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Gold at the Gold Coast



by Ron Klinger

The 2013 Gold Coast Congress was once again a huge success. Numbers were up, and there was much to enjoy apart from the bridge. Bouquets to Convener Therese Tully, her volunteers, the directors, caddies and Daily Bulletin editors, David Stern (Sydney), Brent Manley and Barry Rigal (USA).



Open Teams winners Ashley Bach, Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy & Mike Cornell

There were 200 entries in the Gold Coast Open Teams. After 12 rounds of Swiss, the leading six teams would reach the finals stage.

Try these problems from Session 1:

1. South deals, all vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	?		

What would you do as North with:
♠AJ10942, ♥98, ♦A94, ♣A9

2. East deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1NT ¹
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1. 15-17.

What would you lead as West from:
♠A83, ♥K102, ♦1043, ♣J732

Solutions:

1. Board 23, Round 2, South deals, all vulnerable

♠ A J 10 9 4 2
♥ 9 8
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 9

♠ K Q 6 5 3
♥ J 7 4 3
♦ ---
♣ Q J 4 2

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 10 5 2
♦ K Q 2
♣ 8 7 5

♠ ---
♥ A 6
♦ J 10 8 7 6 5 3
♣ K 10 6 3

West	North	East	South
Klinger	Hans	Mullamphy	Peake
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦!	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Sartaj Hans appreciated the power of his controls, despite having only 13 HCP. West led ♣4. Declarer played ♣A, ♠A to discard ♥6, then ♦A, ♣K, club ruff, ♥A, club ruff, 11 tricks, +600. Barry Rigal pointed out that it is slightly safer to take a club ruff before releasing ♦A in case East began with ♦KQ2 and a singleton or a doubleton club.

There were 34 pairs in 5♦, all making, and 13 were doubled. Nine EW pairs were doubled in 4♥, 4♠ or 5♥ with penalties ranging from 1100 to 1400.

Datum: NS 220.



Open Pairs winners Howard Melbourne & Barbara Travis

2. Board 18, Round 2, East deals, NS vulnerable

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

Here, West should start with one of the majors. With two qualifying suits, prefer the one not headed by the ace. That indicates ♥2. East wins with ♥A and returns a low heart. South can succeed by ducking this, but if South rises with ♥Q, the defenders can collect five hearts and a spade for two down. If you lead a low spade, declarer should rise with dummy's ♠K and can now score nine tricks.

There were 22 declarers in 3NT, and 16 succeeded.
Datum: NS 10.

After Session 1 the leaders, with a perfect 50/50, were Carol Currey, Denise McKinnon, Noel Woodhall, Moss Wylie. Equal second, on 48 VPs were Linda Alexander, Jenny Cater, Dianne Marler, Keith McDonald and Lorna Ichilcik, Mannie Ichilcik, Lynn Kalmin, Lester Kalmin.

3. West deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	4♥	4♠
?			

What would you do as West with:

♠63, ♥Q754, ♦Q52, ♣KQ76

3. Board 18, Round 4, West deals, NS vulnerable

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

Only one pair, George Bilski – Michael Draper, bid to 7♠, and they made it. After say, a trump lead, declarer needs diamonds 3-3 or 4-2. There were 30 pairs in 6♠.

One of the auctions which took NS to 6♠ went this way:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	4♥	4♠
5♥?	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The bulk of the field played in 4♠ or 5♠.

Datum: NS 790.

At three tables EW sacrificed in 7♥ doubled for –1100 twice and –800. Barry Rigal, in the Daily Bulletin, recounted two auctions where the bidding began 1♦ : 2♥ by East. If that 2♥ is supposed to be a weak jump overcall, then East needs to take more vitamin pills. At favourable vulnerability, East is worth at least 3♥ and recommended is 4♥ (as long as you can keep partner quiet). Still, one of those auctions worked, and NS stopped in a modest 4♠.

After Day 1, Session 2, the leaders were Susan Emerson, Alison Fallon, Attilio De Luca, Gordon Fallon (90/100), with Felicity Beale, Margaret Bourke, David Hoffman, Robbie Van Riel second (89) and Linda Alexander, Jenny Cater, Dianne Marler, Keith McDonald third (87).

4. East deals, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
3♥ ¹	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	?	

1. 6+ hearts, 11-15 HCP

What would you do as East with:

♠KJ54, ♥K9842, ♦J7, ♣109

4. Board 22, Round 6, East deals, EW vulnerable

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

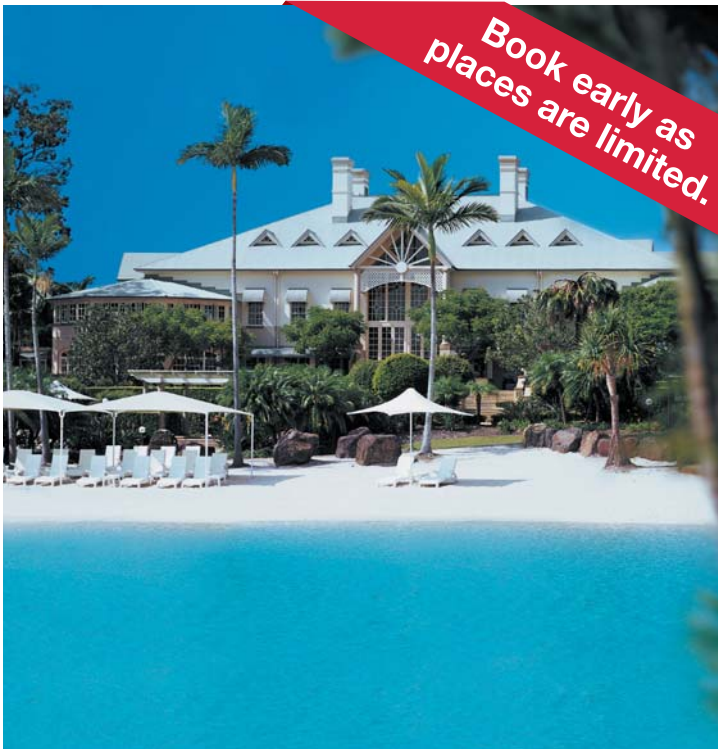
When your side has a huge trump fit and the opponents bid over your game, it is a thorny problem whether to bid one more, or whether to double them. On this deal from Session 3 of the Gold Coast Open Teams, the player in the hot seat did not find the right answer.



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At one table, after the auction at the start of the column, East thought it was a good idea to double 4♠. West led a low diamond, ducked to the jack and queen. South played ♠A and a low spade. In due course South lost just two trump tricks for +690. South could have done even better by playing a club to dummy at trick 2 and running ♠10. That would bring in 12 tricks. Indeed, South can make 6♠ in similar fashion no matter what West leads.

Datum: NS 290. There were 22 pairs in 4♠ doubled. Eight made 12 tricks, three made 11, nine made 10 and two went one off, as did six in 4♠ undoubled.

After Session 3, the clear leaders were Fiona Brown – Tony Nunn, Kieran Dyke – Hugh McGann, Geo Tislevoll – Michael Ware (134/150), with Helen Horwitz – Arjuna De Livera, Paul Gosney – Nathan Van Jole second (121) and Barbara Travis – Howard Melbourne, David Appleton – Peter Reynolds third (120).

5. West deals, all vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

What would you lead as West from:

♠J86542, ♥864, ♦10987, ♣---

5. Board 13, Round 7, West deals, all vulnerable

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

South could have done better with the rebid after North jumped to 2♥. South escaped his ill-chosen rebid when West, a goody-two-shoes, led partner's suit. South won in dummy, played ♣A, even though ♣K was almost certainly with East, and finished with 10 tricks, +630. As South was clearly ready for a diamond lead, West might have tried a low spade. That would give the defence the first six tricks and teach South a sharp lesson in bidding.

South should rebid 3♦, artificial, forcing to game, over 2♥. North would rebid 3NT, which is unbeatable with North as declarer.

Datum: NS 410. There were 24 declarers making 5♣, while 122 were in 3NT. Of these, 20 made it easily with North as declarer, 71 made with South at the helm on a diamond lead, and 31 Souths failed on a spade lead.

6. South deals, all vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♠ ¹	Pass	1NT ²
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1. Artificial, 4+ diamonds

2. 11-14 HCP

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

West leads ♥7: ace – nine – five. Declarer continues with ♥K: four – six – three and ♥J: two – eight – ♠6. Declarer continues with ♣5: three (reverse count) – seven – ten. What should West play at trick 5?

It can reward you to pay attention to the order in which partner follows suit. Often, partner can use these cards to send you a suit preference message. Disregard them at your peril. This was an example:

5. Board 13, Round 9, South deals, all vulnerable

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

After the auction given, West led ♥7. Declarer played ♥A, ♥K, ♥J and East followed with ♥9, ♥4, ♥2.

On the bidding and play, it should be clear that South began with ♥Q-x-x-x and East with ♥10-9-4-2. East has played second-highest heart each time, indicating a desire for the second-highest suit, diamonds. A diamond switch will beat 3NT, but a spade shift gives South 10 tricks. Of course, dummy's weak diamond suit is also a big clue.

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Seniors Teams winners, Tony Marinos, Peter Grant, Stephen Mendick & Andrew Creet

7. With neither side vulnerable your right-hand opponent opens 1♣. What would you do with these cards: ♠6, ♥QJ10873, ♦QJ1032, ♣5

7. Board 17, Round 10, South deals, nil vulnerable

♠ J 8 7
♥ K 6
♦ A 7 4
♣ A 10 9 8 7

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

♠ K 4
♥ 5 4
♦ K 9 6
♣ K Q J 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
3♥	3NT	4♥	1♣
Pass	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

A two-suited overcall to show a 5+/5+ hand is not so attractive with a decent six-card major, hence 3♥. East did well to raise to 4♥, which is unbeatable, even though EW have only 16 HCP. North's 3NT was unbeatable and North would have done better to bid 4NT instead of 5♣.

West led ♥Q, king, ace. Then came ♠A, spade ruff, ♥J, ♦Q and eventually West made a diamond trick. That was three down, EW +500.

Datum: EW 110. Nine NS pairs made 3NT and five were one off in 4NT. All 23 EWs in 4♥ made, 13 times doubled, and 17 made 5♥, 10 times doubled. There were eight pairs going -500 in 5♣ doubled.

After Session 5, the leaders were *McGANN* (215/250 Victory Points), with *TAN* second (189) and Helen Horwitz, Arjuna De Livera, Paul Gosney, Nathan Van Jole third (183).

8. North deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	3♣ ¹
Dbl ²	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	?		

1. 6+ clubs, 10-12 points, non-forcing

2. Takeout

What would you do as North with:

♠A8, ♥10932, ♦KQ109, ♣A105

8. Round 12, Board 28, North deals, NS vulnerable

♠ A 8
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ A 10 5

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

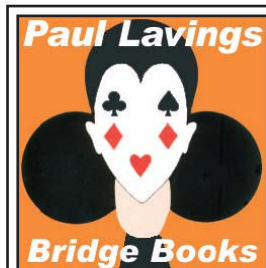
♠ 3
♥ J 8 6
♦ A J 3
♣ K Q 9 6 4 2

After the auction at the start of the column, North chose to double 4♠. That is unbeatable on any lead, and Matt Mullamphy made 11 tricks for +690. The winning decision for North was to bid 4NT, which cannot be defeated, or to bid 5♣. Although this can be defeated in theory via a heart lead, in real life South would make 5♣. See the results:

Datum: NS 230. Four pairs bid and made 5♦, once doubled, and 43/44 declarers made 5♣, twice doubled. The popular spot was 3NT (51 takers), but no one played in 4NT.

The top six teams reached the final stages. *McGANN*, Hugh McGann – Kieran Dyke, Fiona Brown – Tony Nunn, Geo Tislevoll – Michael Ware, the #1 seed and favourite, finished on top with 233 VPs. Then came *TRAVIS*, Barbara Travis – Howard Melbourne, David Appleton – Peter Reynolds, who had won 11 of their 12 matches, on 228, *BURKE*, Tony Burke – Peter Gill, Sartaj Hans – Andrew Peake on 226, *NEILL*, Bruce Neill – Frank To, Simon Hinge – Kim Morrison 221, *CORNELL*, Michael Cornell – Ashley Bach, Matt Mullamphy – Ron Klinger 220 and *TAN*, Allen Tan, Choon Chou Loo, Hua Poon, Kelvin Ng, Gemma Tan, Hongjun Wu 218.

McGANN and *TRAVIS* went straight to the semi-finals. For the Round of 4 to qualify the other semi-finalists, *BURKE* chose *TAN* and so *NEILL* played *CORNELL*.



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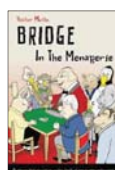


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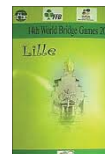
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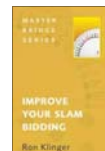


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♠J73, ♥62, ♦K2, ♣AKQ1043

9. Round of 4, Board 7, North deals, all vulnerable

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

After two passes three Souths opened 1NT. Peake, North, bid Stayman and rebid 3NT when South denied a major. West led a diamond and Hans made 11 tricks, +660. At the other table Gill, West, bid 2♦ over 1NT. North doubled and passed South's 2NT rebid. A heart lead would give the defence six tricks. West also led a diamond and that was 11 Imps to *BURKE*.

In the other match, Mullamphy – Klinger bid Pass : 1NT, 2♣ : 2NT (maximum), 3♣ : 3NT (no major), Pass. South made nine tricks on ♦4 lead. At the other table South opened 1♣. A competitive auction ended in 3♦ by West, making, for +110 and +12 IMPs.

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At the halfway, *BURKE* led by 33-21 and *CORNELL* led by 30-11.

10. From the second half of the Round of Four: North opened 2♥ and South bid 4♥, with no EW bidding. East leads ♠K. Plan your play as North:

North deals, nil vulnerable

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

Three tables had a common theme:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Tan</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Poon</i>	<i>Peake</i>
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<i>Hinge</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>
	Pass	1♣/♦	1♠
2♠ ¹	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1. Strong raise of East's minor

Peake led ♠J. Hans won with ♠A and switched to ♥2. South took the ace and returned ♥6, king. After a diamond to the queen and ace, the defence collected six tricks, +100.

As North had not doubled 2♠ to indicate a high honour in spades, Loo and Mullamphy both began with ♥6. After coming in with ♦A, both Souths continued with ♥A and ♥10 for two down, +100.

At the last table, NS stole the contract:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Bach</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Neill</i>
	2♥ ¹	Pass	4♥!
	All Pass		

1. Weak, 5 hearts, 4+ minor

Lead: ♠K – two – four – ace

Note the jump to 4♥, based on the power of the 6-4 pattern. Now ♦A, spade ruff, heart to the ace, spade ruff and another heart would have seen declarer make 4♥. It is very easy when you can see all four hands.

In practice, North played a heart to the six and queen. Then came ♣K, ♣J and ♣5, queen, ace, ruffed with ♦7. Declarer ruffed a spade, crossed to ♦A, ruffed a spade and played ♥9: four – ten – king, one down and –4 IMPs, a sad outcome from an enterprising auction.

BURKE won 45-34, *CORNELL* by 60-15.

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For the semi-finals, *McGANN* chose *BURKE* and so
TRAVIS played *CORNELL*.

11. West deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥(spades)	2♣ ¹
2♠	3NT	?	

1. Strong diamond raise

What would you do as East with:

♠Q97532, ♥96542, ♦J, ♣6

11. Semi final, Board 2, West deals, NS vulnerable

♠ K 8
 ♥ K J 3
 ♦ A Q 10 6 2
 ♣ J 10 2

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

♠ 6
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ 5 4 3
 ♣ K 9 8 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Peake</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Hans</i>
1♦	1NT	2♣ ¹	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1. Majors

East led a low spade to the ace, and West returned ♠J. Declarer played a heart to the ten and a diamond to

the ten and jack. The defenders cashed their spades, West unblocking ♠10, and two clubs for four down, NS -400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gill</i>	<i>McGann</i>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

It has been my experience that sacrificing against 3NT rarely pays. Often you can beat 3NT. South led ♣7. Had declarer tried ♣Q from dummy, I might have had to retract that first sentence. He could then discard ♦J and lose only two hearts and a spade for +590. In practise, he played ♣A at trick 1 and so he had four losers. The result was one down, NS +100 and +11 IMPs

In the other match, Cornell – Bach bid 1NT: 2♣, 2♠: 4♠!, Pass. Melbourne led ♣J, reasonably enough, and Cornell made 10 tricks, +420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Appleton</i>	<i>Klinger</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥(spades)	2♣ ¹
2♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

1. Strong diamond raise

Here, too, East took the phantom save. Given the 1♣ opening, North chose ♥3 lead. South took ♥A and returned ♦5. North won, cashed ♥K and waited for his spade trick, collecting +100, +11 IMPs.

After 10 boards, *McGANN* led 40.5-7 and *TRAVIS* led 31.5-11.

Travis showed her mettle on Board 12:

Semi final, Board 12, East deals, NS vulnerable

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

At all four tables South was in 3NT. Each West led ♠K, and three declarers went one down after losing to West's ♦K early in the play. At the remaining table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Travis</i>
		2♦ ¹	Dbl
2♥ ²	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1. Weak two in hearts or spades

2. Pass or correct

Lead: ♠K – three – nine – ace!

South ran five rounds of clubs, discarding two hearts and a diamond from dummy. West threw ♦3, ♥8, and East let ♠5 and ♦8 go. South cashed ♥A and exited with ♠6. West won, and could cash three more spades, but then had to lead away from ♦K7 to give South the last two tricks and +600, +12 IMPs. If East had retained ♠9 and the play had gone the same way, then after ♥A and a spade exit from South, West could play ♠8. East would win with ♠9 to cash four more hearts.

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12. *South deals, NS vulnerable*

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What would you do as East with:

♠AJ5, ♥Q9, ♦J942, ♣Q432

12. *Semi final, Board 16, South deals, NS vulnerable*

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Peake</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Hans</i>
<i>Burke</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Nunn</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both Norths led ♦8. Geo Tislevoll played ♠A and ran ♠J for +450. Tony Burke played a spade to the jack, then ♠A, for +480 and +1 IMP.

What do you think of the 2♠ raise? With 10 HCP plus a doubleton, it looks a bit heavy. On the other hand it does have 9.5 losers, which indicates just 2♠.

In the other match both Easts treated it as a limit raise. Klinger - Mullamphy bid 1♠ : 2♣ (artificial, 10-12 points), 3♦ (game force, 5-5 pattern), 4♠ : Pass. North led ♥4, queen. Then came ♥A, heart ruff, ♠A, ♠J to ♠Q for +450.

West	North	East	South
<i>Travis</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Bach</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Barbara Travis – Howard Melbourne play two-over-one game forcing, so East took a huge liberty in bidding 2♣ with those cards. Perhaps he had a mental oops. The play went exactly the same way as at our table, and so declarer finished one down, 11 IMPs away. Double dummy, 6♠ can be made, but you cannot quarrel with declarer's line.



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13. Semi final, Board 27, West deals, all vulnerable

♠ Q J 9 7 6 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 5
♣ 6

♠ A 5
♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ Q 9

You have had an uncontested auction to 4♠ by South. West leads ♦8, thirds and fifths: jack – two – four. You play ♠3: four – ace – two, followed by ♠5: eight – queen – ♣3 (asking for clubs). How do you continue?

13. Semi final, Board 27, West deals, all vulnerable

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

At two tables, East led two top clubs against North's 4♠. Both declarers ruffed, and played a spade to the ace and a spade back to the queen. West was left with ♠K10. Both Souths continued with ♥K and a heart to ♥J, losing. Both Wests later scored a ruff on the third round of hearts for one down.

At another table, East led ♣K against 4♠ and switched to ♦9: four – three – jack. Declarer played ♠A and a spade to the queen, and eventually lost two spades and a heart to ♥Q. At the remaining table, South was in 4♠ on ♦8 lead, won by the jack. After ♠A, ♠Q, he also finessed in hearts and went one off.

At the first two tables the line of play was reasonable. At the last two tables, when it turned out ♦Q was on-side, there was no need to take the heart finesse. A 3-2 heart break was enough. At the last table, for example, after ♦J, ♠A, ♠Q, declarer should simply play a club. Suppose East wins and plays the other top club, ruffed by North. Then play ♦K, ♦A, diamond ruff, ♥K and ♥A. North is down to ♠J9 and ♥6. Simply exit with a heart and you make ♠J as your 10th trick. Similarly, if East plays a diamond after winning the club, you play ♦K, ♦A, diamond ruff, ♥K, ♥A, club ruff, and exit with the heart. At this level the trump-reduction play can be found.

14. South deals, nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1NT ¹
Pass	2♠ ²	Pass	2NT ³
Pass	3♣ ³	Pass	?

1. Notionally 15-17, balanced
2. Transfer to clubs
3. Fit for clubs and maximum
4. Sign off

What would you do as South with:

♠K6, ♥AK102, ♦KQ5, ♣K965

13. Semi final, Board 22, South deals, nil vulnerable

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

Using Banzai Points (A =5, K=4 . . . 10 = 1), Matt Mullamphy had downgraded the South hand to a 1NT opening. After North showed six clubs, South revalued and bid 3NT, even though the North hand was known to be weak. West led ♥4 and declarer made ten tricks, +430.

McGANN defeated BURKE by 102.5 to 26 and CORNELL beat TRAVIS by 100 - 86.5.

Final, Set 1:

13. Final, Board 6, East deals, EW vulnerable

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

At both tables South opened 1NT. North transferred to spades and then bid 4NT. He found South with two Key Cards plus ♠Q and, in reply to 5NT, ♦K. Mullamphy settled for 6♠, and South scored +1010. Geo Tislevoll jumped to 7♠.

There are a number ways to succeed. You can play West for ♥K and ♣K. You can play East for ♦Q and West for either ♥K or ♣K, but each play involves some finesse or other. That is not a good basis for a grand slam.

West led ♠2 and Michael Ware, South, played off five rounds of spades, discarding ♦2 from hand. West discarded ♥2, ♥8, ♥5, while East let go ♥7, ♦4, ♥4, ♥6 and ♦5. With a guess on his hands, South played ♣10 to the jack and king. One down, -14 IMPs.

After 12 boards, CORNELL led 42 to 11.5.

15. South deals, nil vulnerable

What would you do as dealer with:

♠K102, ♥85, ♦108, ♣AKQ1042

13. Final, Session 2, Board 17, South deals, nil vulnerable

♠ 4 3

♥ J 9

♦ A Q 7 6 5 2

♣ 6 5 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ Q 10 7 6 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K 2

♦ K J 9 3

♣ J

♠ K 10 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 10 8

♣ A K Q 10 4 2

West	North	East	South
Cornell	McGann	Bach	Dyke
2♦ ¹	Pass	3♣ ²	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

1. Undisclosed single suiter

2. Pass or correct

Lead: ♣3 – jack – queen – eight

South switched to ♠2, taken by ♠8. West led ♦4. North took ♦A and returned a spade. Declarer made the rest of the tricks for +450.

West	North	East	South
Brown	Klinger	Nunn	Mullamphy
Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	1NT ¹
All Pass			2♦ ³

1. Notionally 15-17 and balanced

2. Range and major suit enquiry

3. Minimum, no five-card major

The offbeat 1NT opening reared its head again, and kept opponents out of game. The cards lay poorly for South, who finished three down, -150, but that was still +7 IMPs.

McGANN won Session 2 by 29 - 24. CORNELL thus led at halfway by 66 to 40. 5

16. West deals, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠ ¹	Pass	Pass
?			

1. 5 or 6-card weak two

What would you do as West now with:

♠7653, ♥AJ10432, ♦A3, ♣3

16. Final, Session 3, Board 21, West deals, EW vulnerable

♠K Q 10 4 2

♥ 6

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 7 6 5 3

♥ A J 10 4 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ 3

♠ J 9 8

♥ K 9 5

♦ K Q 7 5 4

♣ K 4

♠ A

♥ Q 8 7

♦ J 10 8

♣ A Q J 10 7 5

West	North	East	South
Mullamphy	Brown	Klinger	Nunn
Pass	2♠ ¹	All Pass	

1. 5 or 6-card weak two

Declarer made nine tricks. West's problem to re-open is tough, because he is holding four spades, but EW can make 4♥ (or 5♦), thanks to the blockage in spades. Swap ♠A and ♠K and no game is on for EW.

At the other table NS did well to find the sacrifice:

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Cornell	McGann	Bach
1♥	1♠	2♦	3♣
Pass	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

West led ♦A. The defence took three diamond tricks and one heart for +300 and +10 IMPs.

Session 3 of the final was low-scoring, just 13 - 5 to McGANN. CORNELL led by 71 to 53.5 with 12 boards to go.

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♠ 8
♥ A 9 8 7 4 3 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 10 3

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ Q 9 4 2
♣ A Q J

♠ A J 6 5
♥ 10 5
♦ J 8 5
♣ K 7 6 5

♠ 10 9 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ A K 10
♣ 9 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
Bach	Dyke	Cornell	McGann
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥(spades)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1. Undisclosed single suiter

2. Pass or correct

One of the attractions of playing transfer responses to the 1♣ opening is that can allow the much stronger hand to become declarer. North led ♥A and continued with a heart, won by the king. Declarer played ♠K and a spade to the jack. Needing a diamond trick, he led ♦5 from dummy. South won with ♦K, cashed ♦A and played ♦10. Declarer had the rest for +420.

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Mullamphy	Brown	Klinger
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Lead: ♦A – two – seven – five

South switched to ♣4, won by the jack. Declarer played ♠K and a spade to the ace. North discarded ♥3, encouraging. Perhaps fearing that ♦A lead was a singleton, declarer drew all the trumps, ending in dummy. North pitched ♥2, encouraging, and ♥4.

East then cashed ♣A, ♣Q, North discarding another heart. Looking at all four hands, there is no problem. Single dummy, things are not so simple. With North having only three cards in the black suits, East played North for length in diamonds. She led ♦4 to ♦8. South took ♦10, ♦K and played a heart for +50 and +10 IMPs.

McGANN won the last session 23 to 17, but it was not enough. CORNELL took the title by 94 to 82.5.

Book reviews

Bid More, Play More, Enjoy More, Win More

by Matthew Thomson

Master Point Press, Canada, 2013,
soft cover, 268 pages, \$24.95



Matthew Thomson is a Sydney-based player who is currently a member of the Australian Open Team, as well as a member of the team that won this year's National Open Teams in Canberra. Matthew doesn't play in that many events, so his high success rate over the years has slipped under the radar.

The book presents the full system of bidding and play that has made Matthew a consistent winner. The focus is on notrumps and majors, games, slams, and penalties. When the opponents fall into his net the author wants to extract the full measure. In both constructive and competitive auctions, the emphasis is on "evaluate", bid up with 5-4-3-1 shape, and bid down with 4-3-3-3.

After many of the chapters, the author provides numerous examples. I enjoyed this example deal from the chapter on Opening Twos:

♠ A K 7 6
♥ 10 7
♦ Q 8 7 5 4
♣ K 8

♠ Q 8
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ K 10 3
♣ A 10 5 2

♠ 3
♥ A J 6 5 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 9 7 6

♠ J 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 9
♦ A J 9
♣ J 4 3

West	North	East	South
			2♠
Dbl	4♠	5♥	All Pass

North has a decision over 5♥. It would be ill-disciplined and costly to bid 5♠, "the five-level is for the opponents and space cadets". As so frequently happens, both 5♥ and 5♠ fail. A chunky read featuring a healthy aggressive approach, with many good ideas. Highly recommended.

Card Play Technique
by Mollo & Gardener \$32.95

Bridge in the Menagerie
by Victor Mollo \$29.95

A Treasury of Bidding Tips
by Eddie Kantar \$29.95

Winning Declarer Play
by Dorothy Truscott \$26.95



Masterpoint Press has done the bridge players of the world a great service by revising and reprinting a number of the game's classics. Generations of bridge players made the jump from intermediate to advanced player with the help of *Card Play Tech-*

nique. With alternating chapters on declarer play and defence, the hands are tough, but not too tough, and they all hit the nail right on the head. Plus Victor Mollo's humour will keep a smile on your face while you improve.

How would you handle this defence as West:

♠ 7 4 2
♥ Q
♦ A Q J 7 6 3
♣ J 8 2

♠ A 5 3
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

On your lead of ♣K, declarer drops ♣Q. How do you proceed? If you are listening carefully to the bidding, you will realise declarer has six hearts and five spades, so you have nothing to lose by trying ♣A.

Declarer follows, good, so what now? Partner has only one heart, so switch to a heart, and when you win ♠A, give partner a heart ruff.

I remember when I first read Mollo's wonderful *Bridge in the Menagerie* many years ago. I couldn't put the book down, and read it from cover to cover then and there. Don't miss reading this book, not only for the wonderful characters and their quirks, but for the amazing hands as well.

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CONTROLLING THE MONSTER

Dear Uncle Oracle,

I have recently had a few sessions with a new partner, We play Standard with strong 2♣, weak twos and Roman Key Card. These hands caused more of a problem than I thought they would.

I held ♠AKQ108742, ♥4, ♦A4, ♣K4 after partner opened 2♥.

I figured it was only a weak two (6-10) and that 4NT immediately would have been Roman Key Card for hearts, so I couldn't see how to get around that. Anyway, partner turned up with ♠654, ♥AQ10762, ♦KQ, ♣106.

I didn't have much trouble making 12 tricks on a club lead. What should I have done, and do you think partner should have opened 2♥?

Yours, Monstered Again.

Dear Monstered.

I'm not too sure about some of your agreements here, so I will try to cover extra bases and talk about general principles. Firstly, let's look at that 2♥. 11 points is above your range for a weak two and any hand which is too strong for a weak two should be opened at the one-level. So I would open 1♥ on that hand, and that is what your partner should have done. This may have caused extra problems if you don't play strong jump shifts, although you at least have knowledge that your partner holds a hand with significant high card strength. Playing strong jump shift responses, the bidding would have been fairly easy:

1♥ : 2♠; 3♠ : 4NT, etc.

Without strong jump shifts, you would need to improvise:

1♥ : 1♠

2♥ : 3♣

3♠ : 4NT, etc.

It's not often that you would bid a two-card minor, but you need a forcing bid, and there are too few left. The bonus is that, on this hand, partner can happily give preference to spades.

After the actual opening bid of 2♥, I would hope that any new suit response would be forcing. 2♠ should request support with honour-doubleton, or any three cards. Again, you are rewarded with support from partner, and Roman Key Card will reveal one Key Card as before.

6♠ is a nice contract on this hand because 1). You may get a club lead, or 2). You are a chance to ruff 16

out a couple of hearts, hoping to make the queen into a winner before trying the clubs if necessary.

*Cheers,
David*

Ed: Thanks to Peter Moller from the Riverland, who supplied the hand.

Presentation Day Gosford Style



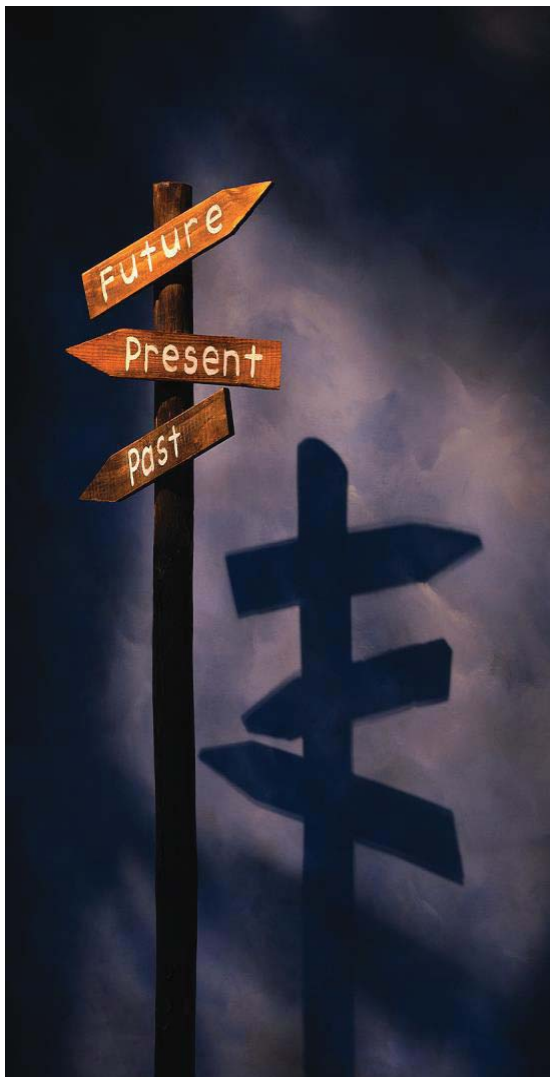
The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club's Presentation Day this year was scheduled for the Ides of March, so naturally the theme of the day was Roman. The Emperor, oops Director, Peter Berzins, was suitably attired in a toga and ivy laureate, while various members of the Committee were similarly garbed. We said, "Beware big Julie don't go," but to no avail. Still, it all turned out very well.

Thanks to some clever improvisation by Wendy Mitchell, the eotunda was created with two very effective columns made of cardboard, and decorated with real ivy.

The day started with a 19 table pairs event, and progressed to a gourmet luncheon of prawns, smoked salmon, salads as well as roast pork and lamb. The meal and presentation of the tables and the playing area was superbly organised by the Leagues Club Functions Team, with some additional table decorations of flowers, ivy and grapes made by our enthusiastic committee. You have probably guessed by now that some of our committee have real ivy growing apace in their gardens.

The photograph features (from left to right) Secretary Dorothy Berzins, Director Peter Berzins, Club President Wendy Mitchell and Committee Member Leon Babinski, beneath those wonderful columns and of course, the trailing ivy.

79 of our members attended the lunch, during which a



ABF STRATEGIC STATEMENT

The ABF Management Committee has developed an **ABF Strategic Statement** for the period **2013 – 2017** to guide the activities of the organisation over coming years. This document is supported by the **ABF Strategic Plan 2013-17** which articulates the strategies to help us achieve our vision.

The coming years provide the potential to explore fresh ideas, to make use of new technologies and to forge stronger partnerships with the community and key stakeholders. All of these things are important if we want to make significant inroads to turning our vision into reality.

These two key documents provide unifying messages designed to help us navigate through the challenges ahead.

Our organisational values define our non-negotiable behaviours and will underpin our vision. They will assist us by providing the framework for how we treat one another.

For more details, view these two important documents on our new website.

quiz of all things Julius Caesar was conducted. Various other spot prizes, including some special President's Awards, were also given out.

During the afternoon 40 club trophies were presented to the 2012 titleholders. Special guests included the Chairman of the Central Coast Leagues Club, James Ryan, and well known bridge identities, David Beauchamp and his wife, Anita Curtis. Both James and David assisted with the presentation of prizes, along with the Club's Patron, Colin Mitchell.

The Central Coast Leagues Club (Gosford NSW) has been a wonderful support to the bridge club (an internal club) over the past 26 years, since its formation in 1987. A history of the club, in the form of a large portfolio that details every year of the club's existence was on display.

It was a very enjoyable day and our members appreciated the endeavours of the Committee to make the day a special one.

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Grand National Pairs Cancellation

Dear Sir,

Our club is very disappointed with the decision to end the GNP event.

As a small country club, this has been a great opportunity for our members to experience the challenge of an Australia-wide competition. Having participated for the last two years, I can attest to the fact that this event improves your understanding of bridge and also opens communication between clubs.

Our local clubs have shown their support for this event by providing money to the participants. Our Regional Association - ERBA - has provided money to help with travel expenses and paid their entry fees. This shows the huge commitment and support by our local region for players to have the opportunity to play in the GNP.

Please consider reinstating this event to encourage improvement in your grass root members.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Farmer,

President,

Lakes Entrance Bridge Club

Handicap Competitions in bridge

by Neville de Mestre

Preamble

Many top bridge players are not in favour of the idea of handicap competitions in bridge. This is probably because they can usually win ordinary events regularly at their clubs. But bridge clubs contain a majority of novice and intermediate players, and, even though there may be special sessions for them, it is also sensible to introduce them to playing against the top players, and at the same time giving them an equal chance of winning. Handicap events are just the vehicle for this, provided the handicapping is fair. Let me emphasise that handicapping events are not set so that the lesser-experienced players always win, but so that everyone has initially an equal chance of winning.

I am aware that various clubs already run handicap events, and that there are a number of systems in use to determine the winners. However, I decided to independently carry out some basic research into creating a fair handicap system for pairs events, and came up with some interesting conclusions.

Players' Handicaps

The first step was to create a sensible handicap expected percentage (HEP) for each member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. This was based on their recent

results irrespective of whomsoever they partnered, from the newest novice to a Grand Master. Peter Busch kindly added a routine to his *Compscore2* package, which provided an HEP for each player based on their last eight scores, no matter how long these occurred over time, deleting the highest and lowest score, and averaging the remaining six. All newcomers to the club (visitors or new members) could start off initially with eight scores of 50%.

An analysis of results at the club during 2012 showed that this is a reliable method, and there is no need to increase or decrease the number of previous scores from eight. Some objections may be raised that a player, who has a high handicap from playing and winning regularly in restricted events, will then find it difficult to compete against the top players in a handicap event across the whole club. That is absolutely true, and should be so. If they then play in more open matches, their handicap will come down to their correct level.

Pairs' Expected Score

The updated expected handicaps for each player are then averaged for each pair in the handicap competition to provide an expected score

$$ES = (HEP1 + HEP2)/2$$

Raw Difference

The expected score is then subtracted from the actual score at the event (AS) to produce a positive or negative number which shall be called the raw difference (RD).

$$RD = AS - ES$$

Weighted Excellence Factors

I then originally proposed that the raw difference be finally adjusted by a weighted excellence factor based on the probability of increasing a pair's expected score. I thought that this was necessary because a pair with a lower ES would have an easier task to improve their actual score by the same amount than a pair on a higher ES. That is, it is much easier to go from 35% to 37%, for example, than it is to go from 65% to 67%.

However, examination of the handicap results for 2012 indicated that the raw difference produced the same results as any adjusted raw difference, except for one or two isolated cases. This means that the weighting factors may only rarely play a role in readjusting the scores to determine the handicap winners when a pair with a lower handicap just beats, by less than 1%, a pair with a higher handicap.

Therefore, in a practical sense, weighting adjustments are not really necessary, and the simple raw difference will suffice. This makes it really easy to calculate and administer. The pair with the highest raw difference will win the handicap event.

Since introducing a handicap event at the club on a Monday night, the number of tables has more than doubled. There are new winners almost every week. If the numbers are down at your club for a particular session, why not try a simple handicap event using this approach?

Summary and Conclusion

1. Calculate each player's handicap based on the middle six of their most recent eight scores.
2. Update these at least once each week using *Comp-score2* or your club's program.
3. For each handicap event calculate the expected score for each pair using the average (arithmetic mean) of their individual handicaps.
4. Subtract their expected score from their actual score to obtain the raw difference.
5. The pair with the highest raw difference wins the handicap event.

Inferences from the defenders' cards

*by Derek Bolton,
NSW*

In the January 2013 newsletter, I came across some advice from William Jenner O'Shea (p. 16) on how to make deductions from defenders playing their lowest cards. He stated "the defender who plays the lower spot card is likely to have more cards in that suit". He appeared to conclude that that player should therefore be played for missing high cards.

There are two problems with this. First, if the two cards played are the lowest two the defenders have between them, then it tells nothing about the rest of their holdings. It only becomes interesting when there's a gap between them.

In the specific case of the article, declarer was missing AJ432 and the defenders played the 4 and the 2 under his king. So in this case, it was reasonable to guess that the player who played the 2, LHO, also held the 3. And yes, this means that player was also odds-on to have the longer holding. But it does not mean LHO was more likely to hold the higher cards. Indeed, it was very slightly the other way.

In the event, there was a much better reason for playing LHO for the jack. At the next trick, declarer led low from hand towards Q9xx in dummy and LHO played the 3. So now there were only four possibilities: AJ/-, A/J, J/A, -/AJ, almost equally likely. If it's -/AJ there's nothing declarer can do, so we can ignore that case. Playing the queen only succeeds for A/J, whereas playing the 9 works for AJ/- or J/A, so the 9 is right two times out of three.

Tasmanian Festival of Bridge

Hinge and Morrison triumph in both major events

Simon Hinge and Kim Morrison won both the Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs and the Australian Swiss Pairs. The inaugural Tasmanian Festival of Bridge Restricted Pairs was won by Alex Hewat and John Donovan.

Australian Swiss Pairs

1. Simon Hinge, Kim Morrison, 204
2. Bruce Neill, Arjuna De Livera, 199
3. Sartaj Hans, Avi Kanetkar, 199

Roger Penny Swiss Pairs

1. Simon Hinge, Kim Morrison, 172
2. Marlene Watts, Bob Richman, 160
3. Therese Tully, Sue Lusk, 158



2013 NEC Bridge Festival

The NEC Cup was won by *Russia*, Andrey Gromov, Alexander Dubinin, Sjoert Brink, Mikhail Krasnosselski and Evgeny Gladyshev. They annihilated *Team Mixed*, Reese Milner, Hemant Lall, Sabine Auker, Roy Welland, Jacek Pszczola and Michael Kwiecien in the final, 153 - 53.



Results of Australian players in the Yokohama Swiss Teams

8. *Down Under*: Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Peter Gill, Martin Reid, Peter Newell
 17. *Oz Players*: Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy, Bill Jacobs, Ben Thompson
 25. *Asakoshi*: Kotomi Asakoshi, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Justin Lall, Ishmael Del'Monte
 33. *Australia/India*: Magnus Moren, Neville Francis, Pranjal Chakradeo, Ajit Chakradeo
 53. *Beauchamp*: Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Nathan van Jole, David Beauchamp, Michael Ware, Simon Hinge
- There were 60 teams competing.



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Liam endures many ongoing treatments as a result of his condition, some of them very distressing, but he takes it all in his stride. His mum, Natasha, says, “Liam is one of the strongest little boys I know. He accepts his way of life with a huge smile and up-beat personality.”

Liam was recently forced to spend several months in isolation after undergoing a bone marrow transplant. Sadly this even meant spending his sixth birthday alone. It was for this reason Liam asked Make-A-Wish® Australia for an early birthday party as his wish.

Thanks to the support of many generous fundraisers, Liam’s wish came true and he was able to enjoy his Super Mario themed birthday party just before he went into hospital for the transplant.

Natasha was amazed by the wish and the effect it had on the family. “Liam’s wish has had such a positive impact on him and our family. Make-A-Wish gave us a day to forget our troubles and focus on the good things in life. It truly was a magical experience and we thank Make-A-Wish from the bottom of our heart.”

You and/or your club can help grant wishes for children just like Liam by getting involved and fundraising, or simply donating to show your support.

Check out their website at www.makeawish.org.au

People who play bridge - an update

This year we visited Canberra during the Summer Festival of Bridge and the Gold Coast Congress, where we met some amazing people who play bridge.

At the Gold Coast we recorded an interview with WBF President Gianarrigo Rona, Treasurer Marc De Pauw

and Past President Ernesto d’Orsi. They were very impressed with the Gold Coast Conference Centre, so you never know, there may be an International bridge event there one day!

Funding for films is always difficult, if not impossible to get, so at the moment we are concentrating on spreading the word about the film by low cost means. We are building an audience via social media, particularly Facebook.

A concerted effort saw our Facebook page likes increase from under 50 in early March to 190 by early April. According to Facebook’s helpful statistics, one of our page posts was seen by thousands of people all over the world!. If you are on Facebook, please help by liking our page - <http://www.facebook.com/PeopleWhoPlayBridge>

Also, we are starting to organise visits to individual clubs to talk about our vision for “People who play Bridge”. If you would like us to visit your club please let us know at info@coolwhitebunny.com

As we have more news about the film we will be updating the web page, so have a look! <http://www.coolwhitebunny.com/index.php/development/bridge>. We are hoping to have news of a shoot in the Northern Territory soon.



*Peta Carney
Producer*

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New website goes live



Still at the same web address, abf.com.au, the new and improved ABF website is now available to all players. It features a bright new look, and a format which makes it easy for the user.

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OPENER'S 3 CARD RAISE

BY MATT MULLAMPHY

Rebidding a suit with less than six cards is fraught with danger. Responder however is regularly caught out following the opener's rebid. Quite often the responder has no fit for the opener. Should responder rebid a 5 card suit? The answer often lies not in responder's action but opener's second bid.

♠ K9852
♥ 92
♦ J652
♣ K6

After responding **1S** to partner's **1H** opening you hear a second bid of **2C** from partner. What if it was unlikely for partner to have 3 cards in spades? You would choose **2H**, no longer concerned that spades were better.

Opener	Responder
♠ KJ2	♠ A1094
♥ A73	♥ KQ984
♦ A97654	♦ 3
♣ 2	♣ J73
1D	1H
2D?	No

If opener had rebid **2H** in preference to **2D**, the partnership would have easily reached the excellent 4H contract.

Opener's requirements for a 3 card raise

- At least one top honour in the suit (A, K or Q)
- Shortage i.e. singleton, void or weak doubleton (Jx or xx)

Remember: opener should never make a jump raise to the 3-level with only 3 card support.

Playing partscores in a Moysian (4-3) fit

You will find that if you embrace raising responder on just three cards that your partnership will be forced to play more 4-3 fits in part scores than usual. Dummy, however, will have some compensating qualities. Opener will have shortage so consider cross trumping rather than drawing trumps too early. The exception to this is if you have an excellent side suit. Trumps need to be drawn before you can enjoy it.

A simple solution: How to find out if opener has 3 or 4 card support?

Opener	Responder
♠ K62	♠ A874
♥ A732	♥ KQ
♦ AQ984	♦ J106
♣ 2	♣ QJ103
1D	1S
2S	3NT

Responder should avoid the temptation of raising to the 3 of 4 level with only four trumps. The **3NT** bid simply says to partner that in case you only have three spades I would rather play no-trumps.

Opener	Responder
♠ A862	♠ KQ4
♥ K732	♥ AQ96
♦ AK4	♦ 105
♣ 42	♣ 9873
1D	1H
2H	2NT
4H	

Responder's bid of **2NT** showed exactly four hearts but only game invitational values. Opener is maximum for their **2H** bid and also has four cards in hearts so reverts back to game in their heart fit.

Rules to remember;

- a raise by responder to the 3 or 4 level will always promise 5+ trumps
- the level of responder's no-trump bid will describe their number of HCP.

i.e. **2NT** promises game invitational values and **3NT** shows game forcing values

Showing extra values as opener

If opener has an invitational or better hand, a jump raise is not possible with only three card support. You must therefore bid your second suit before showing delayed 3 card support for responder. Because you have made **three** bids at that stage, you are promising invitational+ values.

Opener	Responder
♠ A92	♠ K10874
♥ AKJ95	♥ Q8
♦ KJ98	♦ 103
♣ 2	♣ A983
1H	1S
2D	2H (preference showing a weak hand)
2S (invitational with three spades)	4S

*A bid of **3S** from the opener instead of **2S** would show game forcing values.*

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Partnership discussion

by David Hoffman

Following on from the previous Newsletter, I perpetrated the following mini disaster:

Summer Festival Senior Teams, Match 8, Board 4, West deals, all vulnerable.

I held ♠985, ♥AK7, ♦AK94, ♣AK8

I opened 2NT (20-22), and partner responded 3♦ (5+ hearts). I responded 3♥ (my first mistake, but more of that later). Partner now bid 3♠ (4+ spades, forcing).

I felt my hand now was too strong to convert to 4♥, but unfortunately, any other bid would set spades. I solved my problem by bidding 5♥ (my second mistake). Partner passed and tabled ♠Q1072, ♥J8652, ♦85, ♣J3. Why a mini disaster? There were only nine tricks available, so I kept my loss to 3 IMPs. Now back to my first mistake. Have you and partner discussed whether you play super accepts over transfers?

The simplest approach is to cuebid your lowest control, 4♣ with the hand above. Unfortunately, there are two problems with this approach. Firstly, partner will often end up playing the hand, with the strong hand exposed, making the defence easier. Secondly, it will often be hard for the weak hand to progress, even when slam may be available.

The super accept structure I employ, first shown to me by Andy Braithwaite, is as follows:

After 2NT – 3♦ (5+ hearts), opener bids a suit containing a source of tricks (say KQJ10), with 3NT being a source of tricks in diamonds. Responder can now appreciate that a singleton in the shown suit is bad news, but a singleton in another suit is good news.

Responder's actions are:

4♦: A retransfer, to stop in game, or to progress without a singleton

Cuebid: A singleton, with a suitable hand

4♥: A singleton that cannot be bid below game, with a suitable hand

Thus after 2NT – 3♦ – 3NT (a source of tricks in diamonds):

4♣: Singleton club

4♦: Retransfer

4♥: Singleton spade

While after 2NT – 3♦ – 4♣

4♦: Retransfer

4♥: Singleton in a black suit

After 2NT – 3♥ (5+ spades), note that 3NT shows a source of tricks in hearts, and responder bids 4♥ to retransfer. So what was my bid on my hand above? 4♥, a super accept without a source of tricks in an outside suit.

Finally, try bidding these hands:

♠ A K Q 10

♥ A K 9

♦ A 4 3 2

♣ A 2

♠ 4 3 2

♥ Q J 6 5 4 3

♦ 5

♣ K 4 3

My sequence would be 2♣ (strong) – 2♦ (negative) – 2NT (23-24) – 3♦ (hearts) – 3♠ (source of tricks) – 3NT (singleton diamond) – 4NT (RKCB) – 5♦ (no Key Cards) – 5♠ (♥Q ask, safe since responder has shown interest) – 6♣ (♥Q + ♣K, see my previous article) – 7♥ (joy, a 93%+ grand on 30 points)!

Double after partner has responded

by George Cuppaidge

This is an extremely common situation, yet the bridge literature is all but silent upon it. You must have agreements, and they must be simple and logical. Here is a set of coherent suggestions. Use them or adopt your own but you must address this problem.

The starting point is a definition for the meaning of double. Here is a workable one.

“Double is for take-out until a denomination has been agreed.”

Like most things in bridge, it is not quite as simple as it sounds, there are a number of self-evident provisos.

1. Notrump becomes the agreed denomination only when the notrump bidder's partner passes the notrump bid. Once he has, his doubles are for penalty. This is one of the many rewards for passing flat eight- or nine-point hands opposite a 15-17 point 1NT. Make the inveterate balancer pay.
2. The 1NT opener's double is takeout opposite a passed partner. Partner must have shown some values before you can make a low-level penalty double.
3. For the same reason, if partner's transfer response is overcalled, opener cannot make a unilateral penalty double. Double from responder is (game) value showing. Only then can opener choose to play for penalty or bid notrump with a stopper. With support he will generally raise immediately.
4. 1♣ - 1NT agrees clubs, specifically 3-3-3-4. The 1NT reply to 1♦, 1♥ or 1♠ may have no fit and contain extreme shape.
5. To double a suit rebid, having passed it the first time, is penalty.

Ed: We will continue this article in the July Newsletter, with full examples and further suggestions for you to assimilate

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Thursday 17	9:30am - 11:45am, Lesson 4 4:30pm - 7:30pm, Ivory Pairs 1
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Responding to 1♥ and 1♠ Opening Bids

Try this quiz at nil vulnerable. Playing Bergen raises, what do you respond to 1♥ holding:



1♥ (Pass) ?

1. ♠ 98, ♥ K72, ♦ Q875, ♣ 9863
2. ♠ 987, ♥ 3, ♦ K1085, ♣ Q8753
3. ♠ Q10853, ♥ 6, ♦ J82, ♣ Q764
4. ♠ 753, ♥ 8, ♦ KJ108632, ♣ J8
5. ♠ Q102, ♥ 876, ♦ Q872, ♣ Q75
6. ♠ K10652, ♥ KJ6, ♦ 872, ♣ J10
7. ♠ Q1076, ♥ Q974, ♦ QJ63, ♣ 2
8. ♠ K832, ♥ AJ43, ♦ KQ43, ♣ 5
9. ♠ 3, ♥ K9862, ♦ J76, ♣ Q1064
10. ♠ K97652, ♥ KJ954, ♦ 92, ♣ ---

1. **Pass.** If you respond 2♥ you have a poor hand for the remainder of the auction. Also, if opener tries for game, or bids game, the final contract will most likely fail. If you pass 1♥, you suddenly have a great hand, and can compete accurately to the correct level. Opener needs to stay in the auction with extra points or shape, if RHO reopens in fourth seat.

2. **Pass.** You may find a better strain than hearts if you respond 1NT, but partner may also rebid 2♥, 3♥, or even 4♥, or maybe 2NT or 3NT. You are better off to hope 1♥ makes, or is a close contest. One-level contracts are difficult to defend (1♣ is the toughest contract to play or defend), not to speak of the problems you give the opponent in fourth seat. And if the opponents do re-open, you have a good defensive hand, and will likely be on the offensive. It's worth stressing again, that opener should not retreat from the bidding just because you passed their opening bid.

3. **1♠.** With the other major the temptation to respond at the one-level is too strong to resist. 1NT may well be a better spot than 1♥, and you may also find a spade fit, and even bid successfully to 4♠.

4. **1NT.** Partner might jump to 3♥ or 4♥, but in most scenarios you will be able to sign off in diamonds. Playing in 2♦ or 3♦ would obviously be a significant improvement to playing in 1♥, and it is well worth the risk to try and improve the contract. Then again sometimes you get to play in 1NT, which has a far greater upside than 1♥.

5. **1NT.** Prefer pass to 2♥. You do have three-card heart support, but with 4-3-3-3 shape you have no shortages, so no ruffs in your hand. You may well end up in a heart contract, but for the moment you want to put your foot firmly on the brakes.

6. **2♥.** You are only allowed one trump suit, and you know that it is hearts.

If you respond 1♠, and then give preference to hearts, opener will never play you for three-card support. Also, 2♥ takes more space from the opponents, and prevents them from coming in with a 2♣ or 2♥ overcall.

3♦. With a good trump fit, here at least 5-4, shortages can be gold. If the opener has four clubs your four trumps and singleton club may create three extra tricks. And keep in mind opener still needs extras to bid 4♥ over 3♦. So upgrade from 3♣ = 6-10, to a limit raise of 3♦ = 10-12.

8. **2NT.** Jacoby 2NT = game force with 4+ trumps. This hand is too strong for a 4♣ splinter, which is best played as 9-12, with something like three useful high cards. On this hand, you could make a slam opposite many sound minimums, so you need space to sort out how your cards fit.

9. **4♥.** With 0-6 HCP, five trumps and a singleton, the recommended bid is a jump to game. True, it won't always be the most accurate bid, but you will need to bid quickly to game in the majority of cases. This is one of many situations where you are simply going with the odds, so you will lose out from time to time.

10. **2NT.** With at least a 5-5 trump, a void, and a strong six-card side suit, your hand has way too much potential for anything but a Jacoby 2NT Game Force. After all, slam is virtually cold opposite, say, ♠Q3, ♥A10754, ♦AQ4, ♣J54. The 2NT response should give you space to assess how your shortages and controls mesh together. Maybe slam is cold, and then again, even just making 10 tricks may be a battle.

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