made:

- Hearts are no worse than 3-1
- Diamonds are 3-2

And Now Some Light Relief

A dear old lady found herself playing in a teams match against two very famous Grand Masters. Her partner was also a distinguished Grand Master. Feeling considerably outclassed, she spent the entire match praying for 4-3-3-3 yarboroughs, so she would not have to make any decisions and could not be criticized in front of kibiters for getting a decision wrong. She also worked very hard in the bidding to ensure that her famous partner played all the hands.

She was reasonably successful with her 'relay' system until this monster came along:

♠ A K Q ♥ A 6 ♦ K Q J 10 9 8 ♣ A K

She and her partner were playing Benjamin Twos and in this method she had an automatic 2 Diamond opening which promises a hand of 23 points or more, or at least enough for game in one's own hand. However, she figured that if she did open 2 Diamonds, it was highly likely that the final contract could be 5, 6 or even 7 Diamonds and then she would have to play the hand.

Therefore she rejected the 2 Diamond opening and instead opened 2 Clubs which showed around 19-22 points, about 8 – 9 playing tricks. This ploy was in anticipation of her partner bidding the 2 Diamond negative reply, in which case he would end up as declarer if the final contract happened to be in diamonds.

However, the contract turned out to be 6 Spades, played by her partner. After the lead was made and she tabled this gigantic dummy, the Grand Master on her right stared at Dummy goggle-eyed and exclaimed: "Good grief! That's the biggest eight- playing trick hand I have ever seen What do you need to open with 2 Diamonds?"

Her reply: "Weaker opponents."

From *The Bridge Player Who Laughed* by Ron Klinger. pp77-78



NEWS FLASH

Convener Backs Seeding Committee.

The convener made the following announcement today:

“Pairs entered in the Charity Pairs before start of play on Wednesday will receive a full refund:

- 1. If a pair seeded 5-10, finishes 2 positions above their seeding or,**
- 2. If a pair seeded 11-20, finishes 3 positions above their seeding or,**
- 3. If a pair seeded 21-25, finishes 4 positions above their seeding or,**
- 4. If a pair seeded above 26, finishes 20th or higher ”**

The Charity Pairs is run concurrently with the Spring Nationals Open Teams final on Thursday 20 November. The Final will be web cast and the hands will be the same as those played by the finalists. Participants in the Charity pairs will be emailed a “bridge movie” showing the bidding and play by the SpNOT finalists. Forty-eight of the 64 hands will be boards played by the finalists. This is an excellent opportunity to match your wits against the players in the final.

Please note to qualify for a refund your entry and entry fee must be lodged with an ABF official before start of play on Wednesday.



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Meet the Players – Barry Noble

Profession: Businessman & Bridge Sponsor
Home:

St. Ives and an acreage outside
Cootamundra where his business is located.

Interests:

- 5 children, 19 grandchildren
- Flying. Until he recently relinquished his licence, Barry held a Class 1 Instrument Rating, which meant he could fly in all conditions and all weathers. He flew over 2000 hours for business and pleasure in his own plane, a twin engine Cessna 310.
- Rugby Union
- Horseracing

Bridge Involvement:

As a Bridge sponsor, since 1998 Barry has played with a team which includes his partner, George Bilski, Terry Brown, Phil Gue, Mike Prescott and Murray Green. This team has had *many* very satisfactory successes including the NOT, the SpNot, the VCC and the Combined Australia/New Zealand Open Teams. The team also finished 12th in the Bermuda Bowl Open.

♠ K J 9
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ A 10 7

♠ A 10 5 3
♥ A 10 8 5 4 3 2
♦ ---
♣ K 3

South plays 6 Hearts. West leads the ♦ 5.
Plan the play. What assumptions do you need to make?

Solution tomorrow.

For Light Relief

A very old Bridge player, anything but pleasant at the table, finally died. Sometime later a bridge crony of his is also passed on and was sent to hell. On arriving he saw his old friend with his white hair and his beard seated at a Bridge table opposite the most gorgeous girl he had ever seen.

"Old man, good to see you! But I don't understand. Here you are in hell and you're playing Bridge. Not only that, but your partner is the most beautiful, the most voluptuous creature I have ever seen. How can this be?"

"Sshh!" said the old Bridge player.

"Actually, I'm her punishment."

If you play Bridge with your wife as partner, you need at least 20 points to open, and it wouldn't hurt to have 25.....

Alfred Sheinwold

South: Alert!

East: Yes?

South: I'm requested to further mis-describe my hand.





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JACK PLAYS ROUND 1 BOARDS

Round	Deal	Contract	(NS) Jack Standard	(EW) Jack Acol	Datum N/S	Datum E/W
1	1	3NT	400		100	
1	2	4♠	620		560	
1	3	3♠N		50		450
1	4	3NT N	600		430	
1	5	4♥ N		100	490	
1	6	5♦ N	400		260	
1	7	2NT E	100			130
1	8	3NT S	460		450	
1	9	1NT E X		580		90
1	10	3NT N	660		100	
1	11	2♠ N	140			40
1	12	6♦ S	1370		790	
1	13	3Nt N	660		190	
1	14	4♣ W		130	80	
1	15	4♥ E	50			180
1	16	3NT W		600		480