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Opinion

The ABF Tournament regulations make it clear that, once a draw is in place, it cannot be changed. What this means is that scoring errors (such as an incorrect score or one written in the wrong column) are able to be corrected but that the draw will not be changed even if affected by the outcome. Having directed such events, I can well appreciate the logistics of producing a new draw every time a scoring glitch comes to light. It just isn't practical to attempt to accomplish this, especially in events where the period between matches is to be kept to a minimum.

There have been several instances where scores have been reversed during data entry. The most recent of these was in the McCance Cup. After a 25-0 result, the winning team was recorded as the loser and was sent to the second-bottom table whilst the losers, still reeling from a heavy defeat, found themselves playing a seeded team at table 4. Regardless of regulation, there is no argument that would suggest that this was a fair outcome for either of the disadvantaged teams. Indeed, one can certainly envisage situations where the result of the event could be heavily influenced by such an anomaly.

Through the Player Liaison Committee, the ABF Tournament Committee is being urged to reconsider the immutable nature of the draw under these circumstances. The simplest solution would be to allow the Chief Tournament Director to use his or her discretion when results are reversed in this way.

It would seem more circumspect to provide clear guidelines involving time-frames and specific differences. It is also worth noting that the latter rounds of the event have the potential to be more seriously impacted than, say, round two or three.

Tournament administrators need time to correct and redraw, so 15 or 20 minutes before the session's start would look to be within reason. Differences of fewer than 6 VPs may have diminished impact so, reasonably, the director may be required to recalculate the draw where the result is more disparate than 18-12 and be given discretionary powers for the last round.

The ABF Tournament Committee will no doubt consider this matter with an eye to the difficulties associated with running specific events. Recalculating and producing a new draw for the SWPT or larger Swiss Pairs events is quite a task. However, although not prevalent, players who suffer as a result of a draw based on incorrect scores are unlikely to feel that any kind of justice has been served by the regulations as they stand.

David Lusk

From the ANOT Final

Analysis by Ron Klinger

With one round to go **Brifman** was on 141 and needed a 25 win plus a 15-15 or 16-14 result in the teams running 3rd/4th, and it all happened. Sic transit . . . **Peake** (Andrew Peake – David Wiltshire, Candice Feitelson – David Kalnins) played **Brifman** (Richard Jedrychowski – Jacek Pszczola, Kieran Dyke - Tony Nunn with Mary-Anne Brifman as npc).

Session 1, Board: 3

Dealer: S

Vul: EW

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | North | |
| | ♠ 2 | |
| | ♥ Q9862 | |
| | ♦ 73 | |
| | ♣ 109862 | East |
| West | | ♠ 874 |
| ♠ Q10653 | | ♥ A73 |
| ♥ 1054 | | ♦ KQJ10952 |
| ♦ A6 | | ♣ — |
| ♣ KJ7 | South | |
| | ♠ AKJ9 | |
| | ♥ KJ | |
| | ♦ 84 | |
| | ♣ AQ543 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Nunn</i> | <i>Peake</i> | <i>Dyke</i> | <i>Wiltshire</i> |
| | | | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | 4♣ | 4♠ | X |
| All Pass | | | |

Lead: ♣10. Declarer played a low heart from dummy and South won with the Ace and returned the three. West took the King, pitching another heart and ruffed the ♣J in dummy. A low spade was led from dummy, South rising with the

King to lead the ♥J to dummy's Ace. West crossed to the ♦A and ruffed one heart in dummy before cashing one diamond and overruffing the next. The defence still had two spades and a heart to come. Two down, -500.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kalnins</i> | <i>Jedrychowski</i> | <i>Feitelson</i> | <i>Pszczola</i> |
| 1♠ | Pass | 4♦ | 1♣ |
| 4♣ | 4NT ¹ | Pass | 5♣ |
| X | All Pass | | |

1. Presumably hearts and clubs.

The defenders took their obvious 5 tricks for +500 and 14 IMPs to **Peake**.

This hand demonstrates a very fine play by Peake:

Session 1, Board: 5

Dealer: N
Vul: NS

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| ♠ QJ6 | ♠ K8532 | ♠ A9 | ♠ 1074 |
| ♥ 8 | ♥ AK1092 | ♥ J654 | ♥ Q73 |
| ♦ K10732 | ♦ 9 | ♦ Q65 | ♦ AJ84 |
| ♣ J753 | ♣ 82 | ♣ A1094 | ♣ KQ6 |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Nunn</i> | <i>Peake</i> | <i>Dyke</i> | <i>Wiltshire</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | X | 2NT |
| 3♦ | 4♣ | All Pass | |

East led the ♦5 and Peake won in dummy to lead a spade, ducking to East's 9. He ruffed the diamond continuation and played a low spade to drop East's Ace and later ran the ♥10 through East to bring in the entire heart suit without loss. +620.

To defeat 4♣, East needs to lead or switch to a heart and give West at least one heart ruff.

At the other table, North-South stopped in 3♥, making, for a 10 IMP gain to **Peake**.

Board: 13

Dealer: N
Vul: All

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| ♠ 1094 | ♠ KJ83 | ♠ Q762 | ♠ A5 |
| ♥ 2 | ♥ AQJ6 | ♥ K954 | ♥ 10873 |
| ♦ AK9543 | ♦ 7 | ♦ QJ8 | ♦ 1062 |
| ♣ Q98 | ♣ K642 | ♣ 105 | ♣ AJ73 |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Nunn</i> | <i>Peake</i> | <i>Dyke</i> | <i>Wiltshire</i> |
| 2♦ | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ |
| All Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |

West led a top diamond and switched to a heart. East took dummy's ♥Q with the King and played another heart, won in hand with the seven. Declarer played the ♠A and finessed on the second round. No luck, drifting two down. -200.

After an identical auction on replay, the first two tricks went the same way. Declarer took the second round of hearts in dummy and ducked a club. West shifted to a spade, annihilating East's Queen. +620 and 13 IMPs to **Brifman**.

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Session 2, Board: 19

Dealer: S
Vul: EW

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | North | |
| | ♠ J532 | |
| | ♥ 3 | |
| | ♦ Q1043 | |
| West | ♣ AJ105 | East |
| ♠ A1086 | | ♠ 4 |
| ♥ AQJ42 | | ♥ K10986 |
| ♦ 95 | | ♦ K762 |
| ♣ Q6 | South | ♣ 732 |
| | ♠ KQ97 | |
| | ♥ 75 | |
| | ♦ AJ8 | |
| | ♣ K984 | |

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Nunn</i> | <i>Feitelson</i> | <i>Dyke</i> | <i>Kalnins</i> |
| | | | 1♣ |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 4♥ | All Pass |

The contract required the ♦A to sit favourably. It didn't. NS +100.

| | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Peake</i> | <i>Jedrychowski</i> | <i>Wiltshire</i> | <i>Pszczola</i> |
| | | | 1♦ |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| X | All Pass | | |

East led the ♥K and West overtook to play ♥J. North ruffed and ran the ♦Q, followed by a low one to the Jack. West ruffed the ♦A and played a third heart, ruffed by declarer with a club pitched from dummy. North led the ♠J and continued the suit when West ducked. West took the second round with the Ace and forced dummy again with another heart. Declarer drew the last trump and guessed the clubs correctly. +590 and +10 IMPs to BRIFMAN.

Dealer: E, Nil Vul

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | 3♦ | X |
| Pass | ? | | |

What would you do as North with ♠642 ♥Q64 ♦A52 ♣9873?

Session 2, Board: 30

Dealer: E
Vul: EW

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | North | |
| | ♠ 642 | |
| | ♥ Q64 | |
| | ♦ A52 | |
| West | ♣ 9873 | East |
| ♠ J1085 | | ♠ Q9 |
| ♥ K1098 | | ♥ 752 |
| ♦ 6 | | ♦ KQJ9843 |
| ♣ AKJ4 | South | ♣ 10 |
| | ♠ AK73 | |
| | ♥ AJ3 | |
| | ♦ 107 | |
| | ♣ Q652 | |

At one table, North tried 4♣. West doubled and collected 800. At the other, Jedrychowski tried a quiet 3♥ and played there undoubled for just -150. 12 IMPs to **Brifman**.

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Barrier Reef Congress – MacKay

FROM A PLAYER'S VIEWPOINT

Richard Ward

The Gold Point Barrier Reef Congress goes from strength to strength in North Queensland as it rotates around Cairns, Townsville and Mackay every Queen's Birthday weekend. The 2004 event was held in Mackay and attracted 70 tables of pairs and teams. The Mackay Contract Bridge Club is to be congratulated on a wonderful congress, held in two venues, and superbly organised.

Board: 15

Dealer: S

Vul: NS

| | North | | East |
|---------|---------|------|---------|
| | ♠ AQ | | ♠ 10862 |
| | ♥ AQ95 | | ♥ J1064 |
| | ♦ A74 | | ♦ 6 |
| West | ♣ K1053 | East | ♣ 9872 |
| ♠ J9754 | | | |
| ♥ — | | | |
| ♦ QJ952 | | | |
| ♣ QJ4 | South | | |
| | ♠ K3 | | |
| | ♥ K8732 | | |
| | ♦ K1083 | | |
| | ♣ A6 | | |

Practically everybody bid this hand, from the last match, to 6♥ played by South on a high diamond lead, won by the king. The contract is clearly hopeless once the nasty trump break is disclosed but some declarers came home on a misdefence. They drew three rounds of trumps, eliminated the black suits and then played the ♦A. The temptation to trump an ace proved too much for some who found themselves presenting declarer with a ruff and discard and +1430.

Next year the Gold Point event moves to Townsville where there will be plenty of space in the Convention Centre next

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to the Breakwater Casino. This venue, locally known as The Swamp, is where the Townsville Crocodiles fight out their battles in the National Basketball League. Information and entry forms will be available on the QBA and ABF websites.

In this same match Lusk-Tully reached 4♠ on a combined 17 count to pick up 10 IMPs.

Board: 23

Dealer: S

Vul: All

| | North | | |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| | ♠ Q2 | | |
| | ♥ QJ43 | | |
| | ♦ A63 | | |
| West | ♣ J765 | East | |
| ♠ AK1073 | | ♠ 98654 | |
| ♥ A7 | | ♥ 985 | |
| ♦ QJ952 | | ♦ 87 | |
| ♣ 10 | South | ♣ A83 | |
| | ♠ J | | |
| | ♥ K1062 | | |
| | ♦ K104 | | |
| | ♣ KQ942 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Tully | | Lusk | |
| 2♣ | X | 4♠ | 1♣ |
| | | | All Pass |

2♣ showed at least 5-5 in spades and a red suit so Sue had no trouble bidding to game. At the other table, the 2♣ bid showed diamonds and a major and EW never found the spade fit. Instead they made 10 tricks in 3♦.

DIRECTOR'S EYE VIEW

Monica Darley

Congratulations to the winners of both the pairs and teams. We (the North Queensland players) really appreciate the chance to play against players of this calibre. Personally, I must say how much I appreciated directing under Laurie Kelso: any director wishing to improve their directing expertise should make the time to work with Laurie. I learnt so much, although I read my ABDAs avidly there is nothing quite like being thrown in the deep end. If I only remember half of what he tried to convey then I know I will be a better director.

Of course the real winner of the weekend was Moira Batchelor who produced something like 2000 shortbread biscuits. Many people asked for the recipe so here it is. I have tried it quite successfully and it is the best shortbread I have ever made or in fact tasted.

Sift together 3 cups Plain Flour, 2 cups Corn Flour and 2 cups Icing Mixture. Rub in 1lb Butter (real Butter). Roll in gladbake in sausage shapes (not too big) and put in fridge for an hour or so and then cut into rounds. Bake 12-15 minutes @ 180 or 150 fan forced or until just pale golden. Sprinkle with icing sugar.

2004 Victor Champion Cup

TWO KIWI COUPLES HEAD TO MELBOURNE

Michael Ware

The idea of going to the VCC and playing as “couples” – Scott Smith - Debs Moir and Mary Ellen Newton - Michael Ware – came about in early January. Mary Ellen and I had played the VCC twice before, and Debs had played it regularly while living in Sydney, leaving (rather against the odds) Scott as the only virgin. I managed to remember my passport and arrived in plenty of time.

The Victor Champion Cup is the premier teams tournament in Victoria and attracts a quality field from outside Melbourne due to the Australian qualifying points on offer. Held at a nice hotel, it had a nice congress feel to it.

Top seed was **Brifman** (Mary-Anne Brifman - Peter Gill, Jacek “PepsiCola” Pszczola - Richard Jedrychowski, Sartaj Hans - Tony Nunn). Seeded 9th, we were the only NZ team although Wayne Burrows was also there playing with a pick-up team. There were 73 teams. Notable absences from a Kiwi point of view were three old mates and VCC regulars in Ishmael Delmonte, Ashley Bach and Michael Prescott.

The format was a straight 10 round Swiss of 16 board matches. Ties were broken on total IMPs rather than swiss points (sum of opponents scores) as in NZ. In a swiss it is

imperative to win your last match to maximise your placing – or is it?

The first round is drawn by seed, with team 1 playing 39 and team 2 playing 40 etc so, in theory, all the seeds have good sized wins. Our opponents (**Halmos**) didn't seem to know this and played very reasonable bridge beating us 16-14.

The second match was versus team 15 **Puskas**. David Lusk made a great bid on the following hand:

Board: 24

Dealer: W

Vul: Nil

North

♠ 54
♥ AK83
♦ J2

♣ QJ1083

East

♠ K3
♥ Q106
♦ AK10974

♣ K4

South

♠ AQJ1062
♥ 752
♦ Q
♣ 762

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Newton</i> | <i>Lusk</i> | <i>Ware</i> | <i>De Luca</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | 2♠ |
| 3♦ | 3♥ | 3NT | All Pass |

I opened 1♦ in 3rd seat. De Luca bid 2♠ weak jump. Mary Ellen supported me and I got ready to bid 3NT. There are nine easy tricks on a spade lead. David though knew what was coming and found a great lead directing bid of 3♥. It now occurred to me that maybe they were making 4♥/♠, so I still bid 3NT confidently, partly to stop them bidding 4 of a major. This reasoning is a bit faulty as a passed hand opposite a weak jump doesn't often make game. Still hopefully my confident 3NT will still get a spade lead? No chance. Note the heart lead makes the defence to 4♦ easy as well. I should have passed or bid 4♦ for -50. 3NT was down four for -200.

Scott & Debs had a great set at the other table resulting in a 25-5 win.

Match 3 vs team 17 **Ewart** was a small win 16-14.

Match 4 vs team 29 **Leach** was another 25-5 and we were now amongst the leaders. Both pairs were playing well and we had scored 80 VPs on day one, but hadn't played any of the top seeds yet. That changed on day two.

Match 5 was to prove quite influential on the final result. It was against seed two, **Neill** (Bruce Neill - Ron Klinger and Zolly Nagy - David Lilley). This was the biggest swing of the match.

Position Vacant

Convener Of The Summer Festival

Following the recent call for expressions of interest for the above position, the ABF has decided to call for new applications and will offer those people who have previously expressed an interest (but not sent a complete application) to send further information.

A detailed list of duties is available from the ABF Secretariat by telephoning (02) 6239 2265 or emailing the secretariat@netspeed.com.au.

Applications must be lodged with the ABF Secretariat at the above email address by 16th July, 2004.

The ABF reserves the right to change the job structure, and this may affect the remuneration level. The total remuneration package is in the order of \$15,000, and there will be some consideration for an incentive payment based on performance. It is unlikely that applicants based outside of Sydney or Canberra would be considered.

Board: 3

Dealer: S
Vul: EW

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | North | | |
| | ♠ AKQ | | |
| | ♥ Q95 | | |
| | ♦ 107 | | |
| | ♣ AQ654 | | |
| West | | East | |
| ♠ 1065 | | ♠ J9 | |
| ♥ 643 | | ♥ AK872 | |
| ♦ 62 | | ♦ QJ984 | |
| ♣ J10932 | | ♣ 7 | |
| | South | | |
| | ♠ 87432 | | |
| | ♥ J10 | | |
| | ♦ AK53 | | |
| | ♣ K8 | | |

| West | North <i>Smith</i> | East | South <i>Moir</i> |
|------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Pass | 1♣ | 2NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | 3♦ | X |
| 3♥ | X | All Pass | X |

After a club opening from Scott (North), East overcalled 2NT showing both red suits. From there Scott and Deb had the axe out. Scott started with two top spades, then cashed the club ace followed by his third spade. Declarer didn't know about where the ten of diamonds was, or that trumps were breaking. Very fairly he ruffed and led a top diamond. Deb won and led her club king, ruffed and another top diamond led from dummy. That led to this position with Deb on lead:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | North | | |
| | ♠ — | | |
| | ♥ Q95 | | |
| | ♦ — | | |
| | ♣ Q65 | | |
| West | | East | |
| ♠ — | | ♠ — | |
| ♥ 643 | | ♥ AK8 | |
| ♦ — | | ♦ 984 | |
| ♣ J109 | | ♣ — | |
| | South | | |
| | ♠ 74 | | |
| | ♥ J10 | | |
| | ♦ 53 | | |
| | ♣ — | | |

You picked it, the defence had their cross-ruff set up. A diamond from Deb was ruffed and over ruffed... a club back was ruffed and over ruffed, another diamond was ruffed and over ruffed. That's where the dust cleared and +1100 was a great result! The match ended 20-10 to the good guys (us).

At the halfway point we were now second. Team 8 **Sarten** (Adam Sarten - Chris Hughes, Leigh Gold - Jamie Ebery) had been leading from the start and had even started to pull away a little. It was important for us to pull them back to the field.

It was a pretty volatile match with many swings. In the end we lost 16-14.

Round 7 started with what seemed like a good draw vs team 31. The match started well too:

Board: 4

Dealer: W
Vul: All

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | North | | |
| | ♠ 1087 | | |
| | ♥ K3 | | |
| | ♦ KQJ9642 | | |
| | ♣ 8 | | |
| West | | East | |
| ♠ A543 | | ♠ QJ9 | |
| ♥ A106 | | ♥ 9852 | |
| ♦ A1087 | | ♦ 5 | |
| ♣ 106 | | ♣ AQ542 | |
| | South | | |
| | ♠ K62 | | |
| | ♥ QJ74 | | |
| | ♦ 3 | | |
| | ♣ KJ973 | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | All Pass |

Mary Ellen did well not to bid 2♦ natural in the pass-out seat as it is cold off. The hand certainly smells like a misfit. Not to mention I then led my singleton diamond! When partner won the 9 I was feeling pretty good. When the second round went ♦Q, show-out, show-out I was stunned.

At the other table, North/South got to 3♦. Scott and Deb defended very accurately for +300 and 9 IMPs.

Then Scott & Debs bid the following good slam for 13 IMPs:

Board: 7

Dealer: S
Vul: All

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | North | | |
| | ♠ 75 | | |
| | ♥ A1053 | | |
| | ♦ 982 | | |
| | ♣ J972 | | |
| West | | East | |
| ♠ AKJ2 | | ♠ Q863 | |
| ♥ 84 | | ♥ KQ976 | |
| ♦ AKJ543 | | ♦ 106 | |
| ♣ 8 | | ♣ A6 | |
| | South | | |
| | ♠ 1094 | | |
| | ♥ J2 | | |
| | ♦ Q7 | | |
| | ♣ KQ10543 | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 5NT | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

At our table they got to their 3rd best fit:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| X | Pass | 4♥ | 3♣ All Pass |

Interesting that South at the other table didn't open this hand, but did pre-empt 3♣ on ♠K3 ♥8 ♦8752 ♣K97643 in 1st seat all green on another hand. I did too but I was much closer to passing that one.

We were feeling pretty good at this point, but then disaster. On the last board I failed to find an obvious trump switch against a 4♠ doubled contract which cost 13 IMPs, and then board 10 got wiped! While waiting for their last board team mates overheard too much information (that a possible grand slam was on) from the loud mouths at the next table to let the board be played. What was worse was that it was the top table (semi-trustworthy analytical minds, giving the opinion).

We won 17-13. Assuming team mates had bid a small slam it would have been 21-9. Obviously cancelling the board is the only option under law and it is just bad luck that we lost the potential for a huge pick up, but I was annoyed that the offending table (the leaders team 8 vs team 5) got away without penalty. That sort of thing is an instant procedural penalty in NZ.

As I said I was pretty annoyed (partly at myself for my defence on the last board) but can you imagine how I felt when it happened again in the very next match!

Board: 27

Dealer: S
Vul: Nil

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | North | |
| | ♠ QJ3 | |
| | ♥ 932 | |
| | ♦ K8 | |
| West | ♣ 106432 | East |
| ♠ 1084 | | ♠ A962 |
| ♥ J874 | | ♥ 106 |
| ♦ 10653 | | ♦ QJ942 |
| ♣ A7 | | ♣ K9 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ K75 | |
| | ♥ AKQ5 | |
| | ♦ A7 | |
| | ♣ QJ85 | |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 1♣ |
| All Pass | | | 3NT |

1♣ was natural (3+) as was 2♣ – just 6-9. On lead against 3NT, I chose a diamond. There is a very small inference in that partner might have strained to bid a major, rather than diamonds. That's a pretty small clue and anything could easily be right. In fact a spade to the Ace and a diamond switch also beats it.

Still +100 (2 off) is a very handy score to have on your side. (3NT regularly made around the room) but again the



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board got cancelled for the same reason: loud voices while waiting for their last board (bloody ethical team mates), involving one of the same pairs (team 5) – still no penalty.

At this point I asked the director Martin Willcox for a refund as our team only seemed to get to play 15 board matches, rather than the full 16 boards! During one of my complaints about the failure to penalise the offenders, Martin was moved to say “it was the first time in his life he had been accused of being a soft director!”

We won this match 17-13 against team 12 **Brightling**.

In match 9 we got to play team 4 **Kanetkar**. In a cute way of fixing the problem of loud voices, the loud voices and fast players were sent to the vugraph room to play on their own!

We had choice against this team and were about to make our line-up decision when we found out we were on vugraph (Bridge Base Online). Although my usual definition of vugraph is “an opportunity given to two or three expert commentators to take turns at making mistakes in analysis” Mary Ellen and I certainly didn’t want anyone else to find out we were playing Gerber.

Earlier playing against Elizabeth Havas I had bid 4♣ Gerber (to which Mary Ellen replied as usual with 4♦ no Aces) and after the auction was over, Elizabeth asked for an explanation. As we explained that 4♣ was Gerber, she interrupted with “no really what is it?” and was apologetic after we assured her it really was, which then had the effect of the director hovering as our laughter was so loud it was interrupting play at other tables.

So we sent Debs and Scott into the open room where they proceeded to demolish their opponents as we cantered to a 23-7 win. This was the biggest swing of the match:

Board: 13

Dealer: N
Vul: All

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | North | | |
| | ♠ AJ107632 | | |
| | ♥ 95 | | |
| | ♦ — | | |
| West | ♣ A984 | East | |
| ♠ 85 | | ♠ Q | |
| ♥ 83 | | ♥ AKQ1064 | |
| ♦ AQ103 | | ♦ KJ92 | |
| ♣ KJ752 | | ♣ 63 | |
| | South | | |
| | ♠ K94 | | |
| | ♥ J72 | | |
| | ♦ 87654 | | |
| | ♣ Q10 | | |

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|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | North | East | South |
| | 1♠ | 2♥ | X |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| X | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♠ | All Pass | |

At our table the auction was remarkably tame with all

the players taking rather conservative views of their hands (well, except me obviously). Maybe Mary Ellen was walking the dog? Sitting North she opened 1♠ (too good for 4♠ she tells me!) and then got pushed to 3♠. As this was cold for 4♠ on the lie of the cards, we were expecting a minus until...

At the other table, after Joe Haffer opened 4♠, Debs overcalled 5♥ which was of course doubled. Best defence leaves Debs a club guess for -500 or -800, but North/South failed to find their ruff (South needs to lead a diamond or perhaps more likely lead the ♠K to retain the lead and see North’s signal) and when Debs did guess clubs, that was +850 for 14 IMPs.

Despite winning the match by over 30 IMPs, this was the only double figure swing of the match. It was all nip and tuck and part score swings.

With a 23-7 win, we were tied for the lead with **Neill**, but the tie-break was on total imps. Our team had had no big 25 win so we were well behind on this tie-break.

There were plenty of teams with chances to win. Even **Brifman** who hadn’t been in the top 10 for a long time could win if the results went their way and if they got a max. The results did go their way, but they only got 20 in the last match to finish 5th.

We drew another seed for the last match - team 5 **Thompson** (Ben Thompson - Nigel Rosendorff, Cathy Chua - Simon Hinge)

For the first time out of all the ten matches we had lost the part score battles and we lost the match 17-13.

Resigned to a minor placing we thanked each other for a fun weekend and started to head towards the bar. I agreed the score and put the result in. There was suddenly good news. All other matches but one were in and we were leading “in the clubhouse” to use golfing parlance.

The match to come was leader **Neill** – so we needed to them to lose 18-12 to be ahead of them. It seemed like the bad luck of the cancelled boards would cost us the tournament. But suddenly there it was 18-12 win to **Brightling** over **Neill** and we had won by one VP.

So off to the bar to celebrate. One wag tried to convince us that it was traditional in Australia for the winning team to throw apples at the chief tournament director after winning a major tournament. He even went so far as to provide us with an apple each! We didn’t take him up on it.

The prize giving wasn’t as formal an affair as in NZ. One odd thing was having to wrestle the microphone to make a thank you speech. It seems that speeches aren’t encouraged (or maybe they thought I would tell an unsavoury joke?).

Playoff Qualifying Points As At 30 June 2004

OPEN (16+):

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| HANS, Sartaj | 99 |
| MARSTON, Paul | 80 |
| LESTER, John | 72 |
| LORENTZ, Gabby | 72 |
| NUNN, Tony | 72 |
| THOMSON, Matthew | 72 |
| KLINGER, Ron | 69 |
| NEILL, Bruce | 69 |
| COURTNEY, Michael | 68 |
| HORTON, David | 64 |
| DYKE, Kieran | 60 |
| KANETKAR, Avi | 59 |
| DEL'MONTE, Ishmael | 56 |
| EBERY, Jamie | 46 |
| GOLD, Leigh | 46 |
| MARKEY, Phil | 39 |
| NAGY, Zolly | 37 |
| WYER, Paul | 36 |
| MORTIMER, David | 32 |
| GUMBY, Pauline | 30 |
| LAZER, Warren | 30 |
| MULLAMPHY, Matt | 29 |
| BAGCHI, Khokan | 27 |
| BOURKE, Margaret | 27 |
| BOURKE, Tim | 27 |
| DELIVERA, Arjuna | 27 |
| HINGE, Simon | 27 |
| McMANUS, Matthew | 27 |
| SMITH, David | 27 |
| BROWNE, Seamus | 24 |
| FRUEWIRTH, Rob | 24 |
| ROTHFIELD, Carole | 24 |
| ROTHFIELD, Jessel | 24 |
| BRIGHTLING, Richard | 22 |
| THOMSON, Ian | 22 |
| GUE, Phil | 21 |
| HOFFMAN, David | 21 |
| HUGHES, Chris | 21 |
| LILLEY, David | 21 |
| SARTEN, Adam | 21 |
| WAWN, David | 21 |
| BROWN, Terry | 20 |
| CUMMINGS, Valerie | 18 |
| FEITELSON, Candice | 18 |
| KALNINS, David | 18 |
| PEAKE, Andrew | 18 |
| WILTSHIRE, David | 18 |
| BAKER, Colin | 16 |
| CHUA, Cathy | 16 |

SENIORS (16+):

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| NAGY, Zolly | 159 |
| KLINGER, Ron | 141 |
| NEILL, Bruce | 141 |
| LESTER, John | 114 |
| LORENTZ, Gabby | 114 |
| RAMSHAW, Eric | 99 |
| HUGHES, Chris | 93 |
| MORTIMER, David | 92 |
| BOURKE, Margaret | 90 |
| ANDERSON, David | 84 |
| BILSKI, George | 73 |
| MALACZYNSKI, Wally | 73 |
| NOBLE, Barry | 73 |
| WYER, Paul | 60 |
| LILLEY, David | 57 |
| SERES, Tim | 47 |
| BROCKWELL, John | 36 |
| HAUGHIE, Bill | 36 |
| McDONALD, Barbara | 36 |
| WALSH, Allan | 36 |
| GRIFFIN, Edward | 30 |
| HUGHES, Michael | 30 |
| GASPAR, George | 27 |
| TENCER, Boris | 27 |
| BUCHEN, Peter | 26 |
| ASHWORTH, John | 24 |
| CRICHTON, Ross | 24 |
| JANUSZKE, Roger | 24 |
| McKINNON, Ian | 24 |
| PIPER, Terry | 24 |
| WESTWOOD, Bill | 24 |
| ARBER, Sam | 18 |
| DE JONG, Henry | 18 |
| GLASSON, Alan | 18 |
| HOWE, Blaine | 18 |
| JONES, Doreen | 18 |
| LANE, Gary | 18 |
| NEWLANDS, Dave | 18 |
| RADCLIFFE, Kathie | 18 |
| WILLIAMS, Heather | 18 |
| YEZERSKI, Alex | 18 |
| CHRISTIE, Henry | 15 |
| MARKOVICS, Andrew | 15 |
| NEWMAN, John | 15 |
| BROOKS, Di | 12 |
| GOODYER, Tom | 12 |
| HAMMOND, Pauline | 12 |
| KOBLER, Louise | 12 |
| LEWIN, Evi | 12 |
| VARADI, Les | 12 |

WOMEN'S:

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| BOURKE, Margaret | 107 |
| LUSK, Sue | 104 |
| TULLY, Therese | 104 |
| BEALE, Felicity | 96 |
| SMART, Diana | 96 |
| WOODS, Meredith | 80 |
| CLARK, Alida | 56 |
| CORMACK, Jan | 56 |
| CUMMINGS, Valerie | 54 |
| FEITELSON, Candice | 54 |
| KAPLAN, Rena | 51 |
| HAVAS, Elizabeth | 36 |
| HAY, Jillian | 36 |
| STERN, Linda | 36 |
| TRAVIS, Barbara | 36 |
| GUMBY, Pauline | 30 |
| FOLKARD, Berri | 28 |
| ROTHFIELD, Carole | 24 |
| CREET, Karen | 18 |
| HOFFMAN, Julia | 18 |
| TOBIN, Judith | 18 |
| CHUA, Cathy | 16 |
| CHURCH, Nola | 16 |
| MURRAY-WHITE, Sally | 16 |
| SNASHALL, Helen | 16 |
| CLAYTON, Robyn | 15 |
| KEMPTHORNE, Agnes | 15 |
| MILLAR, Margaret | 15 |
| TUCKER, Greer | 15 |
| HALVORSEN, Wendi | 12 |
| HARKNESS, Lorraine | 12 |
| MOSES, Kinga | 12 |
| NEALE, Kim | 12 |
| RENTON, Heather | 12 |
| BRIFMAN, Mary-Anne | 11 |
| GINSBERG, Monica | 9 |
| HOWES, Rasma | 9 |
| MOLLOY, Carolyn | 9 |
| ROBB, Merrilee | 9 |
| JESNER, Dorothy | 1 |
| ROWORTH, Ros | 1 |

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS NEWS FLASH

Venue switch for the Restricted and (half) the Open Teams. The Restricted Teams will be held at the ANA. One of the two Open Teams pools will play at the Gold Coast International. Open Teams entries may express a site preference. All other event locations are unchanged. Details are available on the QBA website.

SUMMER FESTIVAL CHANGES

In his last year as convener of the Summer Festival of Bridge, John Scudder will be implementing a number of changes in the schedule. This is in response to feedback from many of the competitors over a number of years.

- 1) There will not be any play at the Hyatt Canberra Hotel. All play will be at either the National Convention Centre or Rydges Lakeside Hotel. However the Hyatt continues to offer its superb facilities to bridge players at the discounted rate of \$195 per room.
- 2) There will be four concurrent events played from Wednesday 12th January to Friday 14th January. Session times will be 11:30, 15:00 and 20:00.
 - a) The Non-Life Masters Teams will be played at the National Convention Centre over eight 20-board matches concluding at 17:30 on the Friday;
 - b) The 0-149 Teams with 0-49, 0-99 & 0-149 master point sections. This will be a separate event to the Non-Life Masters Teams. No matches will be played against the Non-Life Masters contestants. However, there will be matches amongst the three master point levels. The eight 20-board matches will be played at the National Convention Centre finishing at 17:30 on the Friday.
 - c) The National Women's Teams will be played at the National Convention Centre over nine rounds of 20-board matches concluding at 22:30 on the Friday. This event qualifies 6 teams to the second stage.
 - d) The National Seniors Teams will be played at Rydges Lakeside Canberra over nine rounds of 20-board matches concluding at 22:30 on the Friday. This event qualifies 6 teams to the second stage.
- 3) The Australian Open Pairs will not be held in 2005.
- 4) A multi-pairs event will be held on Saturday 15th January. It will be played over three sessions of 21 boards at 11:00, 15:00 & 20:00 at the National Convention Centre. This event will incorporate the Australian Men's Pairs and the Australian Mixed Pairs as well as extending to three new events, a Seniors Pairs, a Women's Pairs and a 0-149 Pairs. Each event will be an independent movement.
- 5) The matches in the South West Pacific Teams will be shortened to 16 boards with four matches per day. The

session times will be 10:30, 13:30, 16:00 and 20:30. There will be no play on Wednesday evening giving players an opportunity to socialise and/or dine in style. This means that there will be 17 rounds or 272 boards, 8 boards less than in 2004. There will be two fields, playing at Rydges Lakeside Hotel and the National Convention Centre. After round 15 (which concludes at 22:30 on the Thursday) the top eight teams from each field will proceed to the National Open Teams. Lower placed teams from each venue will proceed to a final for each of the categories: Veterans, Seniors, Mixed, Women's, Country, 0-149 and Youth. If no teams qualify for the NOT in the Best ACT and Best Zone 7 categories, there will be finals for these categories as well. All teams that do not qualify for the various finals will play two more rounds of the SW Pacific Teams on the Friday. Withdrawal from the event after round 15 by any non-finalist team will affect its finishing place.

- 6) All rounds in the NOT will be 64-board matches each taking one day. The Round of Sixteen will start at 10:00 on Friday 21st January. The contestants will be the eight leading teams from each venue at the end of round 15 of the SW Pacific Teams.

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SWISS BUTLER PAIRS

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Phil Gue – Margaret Walters | 150 |
| 2 | Ian Patterson - Betty Hobdell | 143 |
| 3 | Patricia Buch - Maurine Lamont | 142 |

TEAMS

- | | | |
|---|------------------|---|
| 1 | Tully | Therese Tully, Sue Lusk, 162 Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent |
| 2 | Kemphorne | Agnes &, Barry Kemphorne, 160 Tom Strong, Darko Janzekovic |
| 3 | Francis | Neville Francis, Denis Croft, 153 Terry Strong, Janeen Solomon |

McCANCE TROPHY

- | | | |
|---|---------------|---|
| 1 | Neill | Bruce Neill, Ron Klinger, 153 Zolly Nagy, David Lilley |
| 2 | Howe | Blaine Howe, Douglas Newlands, 129 Henry De Jong, Sam Arber |
| 3 | Bourke | Tim Bourke, Margaret Bourke, 125 Ian Mccance, Eric Ramshaw, David Smith, Meredith Woods |

VICTOR CHAMPION CUP

- | | | |
|----|---------------|---|
| 1 | Ware | Michael Ware, Mary Ellen Newton, 184 Scott Smith, Deb Moir |
| 2= | Neill | Bruce Neill, Ron Klinger, 183 Zolly Nagy, David Lilley |
| 2= | Sarten | Adam Sarten, Chris Hughes, 183 Leigh Gold, Jamie Ebery |

BAWA - ABF WESTERN SENIOR PAIRS

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|---|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | John Ashworth – Terry Piper | 182 |
| 2 | Doreen Jones - Heather Williams | 171 |
| 3 | Di Brooks - Pauline Hammond | 157 |

AUTUMN SENIORS SWISS PAIRS

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Maraget Bourke - Eric Ramshaw | 189 |
| 2 | Alan Glasson - Kathie Radcliffe | 173 |
| 3 | David Mortimer, David Anderson | 172 |

AUTUMN NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

QUALIFYING

- | | | |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | Peake | Andrew Peake, David Kalnins, 177 David Wiltshire, Candice Feitelson |
| 2 | Brifman | Kieran Dyke, Richard Jedrychowski, 166 Jacek Pszczola, Tony Nunn, Mary-Anne Brifman (npc) |
| 3 | Fordham | Peter Fordham, Attilo De Luca, 165 Joe Haffer, David Lusk |

FINAL

Brifman 158 def Peake 81

Country Congress Calendar

August

- 8 **Sunshine Coast**
Novice Pairs (0-99 MP's)
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- 14-15 **Nowra**
Congress
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- 17-22 **Coffs Harbour**
Coffs Coast Bridge Super Congress
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Park Beach Plaza
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
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- 21-22 **Wagga Wagga**
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doreenkj@draget.com.au
- 28-29 **Ballina**
Pairs Congress
June Perry (02) 6681 5533
bbclub@nsw.quik.com.au
- 29 **Sunshine Coast**
Teams
Robyn Feuerherdt
PO Box 5152
Maroochydore Business Centre QLD 4558
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September

- 10-12 **Bunbury**
Walk-in Pairs, Pairs and Teams
Kate Boston
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kmboston@iinet.net.au
- 11-12 **Port Macquarie - Hastings**
Swiss Teams Congress
Bridget Earle
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- 17-18 **Surfers Paradise**
Butler Pairs & Birthday Teams
Sandra Allen, PO Box 6628
Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726
- 26 **Noosa Heads**
Swiss Teams
Di Quigley, PO Box 40, Noosaville QLD 4566
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diandpeter@optusnet.com.au

October

- 8-10 **Albury**
Super Congress
Walk-In Pairs, Pairs & Teams
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Albury Bridge Club via Commercial Club
PO Box 916, Albury NSW 2640
(02) 6043 1120

- 16-17 **Monaro**
Cooma Congress
Swiss Pairs & Teams
Bruce Hovey
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bruce.hovey@bigpond.com

- 29-30 **Surfers Paradise**
Novice Teams
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Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726

- 29-31 **Kalgoorlie**
Pairs and Teams
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November

- 6-7 **Margaret River**
Pairs and Teams
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glendabarter@yahoo.com
Please note change of dates from 13-14.
- 8 **Tweed Heads**
Birthday Teams
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Hand: At all vulnerable, playing IMPs scoring, North holds: ♠— ♥AKQ54 ♦AKQJ8 ♣Q53

Bidding:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | 1♥ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

Comments:

We made 12 tricks because partner had the King of clubs. With insufficient points he responded only because he had five hearts. Our basic system is Acol with Benjamin Twos.

How could we have found the slam?

And Peter's Response:

Hi Bert,

There are several ways slam could be approached on this hand. While I agree generally with opening two-suited hands at the one level if possible, looked at from either a playing trick perspective or loser count, opener's hand is very powerful. It has close to ten playing tricks. Perhaps opening 2♣ will produce a more manageable auction than starting with a less economical 2♦.

I would suggest something like:

- 2♣ : 2♦
- 2♥ : 3♥ (forcing and stronger than 4♥)
- 4♦ : 4♥ (no interest here)
- 4♠ : 5♣ (opener is still worth a cue looking for slam and now so is responder)
- 6♥ (Yippee!!)

Traditionally, playing Acol, after an eight plus playing trick hand is disclosed, responder's immediate jump to game has a specific meaning - primary trump support, but no ace, king, singleton or void.

The auction I have described relies on the inference that the 3♥ bid implies something of potential use outside trump support. After opener tries for slam both below and above game with the 4♦ and 4♠ control bids, responder, having given a negative response and turned down the first slam try, should certainly own up to second round club control by bidding 5♣.

With opener bidding so strongly, clearly anxious to know what partner can contribute, any first or second round

control below 5♥ should be bid over 4♠. In the event of the 1♥ opening, three sequences come to mind:

- 1♥ : 4♥ (the modern style - weak hand 5+ trumps.)
- 6♥

This auction has lots going for it. The opening lead might be critical and could make a hopeless contract easy. e.g. an attempt to cash the spade ace when dummy holds the King and Queen.

Perhaps:

- 1♥ : 4♥
- 4♠ : 5♣ (1st or 2nd round control cue is OK by a weak hand)
- 6♥ (Yippee!!)

or

- 1♥ : 2♥ (incorrect in my view on this hand)
- 3♦ : 3♥ (no game interest)
- 4♠ (spade void) : 5♣ (club control)
- 6♥ (Yippee!!)

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In this last auction, 3♦ initially is a game try, but in the light of the following 4♠ bid, reveals that it was a slam try, not a game try.

All these auctions have two things in common -

Opener must bid much more strongly than actually occurred;

Responder shows little interest until opener ventures beyond 4♥, but then acknowledges possession of a club control, which, because the hand must be weak, may be made with a second round control.

While it is certainly the case that 5♥ will fail on a rotten day, to fail to try for slam is very timid on opener's part.

*Regards
Peter Fordham*

Book Reviews

100 BRIDGE PROBLEMS - USING POKER TACTICS IN BRIDGE BY MIKE CAPPELLETTI (CARDOZA PUBLISHING, NEW YORK, USA, 2004)

Mike Cappelletti presents 100 bidding problems in six chapters - Aggressiveness, Conservativeness, Need Information, Looking around the Table, The Amorphous Cue Bid and Bluffing. On all the problems the author gives his answer and reasoning with around one page of text. Most of the hands are from bidding forums, but some are from real life past world championships and top events.

He discusses concepts and new ideas, rarely taking a conservative or down the middle approach. His favourite is the aggressive approach using poker strategies. This sample "Go Quietly? Not Clear" is typical of his approach:

Matchpoints, nil vulnerable, you hold: ♠AKxx ♥ QJ9xx
♦KJ10 ♣A. The bidding:

1♥ 3♦ Pass Pass
??

His first comment is that he is going to bid, the problem is what. 26 out of 34 experts on The Bridge World panel elected to pass and take the likely plus. While Cappelletti agrees bidding could be wrong, he places the 3♦ bidder with 8 high card points, and reckons it is only reasonable to expect partner to have 7 of the outstanding 14 HCP. Also if partner is broke, two down undoubled in 3NT could be a good save against 3♦.

Be warned, the author is a very aggressive bidder by Australian standards. Having said that, there is a mine of information, ideas, and material for intermediate to advanced players, to spice up your game.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES BRIDGE BOOK BY ALAN & DOROTHY TRUSCOTT (ST MARTIN'S PRESS, NEW YORK, USA, 2002)

Truscott starts in the 12th century with a chapter on the build-up from whist to bridge, then seven chapters on the fascinating Culbertson era before arriving at Mr Bridge, Charles Goren. Truscott was born in 1925, so he was personally involved in the post-WW2 bridge era. He supplies many facts and figures not previously known. For instance, Goren retired from bridge at 60 and lived in isolation in the care of a nephew until he died at age 90. Why did Goren retire? He had developed Alzheimer's Disease!

Truscott has a great preoccupation with cheating and ethics. He clearly has little time for Reese, and he mentions many others under suspicion. The Manoppo brothers from Indonesia were investigated by a WBF committee, who examined their actions on 600 deals. On 75 of them one of the brothers led from an ace or a king, and every time his brother held the other top honour. He takes it for granted that the Blue Team were cheating, simply from the fact that so many bids and plays struck partner with the ideal holding. Truscott even concludes that Paul Stern's World Champion Austrian Team from the 1930s were cheating.

There are many great hands. This trump suit play from the 1971 World Championship shows how psychology plays a big part in the game:

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Dealer: E | North | | | |
| Vul: Nil | ♠ K94 | | | |
| | ♥ K103 | | | |
| | ♦ KQJ106 | | | |
| | ♣ J3 | | | |
| | West | | East | |
| | ♠ AJ85 | | ♠ 1072 | |
| | ♥ Q952 | | ♥ 6 | |
| | ♦ 43 | | ♦ 98752 | |
| | ♣ K75 | | ♣ A1084 | |
| | | South | | |
| | | ♠ Q63 | | |
| | | ♥ AJ874 | | |
| | | ♦ A | | |
| | | ♣ Q962 | | |
| | West | North | East | South |
| | <i>Szwarc</i> | <i>Jacoby</i> | <i>Boulenger</i> | <i>Wolff</i> |
| | | | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♦ | | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | | All Pass | |

West led a club to his partner's ace, won the spade return with the ♠A, and cashed the ♣K.

West, a multiple world champion had won the second and third tricks with no hesitation, and appeared quite relaxed. To Wolff this strongly suggested Szwarc believed he was going to make a trump trick. So Wolff proceeded on the assumption that West held not only Qxx, but Q9xx. He backed his judgment by leading the ♥J, and when it was covered he returned to hand and ran the ♥8.

As an added bonus to newer players, whenever something worth explaining comes up, such as transfer bids or squeezes, Truscott adds 2-3 pages in shaded type to describe the whys and wherefores. Books on the history of bridge are rare, and this an exceptional read.

Paul Lavings

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY RAY AND LINDA LEE (MASTER POINT PRESS, 186PP)

This is a collection of fifty-two articles and puzzles from the now defunct Canadian Masterpoint bridge magazine. Of the various authors, perhaps the best known would be Fred Gitelman, Canadian international and author of the bridge play software Bridge Master. Other authors include professional players, bridge journalists and authors.

The Canadians are clearly kindred spirits with Aussies, as the very first article shows. The Canadian youth team has invented the "beer card" (the seven of diamonds) to add interest to an otherwise dull game. If you can score your last trick with the beer card, your partner owes you a beer, but if you drop a trick in so doing, you owe him two beers. The articles are categorised under the headings Play, Improvement, Bridge Theory, Humour, People and Places, and Puzzles. There are plenty of good hands for those who like them, with esoteric "clash squeezes" and other little known techniques. Many of the articles show a wry (or even utterly twisted) sense of humour. Three Minutes to Winning Bridge is an example of the latter. The puzzles include crosswords and some real brain-teasers.

One particularly enjoyable article espouses the Rabbit's Rule: Never defend on the basis that your expert opponent has mispulled his card.

| | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Vul: EW | North | | | |
| | ♠ 64 | | | |
| | ♥ 532 | | | |
| | ♦ K97653 | | | |
| | ♣ KQ | | | |
| | West | | East | |
| | ♠ 87 | | ♠ 5 | |
| | ♥ KJ94 | | ♥ Q87 | |
| | ♦ J10 | | ♦ Q84 | |
| | ♣ J8763 | | ♣ A109542 | |
| | | South | | |
| | | ♠ AKQJ10932 | | |
| | | ♥ A106 | | |
| | | ♦ A2 | | |
| | | ♣ — | | |
| | South | North | | |
| | 2♣ | 2D ¹ | 1. Waiting | |
| | 2♠ | 3D ² | 2. Values | |
| | 5NT ³ | 6♦ | 3. Grand Slam Force | |
| | 6♠ | | | |

Declarer wins your ♠8 lead and immediately plays three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third with the ♠3. Knowing the Rabbit's Rule, you should decline to overruff. Has your expert opponent really forgotten to draw trumps, and ruffed low when he could have ruffed high?

John Hardy

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My Mentor

I am grown up enough not to panic in no-trump contracts but those little dinky 1NT and 2NT contracts always seem to cause me trouble. I hope you can look at a couple of hands that caused problems recently, and advise on how these could have been played better.

DINKY #1

♠ 9865
♥ 1082
♦ Q6
♣ J975

♠ A10
♥ A973
♦ AJ97
♣ Q103

I opened 1NT (15-17) and LHO doubled for penalties. He led the King of hearts and I held up on the first round and won the second, East following with the 5 and the 6. I thought that West must have the King of diamonds, so I led a diamond at trick 2. Would you believe that East took my Queen with the King? Then East played a spade and things got nasty.

DINKY #2

♠ Q752
♥ J854
♦ 92
♣ A75

♠ AK6
♥ Q7
♦ Q643
♣ KJ62

This time my 1NT opening was passed out. West led the Jack of diamonds and East won with the King and followed up with the Ace and another. I took my Queen and tried spades. I played Ace, King and another spade and West discarded a heart on the third round. Next I tried the Ace of clubs and took the finesse. No luck. West turned up with the Queen-ten and two others and I couldn't get a seventh trick. Unlucky, or what?

Cathy,

It's a little hard to provide a short list of principles in 1NT because there are so many variations. However, the general principles and techniques associated with higher levels of NT play still apply with the added bonus that you can often gain from the luxury of surrendering the lead more often.

In your first example, you may have been unlucky to

have found the King of diamonds with East but was it necessary to put all of your eggs in that particular basket at trick 3? If you had planned to lead a diamond at trick two, it might have been better to win the first heart and leave East with the option of returning a heart rather than the less welcome spade.

However, whether you hold up on the first heart or not, you are surely better off establishing at least one solid trick in clubs. When things are tight, look for your solid suits and be prepared to concede tricks that the opposition will always have at their disposal whenever they want. In this case, the opposition will have to hold up one round of clubs in order to keep you away from the fourth round in dummy. That gives you a throw-in option on the third round of clubs. If East takes the lead and plays a spade, the best chance may be to rise with the Ace in the hope of blocking the suit.

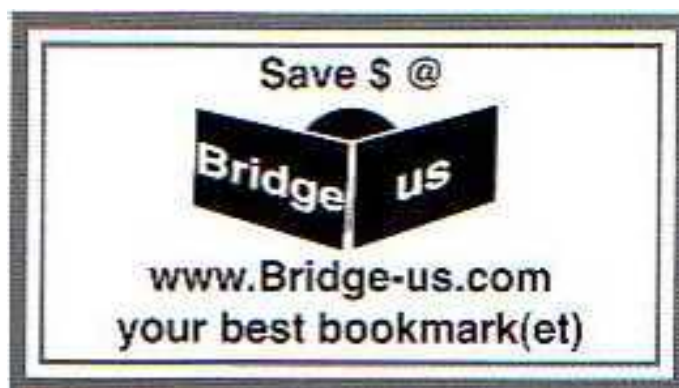
At this stage, the opponents have 2 clubs, 2 hearts and, with any luck, just 2 spades. You have two hearts, one spade, one club and a diamond. If you keep working West on lead, he may have to open up the diamonds. In the end result, you will be either one off or making but never two off as I suspect you were.

The second hand has a similar theme but with a more predictable outcome. You obviously have 6 tricks and it seems reasonable to test the spades before trying clubs. What if you win the third spade in your hand? That's back-to-front but you have an entry with the Ace of clubs if the suit breaks. If it doesn't, why not put West on lead with the last diamond? What can West play? A club lead would be a gift and a heart would allow you to set up dummy's Jack. If West comes out with a small heart to East, you must be careful to rise with the King of clubs when East switches to a club, preserving dummy's Ace as an entry to the winning heart which you can establish now by leading the Queen.

Maybe not so unlucky, after all.

David

David Lusk



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PROPRIETIES (CONTINUED)

Law 73E gives the right to a player to attempt to deceive an opponent by means of a call or play, as long as the deception is not protected by any partnership agreement, understanding or experience.

Law 73F gives the authority for the director to adjust a score if he considers that a player has taken a course of action based on unauthorised information received and that damage to an innocent side has resulted. Within this law is 'Player Injured by Illegal Deception'. This provides authority for the director to adjust if a player claims damage through drawing a false inference from an opponent who could have known that the action could work to his benefit and who had no demonstrable bridge reason for such action. There is no requirement of proof, only whether the opponent could have known. In other words, hesitating with a singleton and hesitating when playing to a finesse position are both candidates.

Law 74 'Conduct and Etiquette' requires players to be pleasant and courteous to both partner and opponents. Breaches of table manners occur far too frequently, sometimes out of ignorance on the part of the player concerned. As a matter of law, players are required to conform to correct procedure, avoid contentious statements and to avoid any suggestion of gamesmanship. Violations of these procedures which may well incur a penalty are: Using different designations for the same call, showing disapproval of partner's play, trying to take an advantage by deliberately noting where opponents take their cards from, deliberately playing overly fast or slow and leaving the table during the play without reason. In most other sports, players would be disciplined for many of the actions which are almost par for the course in bridge. Directors are reminded that Law is on their side when players misbehave and the authority to suspend or penalise is absolute under Law 91.

Law 75 'Partnership Agreements'. Within this law are the examples of the difference between 'mistaken explanations' and 'mistaken bids'. In simple terms, whatever agreements a partnership adopts, all information arising must be fully and freely available to the opponents. Any mistaken explanation is an infraction and the opponents, if damaged, are entitled to redress. With mistaken bids, there is no infraction as the only requirement of law is to explain the actual agreement even though the description in no way, shape or form resembles the hand. It is the rub of the green: win some, lose some.

Law 75B enforces the right of a player to violate an agreement provided that partner is equally unaware as the opponents. There must be no suggestion of any implicit agreement through past experience.

Law 75C puts the onus on the player to give as much information as possible when asked for an explanation of a call or play. General bridge knowledge is excluded from this requirement.

Law 75D covers 'Correcting Errors in Explanation'. If a player suddenly realises that the explanation he gave was incorrect, incomplete or that the bid has not been alerted, the director should be summoned and he will apply Law 21 'Call Based on Misinformation', 'Change of Call' or 40C 'Director's Option to Award and Adjusted Score'.

A more common scenario is that the mistake is noticed by partner. He is not, at this stage, permitted to give any indication that anything is amiss, and may not correct the mistake until Law requires him to do so, namely after the final pass if declarer or dummy and after the play of the hand if a defender.

When misbids or mistaken explanations occur, players compound the problem by calling the director or leaving the table to consult with the director in the mistaken belief that they are protecting their opponents' rights. The timing of the director call and the correction is very important. A point worth reinforcing is that there is no obligation to explain a misbid.

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TEST YOUR TRUMP SUIT TECHNIQUE

What is the best play on the following trump suits? There are no entry problems, so you may play from either hand at any point:

| | Declarer | Dummy |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|
| 1) | KJ953 | A8742 |
| 2) | KJ103 | A986 |
| 3) | AJ6 | K10982 |
| 4) | KJ32 | A1074 |
| 5) | A652 | QJ43 |
| 6) | 1054 | KJ762 |
| 7) | K654 | A1092 |
| 8) | J53 | AQ642 |
| 9) | J9853 | AQ764 |
| 10) | Q1098 | A763 |

- 1) This year my opponents have held this trump combination six times, and five times have misplayed the suit. The secret, as always, is to visualize how many cards are outstanding and then to play to guard against the worst possible break. If the hand sitting over declarer has Q106 then you must lose a trick no matter what, but when declarer's RHO has Q106 you succeed by cashing the ace first, and then taking the marked finesse against the queen.
- 2) This is a 50/50 guess, but you can maximise your chances. The best way to do this is to lead the jack first (tempting your LHO to cover with the queen), then put the ace on the jack, and finesse the other way for the queen. By cashing a top honour before finessing you guard against the singleton queen in either hand.
- 3) There are five cards outstanding, and you have the choice of cashing the ace first and leading the jack, or cashing the king first and finessing to the jack. Ace first, then finesse, is much better since you are able to drop the queen singleton, plus pick up queen-fourth in one hand. If you cash king and finesse you lose to queen-fourth on your left.
- 4) You are going to cash a top honour first, then finesse, but one way is better than the other. Possession of the 7 tips the scales. If declarer's LHO has Q965 or Q865 then the king followed by the jack picks up the suit for no loser. If declarer's RHO has this holding then nothing can be done and a trick must be lost no matter how you play the suit.

- 5) With five cards missing, one trick must be lost when the suit breaks 3-2 no matter how you play the suit. The problem is to lose only one trick when the suit breaks 4-1. Correct play is to cash the ace first, guarding against the bare king, and then play low towards the QJ. If your LHO holds K109x the defence has no answer. LHO must duck enabling your jack to win. Now return to hand and play towards the queen, restricting your losers in the suit to one. The same applies to A65 opposite QJ432.
- 6) Your aim here is to lose only one trick. You can do this when declarer's LHO has AQ, AQx, or more importantly Qx. Whatever you do don't lead the 10 and allow your LHO to cover with the queen and promote a trick in partner's hand. Lead low to the jack, hopefully losing to the ace. Next time play low towards dummy again, and if the queen falls doubleton you have held your losses in the suit to one trick.
- 7) Unless you are lucky enough to drop QJ doubleton, you will lose a trick whenever the suit breaks 3-2. So the problem is to avoid two losers when the suit breaks 4-1. If QJ83, QJ73 or QJ87 sit over the A1092, then two losers are unavoidable. You should guard against these holdings in front of A1092 by playing the king first, and then low to the 10.
- 8) The important thing is not to lead the jack. There is one situation where you may hold your losses to one trick, when declarer's LHO has the king doubleton. Lead low to the queen first, and next cash the ace. If the king falls doubleton your jack wins the third round, and you have escaped with no loser in the suit.
- 9) Note that there are only three cards missing, so it is not only safe to lead the jack first, but necessary. If you LHO opponent has singleton king no harm is done, but if your LHO has K10x you now have a marked finesse against the 10 when your RHO shows out on the first round.
- 10) A common trump suit. It's possible to lose no tricks in the suit, by picking the singleton king or jack, but you'd be happy to lose one trick instead of two. If you play ace then low towards the queen you will frequently have to guess whether to play the 10 or Q. A better way is to lead the Q or 10 first, and if that loses take a second finesse. This method loses only to KJ offside, so is a 75% chance instead of a possible 50/50 guess by cashing ace first.

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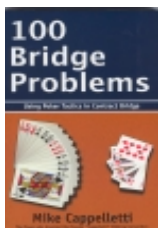


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| 3 | Alistair CAMPBELL | 4.84 | 20 Margaret HOARE | 4.82 | 37 Pauline SCOTT-McKENZIE | 3.82 | |
| 4 | Heide TAYLOR | 4.47 | 21 Pam MOORE | 4.75 | 38 Grace KENTISH | 3.79 | |
| 5 | Mona STOCKWELL | 4.47 | 22 Barry ASLETT | 4.71 | 39 Noreen TIGHE | 3.77 | |
| 6 | Michael O'HARA | 4.06 | 23 Jan HOARE | 4.68 | 40 June KNOWLES | 3.68 | |
| 7 | Marilyn OHLSON | 4.06 | 24 Mary SARGENT | 4.57 | 41 John CHEYNE | 3.68 | |
| 8 | Jerry SENDER | 4.05 | 25 Frank RAITERI | 4.57 | 42 Arne JONSBERG | 3.60 | |
| 9 | Brenda SENDER | 4.05 | 26 Ron COWBURN | 4.48 | 43 Margaret BRECKENRIDGE | 3.58 | |
| 10 | Bruce DARBY | 4.00 | 27 Betty TURNER | 4.40 | 44 Colin RENTON | 3.57 | |
| 11 | Allan WORTHINGTON | 3.92 | 28 Peter HOOPER | 4.39 | 45 Elaine DAVIES | 3.57 | |
| 12 | Virginia RUGLESS | 3.89 | 29 David FITZPATRICK | 4.29 | 46 Otto GOETZKE | 3.56 | |
| 13 | Steven FORWARD | 3.82 | 30 Alison HOLMES | 4.27 | 47 Norman KENTISH | 3.56 | |
| 14 | Eric WHEATLEY | 3.71 | 31 Barrie CHARLES | 4.26 | 48 Pat COOK | 3.56 | |
| 15 | Brenda WRIGHT | 3.66 | 32 Tony SHAW | 4.24 | 49 John OLD | 3.55 | |
| 16 | Janice TONGS | 3.52 | 33 Del RENSHAW | 4.24 | 50 Mavis FINDLAY | 3.49 | |
| 17 | Jana MAYHEW | 3.51 | 34 Norma GRAHAM | 4.22 | Category 4 (141-300) | | |
| 18 | Gillian WHEATLEY | 3.51 | 35 James SIMPSON | 4.15 | 1 Lois DUKE | 15.32 | |
| 19 | Sally O'ROURKE | 3.50 | 36 Warren EASLEY | 4.14 | 2 Arthur DAVIES | 14.69 | |
| 20 | Julia MALET | 3.44 | 37 Cynthia CHRISTIAN | 4.02 | 3 Hugh PROBERT | 13.44 | |
| 21 | Susie HAWKINS | 3.35 | 38 Garnet EDWARDS | 4.01 | 4 Bob HAY | 13.25 | |
| 22 | Bronwyn MITCHELL | 3.33 | 39 Sybil McDOWALL | 3.94 | 5 Suzanne DONOGHUE | 12.34 | |
| 23 | Robin EVANS | 3.00 | 40 Aileen GEAR | 3.93 | 6 Bill GOLDING | 12.02 | |
| 24 | Ron THURAIRETNAM | 2.98 | 41 Anne BEAUMONT | 3.93 | 7 John SAMPSON | 11.44 | |
| 25 | Leanne KIESLING | 2.95 | 42 John BAKER | 3.91 | 8 Margaret DAVIS | 11.33 | |
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| 34 | Normand MACLAURIN | 2.46 | Category 3 (91-140) | | | 17 John JOHNSON | 10.03 |
| 35 | Glenda BARTER | 2.39 | 1 Devin CAPLE | 7.50 | 18 David PRIOL | 9.50 | |
| 36 | Penny BLANKFIELD | 2.38 | 2 Marie POLLOCK | 7.07 | 19 Neville FRANCIS | 9.47 | |
| 37 | Toni LARGE | 2.37 | 3 Paul HEDRICK | 6.78 | 20 Joan STEPHENSON | 9.30 | |
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| 4 Jan DE JONG | 19.72 |
| 5 Kay THOMPSON | 19.68 |
| 6 Mohinder SINGH | 18.87 |
| 7 Enid DAWES | 18.62 |
| 8 Jan DOONER | 17.81 |
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| 10 Maureen CORNISH | 17.56 |
| 11 Mrs E WHITE | 17.54 |
| 12 Ron STAGG | 16.64 |
| 13 Elizabeth THOMSON | 16.41 |
| 14 Frank ARNOLD | 15.73 |
| 15 Ken ELSE | 15.50 |
| 16 Sylvia DWARSHUIS | 15.25 |
| 17 Dorothy DUNPHY | 15.12 |
| 18 Ray MALONEY | 15.07 |
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| 20 Paul BEKESY | 15.01 |
| 21 Pat ROGERS | 14.55 |
| 22 Joan MAIDES | 14.48 |
| 23 Allan MARR | 14.41 |
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| 26 Joan LAWS | 14.15 |
| 27 Bessie BALDRY | 14.09 |
| 28 Gaylene MASTERS | 14.05 |
| 29 Mary FURNESS | 13.98 |
| 30 Jim WARD | 13.89 |
| 31 Jill OTOOLE | 13.79 |
| 32 Valda HALCROFT | 13.64 |
| 33 Lynne FISHER | 13.49 |

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| 37 Di ROBINSON | 13.26 |
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| 39 Roger WATTS | 13.11 |
| 40 Georgiana MATHEWS | 13.08 |
| 41 Timothy WRIGHT | 13.05 |
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| 43 Anne WILLIS | 12.92 |
| 44 George ASHBY | 12.86 |
| 45 Dianne KAJONS | 12.83 |
| 46 Karen ODY | 12.77 |
| 47 Ken CUPPLES | 12.72 |
| 48 Pat FRY | 12.70 |
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| 50 Monica DARLEY | 12.70 |

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| 3 Stan POGACIC | 42.80 |
| 4 Paul AZZOPARDI | 40.53 |
| 5 Peter LEDEN | 39.84 |
| 6 Gwen BADENOCH | 37.73 |
| 7 John BEYFUS | 35.51 |
| 8 Ian CHARLESWORTH | 34.68 |
| 9 Ian HEAIRFIELD | 34.24 |
| 10 Jack FALK | 33.34 |
| 11 Edi SFREDDO | 33.00 |
| 12 Robert HECKER | 33.00 |
| 13 Mary HECKER | 32.39 |
| 14 John SMITH | 31.60 |
| 15 John MARSHALL | 31.14 |
| 16 Jim MAY | 30.76 |

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| 18 Anne ALLEN | 28.56 |
| 19 Darko JANZEKOVIC | 28.36 |
| 20 Lilli ALLGOOD | 27.70 |
| 21 Glyn EVANS | 27.12 |
| 22 Ron COHEN | 25.97 |
| 23 John DAVENPORT | 25.82 |
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| 25 Andrew BARANY | 25.21 |
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| 27 Rita SKINNER | 25.05 |
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| 30 Mary SQUIRE | 23.88 |
| 31 Dick PEARS | 23.75 |
| 32 Tom KISS | 23.64 |
| 33 Iris HUGHES | 23.14 |
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| 43 Sunil MUKHERJEE | 21.26 |
| 44 Douglas HARDMAN | 21.07 |
| 45 Sandra REGAN | 21.05 |
| 46 Delsi POZZA | 20.61 |
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| JEDRYCHOWSKI, Richard | NSW | 322.29 | PUSKAS, John | SA | 59.83 | FACTOR, Matthew | NSW | 25.71 |
| NEILL, Bruce | NSW | 256.23 | NICHOLS, Ann | QLD | 59.35 | INCHLEY, Alison | VIC | 24.64 |
| HANS, Sartaj | NSW | 246.03 | Best Performing: **National Masters | | | WILLIAMS, Barry | QLD | 21.93 |
| KLINGER, Ron | NSW | 240.26 | SASSON, Clare | NSW | 51.26 | WILLIAMSON, Paul | SA | 21.80 |
| NUNN, Tony | NSW | 235.08 | HORAWICZ, Ted | WA | 51.13 | FREUND, Stella | NSW | 21.61 |
| NAGY, Zolly | SA | 230.76 | ADAMS, Elizabeth | NSW | 44.14 | SMITH, Moira | SA | 20.14 |
| DEL'MONTE, Ishmael | NSW | 221.33 | McERLEAN, Tina | SA | 43.91 | Best Performing: **Local Masters | | |
| MORTIMER, David | SA | 213.89 | CHAN, Thai | NSW | 41.94 | BOXALL, Wendy | ACT | 36.28 |
| JANZEKOVIC, Darko | QLD | 208.18 | BANKS, Judy | VIC | 39.80 | MUKHERJEE, Sunil | QLD | 32.33 |
| GILL, Peter | NSW | 206.34 | PALMER, Helen | NSW | 39.20 | SINGH, Mohinder | NSW | 32.11 |
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| NUNN, Tony | NSW | 235.08 | Best Performing: *National Masters | | | PFEIFFER, James | NSW | 24.59 |
| NAGY, Zolly | SA | 230.76 | OSMUND, James | QLD | 80.36 | O'DONOHUE, Molly | QLD | 24.16 |
| DEL'MONTE, Ishmael | NSW | 221.33 | CHOSID, Ben | NSW | 70.26 | RHODES, Maura | WA | 23.09 |
| GILL, Peter | NSW | 206.34 | YEZERSKI, Alex | NSW | 63.71 | WOLNOWIC-WOLNY, Rexon | NSW | 22.96 |
| BOURKE, Margaret | ACT | 204.65 | LEIBOWITZ, Tony | NSW | 59.83 | Best Performing: *Local Masters | | |
| GASPAR, George | VIC | 197.27 | HOOD, Peter | VIC | 58.09 | PENNEY, Deborah | SA | 29.86 |
| LAZER, Warren | NSW | 193.39 | WOOD, Kerry | QLD | 55.61 | MEAKINS, Robert | NSW | 26.76 |
| GUMBY, Pauline | NSW | 192.65 | CHARLESWORTH, Thelma | SA | 52.06 | DE VILLIERS, Alma | SA | 25.42 |
| Best Performing: Grand Masters | | | PYNT, Sue | WA | 51.97 | GEISE, Betty | QLD | 22.03 |
| HANS, Sartaj | NSW | 246.03 | GIBSON, Elizabeth | QLD | 51.36 | DUNSTERVILLE, Denise | NSW | 21.70 |
| EBERY, Jamie | VIC | 194.43 | BRANICKI, Leeron | VIC | 49.73 | SCHONWOLF, May | WA | 21.64 |
| FRANCIS, Neville | QLD | 183.24 | Best Performing: National Masters | | | ROSE, Bernie | VIC | 19.76 |
| COLLINS, Jeannette | VIC | 167.98 | BARDEN, Bianca | QLD | 81.94 | CUPPLES, Ken | QLD | 19.61 |
| FEITELSON, Candice | NSW | 165.99 | GOSNEY, Paul | QLD | 62.48 | MORLEY, Michael | NSW | 19.56 |
| KANETKAR, Avinash | NSW | 153.26 | HILLE, Patricia | QLD | 56.83 | COBCROFT, Jill | NSW | 17.12 |
| TENCER, Boris | VIC | 141.79 | RITTER, Catherine | NSW | 55.54 | Best Performing: Local Masters | | |
| WATTS, Marlene | NSW | 140.86 | HOBDELL, Betty | QLD | 53.67 | VARMO, Jan | QLD | 81.58 |
| WYER, Paul | NSW | 139.36 | FORAN, Leigh | NSW | 44.71 | PANG, Rosa | NSW | 26.71 |
| HAY, Jillian | NSW | 137.87 | FORSYTH, Judy | NSW | 44.02 | GUTHRIE, Julie | NSW | 25.07 |
| Best Performing: Gold Life Masters | | | BADENOCH, Gwen | SA | 42.63 | GUTHRIE, Mark | NSW | 24.96 |
| MORTIMER, David | SA | 213.89 | LEE, Claire | VIC | 42.32 | EVANS, Pamela | QLD | 23.18 |
| CHIRA, Traian | VIC | 117.98 | KEIM, John | QLD | 41.98 | LAM, Eric | NSW | 21.02 |
| BURICA, Neven | NSW | 101.21 | Best Performing: *State Masters | | | DUFFY, Tricia | QLD | 20.67 |
| INGHAM, Susan | NSW | 100.87 | KAMALARASA, Sanmugaras | QLD | 91.38 | ALDONS, Malcolm | ACT | 20.46 |
| WAWN, David | ACT | 98.38 | SFREDDO, Edi | SA | 44.75 | BRAID, Heather | SA | 20.26 |
| TUXWORTH, Anthony | QLD | 95.65 | PETTIGREW, Ann | ACT | 44.01 | DOWLING, Jeanne | QLD | 17.40 |
| TOOTELL, Helen | NSW | 95.61 | SULLMAN, Michael | NSW | 43.12 | Best Performing: Club Masters | | |
| HALMOS, Andrew | VIC | 89.13 | CARTER, Greg | VIC | 42.98 | THOMPSON, Philip | QLD | 24.70 |
| YANG, Kathy | VIC | 88.16 | FERGUSON, Andrew | ACT | 41.73 | KING, Gwen | QLD | 23.07 |
| TOOTELL, Peter | NSW | 84.12 | STUART, Ross | NSW | 40.39 | ROBERTS, Geoffrey | QLD | 22.91 |
| Best Performing: Silver Life Masters | | | BAKER, Herschel | QLD | 39.88 | DEAN, Kevin | QLD | 20.74 |
| JEDRYCHOWSKI, Richard | NSW | 322.29 | KELLY, Maggie | VIC | 38.49 | JONES, Fred | QLD | 18.26 |
| BRIFMAN, Mary-Anne | NSW | 138.88 | CLYNE, Jan | VIC | 38.06 | RUSHFORD, Tom | VIC | 17.21 |
| SOLOMON, Janeen | QLD | 132.83 | Best Performing: State Masters | | | BEAK, Marleen | QLD | 15.70 |
| MELLINGS, Ann | VIC | 100.14 | GRIFFITHS, Nye | ACT | 63.97 | HARDING, Raymond | NSW | 13.85 |
| HOOD, Jill | VIC | 94.97 | REITZER, Jeanette | NSW | 49.49 | McDONALD, Elizabeth | NSW | 13.05 |
| WILTSHIRE, David | NSW | 85.49 | HORAN, Brian | QLD | 46.08 | SAYERS, Russel | QLD | 12.83 |
| FLEISZIG, Janina | VIC | 77.67 | PENLINGTON, Paul | QLD | 45.84 | Best Performing: Graduate Masters | | |
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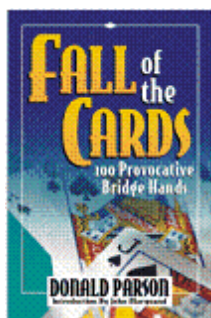
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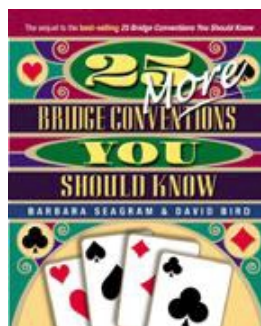


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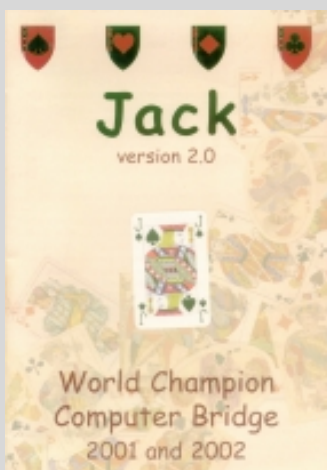
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