

Friday January 27th 2006

Session Times Friday 10 am 1.30 pm Saturday 10 am 2 pm 8 pm

2006 COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is an exciting opportunity for fifty lucky pairs to play against Commonwealth international representatives. It is held at the Victorian Bridge Association from the 10th of March to the 12th.

Page fifteen of Tuesday's NOT News is an entry form for this tournament, but as mentioned above, it is limited to fifty pairs so get in quick!

NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS

This tournament will be held from the 1st of July to the 8th at the Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton. Entry to all congress events costs NZ\$290 (approximately AU\$265).

Entry is available through <u>rksolomon@xtra.co.nz</u>. or see Richard Solomon (Team 18 at Rydges) or Bulletin Editor, Alan Taylor for details.

YOUTH PLAYERS – A DATE TO REMEMBER Saturday February 18th – Gold Coast Youth Pairs

Check details on www.abf.com.au

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Tim Bourke's Problem

-	SOU	TH 3 2 4 2 5 7 6 5 3	
	♥ 6 ♦ A 1	10 0	
		J 10 2	
		0.01	
West	North	East	South
0	0	0.00	1 ♠
2♥	2 ♠	3♥	4 🌢
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West begins with the ace and king of hearts against your spade game, with East signaling to indicate four cards in hearts. How do you plan the play?

LAST TRAIN TO NOWHERE

This year the Summer Festival experimented with a new event called the "LAST TRAIN" in a format similar to that of the Swiss Pairs. Most of the players with aspirations knew that this event would qualify two pairs to the Australian Playoff in March which selects the national team to represent Australia.

The organizers were somewhat surprised and more than a little delighted to receive an entry of 38 pairs including a significant number who entered to play in a good event with a good field even though they were not eligible to represent Australia. For them it was the "Last Train to Nowhere"

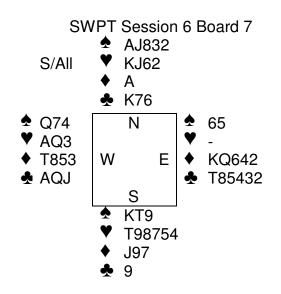
Given this success we propose to run three trains next year – one each for the Women, Seniors and Open.

Women	Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th (the 2 days prior to the
NWT)	
Senior	Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th (the 2 days prior to the NST)
Open	Thursday 18 th & Friday 19 th (the 2 days prior to the pairs
weekend)	

The 2007 Playoffs are based on teams rather than pairs. Although all the details have not been settled it is likely that the first three contending pairs will be offered the opportunity to enter the Playoff as a team.

Trust your partner

By Mike Phillips



It's pretty easy to reach the optimum contract of 4H on these cards, but not so easy to bring back a score of minus 900, especially as Deep Finesse rates the NS cards as worth 11 tricks. This rare achievement belongs to Frank and Lee Dreyer in their attempt to wrest the pseudo-brilliancy award from Marston/Grosvenor.

Unfortunately on this board the Dreyers were sitting in the East/West seats, and the following auction certainly deserves a prize.

North	East	South	West
		Pass	1NT^1
$2C^2$	Pass	2D ³	Pass
$2H^4$	4H!	Pass	Pass!!
Pass			

- 1. 15-17
- 2. Long diamonds or 5/5 in the majors
- 3. Pass or correct
- 4. Both majors

Lee's reasoning for her 4H bid seems quite logical in the cold light of day. "I can bid 4NT to show both minors, but if I say 4H I can show the minors and first-round control in hearts" Who can argue with that? It's bridge science.

However, Frank has been told so many times to trust his partner, that who could blame him for passing? Lee was really unlucky to find the trump king offside so she made only one trick instead of two, hence nine off for -900.

This certainly wiped the smiles off their teammates' faces as they had collected +800 on the same board.

Some Sort Of Justice

By John Mottram

On hand 17 of round 6, at some point in the auction against Les Varadi and Ellie Urbach, West made an insufficient, conventional, bid and had to guess the final contract.

♠ A	
♥Q92	
◆ Q J 10 8 5 4 2	
♣ Q J	
	🛦 K 10 8 7 2
	♥ 4 3
	♦ A K 9 7
	🜲 K 5
♠ Q J 9 3	
🕈 K 10 8 7 6 5	
♦ 6 3	
* 8	
	 ♥ Q 9 2 ◆ Q J 10 8 5 4 2 ◆ Q J 9 3 ♥ K 10 8 7 6 5 ◆ 6 3

He punted 6C which proved to be highly successful.

The on board 16 from round 8,

Dealer: W		
Vul: EW	 ▲ J 6 4 3 ◆ J 8 7 4 	
	🜲 A 7 6 5	
♦ Κ7		🔺 A Q J 10 8 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5		♥KQ2
♦ 952		•
🐥 K 10 9 8 4 2		♣ Q
	♦ 93	
	♥ 1098	
	♦ A K Q 10 6 3	
	* J 3	

The bidding against the same pair went

West	North	East	South
Р	Р	2C	4D
4C*			

West chose to change the 4C bid to pass, thus leaving the 9 card spade suit dead in the water.

Some sort of justice for my team.

Solution To Tim Bourke's Problem

If trumps are 3-2, you will make ten tricks in comfort by ruffing the second heart, drawing trumps and playing on clubs. You will make five trumps, four clubs and two diamonds. However, if trumps are 4-1 then this plan is fraught with danger. Indeed, you will fail on this layout:

♦ 6 3 2 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ K 7 6 5 3 **▲** J 10 7 4 ♠9 ♥ A K Q 9 5 ♥ 10873 ♦Q94 ♦ J 7 5 3 2 •9 ♣ A 8 4 **♦** A K Q 8 5 ♥ 6 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ Q J 10 2

West's plan is to play a forcing game in an effort to shorten your holding. If he can end with more trumps than you, he may be able to develop an extra defensive trick.

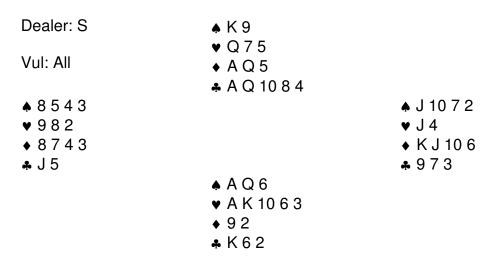
Suppose you ruff the opening lead and cash the ace-king of trumps, bringing to light the 4-1 break. When you play on clubs, East will win and play another heart. As you have to ruff this, you will be down to the bare queen of trumps with West still holding two trumps and you can do no better than play on clubs.

If West ruffs a club you would ruff the next heart in dummy, return to the diamond ace and draw West's last trump. In this problem he will throw diamonds instead and you will fail down because he will ruff the first king of diamonds and lead a fourth heart, forcing dummy to ruff. Now the only way off dummy is with a diamond and West can ruff that too.

You do no better to cash your diamond winners before playing clubs, West ruffs a club and another heart sees you stranded in dummy and forced to concede a second club ruff to West.

The way to make the contract is to play on clubs after just one round of trumps. This succeeds whether trumps are 4-1 or 3-2. When East takes the ace of clubs and leads a third heart, you must ruff and then continue to play clubs.

And Another Insufficient



Julette Alexander and Vivienne Goldberg were pleased by Julette's recovery from an insufficient Blackwood bid.

(The thought occurs that some of you with more wide awake partners and opponents may not have come across this situation and so are unfamiliar with the Law. When this occurs, the partner of the insufficient bidder is barred from the rest of the auction. In the game/slam situations of the last 2 and this one, obviously the opposition aren't going to help you by bidding, so basically, you get one guess.)

With the opposition silent, Julette opened 1H from South. Vivienne replied with 2C and Julette rebid 2NT. Vivienne continued with 3C which she thought was an enquiry for hearts. Obviously, Julette didn't when she raised to 4C. RKCB gained a 3control answer while 5NT gained an insufficient 5D. Julette had to guess and managed very well, thank you, with 7C.

\sim PENNY'S BLANKET RAFFLE \sim

is being drawn on TODAY at 1:30pm. All proceeds are going to cancer research.

Tickets are available at the book stall at Rydges and the Convention Centre.

Let's make a significant donation from the Bridge community!

HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Bid Like The Experts

With the Swiss well advanced and the top teams playing each other, obviously the experts are going to be on their best bidding behaviour – or are they? Let's check a few exhibits and you can judge.

Dealer: S	♦ 7643	
Vul: EW	♥ 3 2	
	♦ 7 3	
	🜲 K 10 7 6 3	
♠ J 2		🔺 A 5
♥ Q J 10 4		AK9765
♦ 10954		♦ A Q
* 852		🐥 Q J 9
	🔺 K Q 10 9 8	
	♥ 8	
	♦ KJ862	
	♣ A 4	

DeepFInesse has the spade game available for North-South and 3H for East-West. Let's watch some of Australia's finest and some of the overseas stars go to work in the Penline versus Brogeland match

Table 1 West Linda Stern	North Sarfraz Khan	East Pablo Lambardi	South Ish DelMonte 1S
P	3S	4H	4S
5H	P	6H	

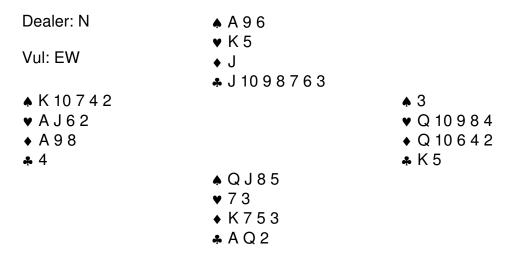
Hmmm, a bit optimistic and 3 off.

Table 2 West Bobby Richman	North Espen Erichsen	East Zolly Nagy	South Boye Brogeland 1S
Р	4S	5H	5S
Р	Р	Х	Р
6H	Р	Р	6S
Р	Р	Х	

Hmm...2 off.

Ish was talking about the hand over dinner and asked young Sydney player, Sophie Ashton what had happened in her match –

1S P 2S 3H end at both tables – not quite so memorable. Nonetheless Sophie had reason to remember the match as she made her first ever blood redouble and collected 1480. Back to the experts – this time Kiwis and Englishmen.



The analyser has 9 tricks available this time to E-W in a heart contract – presumably a trick in both blacks and a diamond ruff and the King of trumps. The diamond is a bit unlucky so we can look forward to a push at –50.

Mike Cornell and Ashley Bach doubled 4H, so they're on their way to 2 imps. However, having collected 3 tricks the ruff wasn't scored and they sorrowfully wrote down –790. Not a problem – John Armstrong and Brian Callaghan also reached 4H and also got doubled. The defence ended when the opening lead was faced – the Ace of clubs. Now there was no way to collect the diamond ruff. Just another push.

Now let's watch Michael Ware and Matthew McManus add 0 to the score.

Dealer: N	🔺 A 9 6	Teams 10/9
	∀ K 5	
Vul: EW	♦ J	
	🐥 J 10 9 8 7 6 3	
🔺 K 10 7 4 2		♦ 3
♥ A J 6 2		🕈 Q 10 9 8 4
♦ A 9 8		♦ Q 10 6 4 2
* 4		🗚 K 5
	♠ Q J 8 5	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ K 7 5 3	
	🜲 A Q 2	

Ryszard Jedrichowski passed as North and East opened 1H – showing 7 – 11, any shape. Paul Wyer found a double of which he is not very proud. West bid 1S and Ryszard butted in with 3C. Two passes followed and the damage for Michael and Matthew was a potential damage of 110 plus any overs. Two passes saw West double and Rszard reach for the blue card. The damage

potential was up to 1040. East put in 3D and Paul doubled. The final damage? 1100.

One final bizarre s West Berri Folkard	equence but this one North David Wawn	e worked East Ross Folkard	South Michael Smart 2H*
x	3S	4S	end
*(4+/4+, majors, w	eak), making 650		
Dealer: S	♦ 9642	Tean	ns 10/19
Vul: EW	♦ A Q 9 ♦ J ♣ Q 8 7 4 3		
♠ A K Q J 10		A	
♥ 8 4		♥ K .	
◆ Q 10 5 4 ♣ A K		• ∧ ÷ ♣ J 9	9863
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	♥ 10762		
	♦ A 7 2		
	& 10 5		

Mistakes I Have Made

By Neville Moses

DW (Darling Wife) and I were having a very pleasant match against Marilyn Mason and Bjorn Ericksson in Round 9, chatting about each hand in a friendly way after it was completed. The Board 20 arrived

Dealer: W		▲ A Q J 8 2	T 9/20
Vul: All	Bjorn	♥ K Q 3 ♦ Q 8 6 4 ♣ Q	
🔺 K 7 6 4			♠ 10 5
♥ A 10 6 5			♥ J 8 4 2
♦ J932 ♣8			♦ K 10 5 ♣ J 4 3 2
Me		♦ 93	DW
		♥97	
		♦ A 7	
	Marilyn	🜲 A K 10 9 7 6 5	

N-S bid quickly to 3NT, played by North. DW led the 2 of hearts to the 7, Ace and 3. I continued with the 10 of hearts, won by Bjorn's King. Now he cashed the Queen of clubs and crossed to dummy with the diamond Ace, looking disgusted when I showed out on the King of clubs. He drifted to one off.

As we were all so friendly, I did not think it impolite to point out that if he had overtaken the club Queen, he could have set up the suit, retaining the Ace of diamonds as an entry.

"Oh dear," he said, "I missed the safety play. No doubt they'll find it at the other table".

"It won't help if WEST IS COMPETENT!" snapped DW acidly. "There'll be a diamond shift at trick 2 and you'll never set up the clubs."

She was right, as usual.

Miffed, I jammed the cards back into the wallet and, as is my wont, turned half sideways and crossed my legs – my second mistake.

Neville's Second Mistake

By DW

We had just finished the next board when the director arrived and demanded to know what had happened to the 3 of diamonds from board 20, adding as he pointed to Neville, "You had it!"

We looked on the table, on the floor and at the cards from the next board, when Marilyn suddenly said in a mischievous tone, "I can see it, but I refuse to pick it up!"

We all stared in the direction in which she was looking and there, clutched between Neville's legs, like a fig leaf on a statue was the missing card.

PS When Marcia Scudder went to compare scores, she asked Marilyn why she had refused to touch the card.

The reply? "I didn't have my gloves on".

Should You Laugh Or Should You Cry?

By Lilli Allgood

Dealer: S	♦ 975	Teams 10/7
Vul: All	♥ 8 7 6 ♦ 10 6 5 2 ♣ 5 4 2	
 ▲ K 2 ♥ A J 10 ◆ J 9 4 ♣ Q J 10 9 6 	 ▲ J 10 6 3 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ A K Q 7 ♣ 7 3 	 ▲ A Q 8 4 ♥ K 9 5 4 ◆ 8 3 ♣ A K 8

South opened 1NT, passed out.

West made the natural lead of the Queen of clubs, overtaken by East to play the second top club. South's torture had begun (what a useless dummy). As clubs were continued, the first diamond pitch was easy but the looming choices were discarding diamond winners, weakening the spade stopper or baring the heart Queen! What a choice!

Two clubs later, a fateful spade had been discarded. East had meanwhile asked for this suit. Dutifully, West played the King of spades and this was followed by East cashing the 3, by now, top spades. The 9 of hearts saw the appearance of her majesty and the remaining hearts saw an unbid defensive grand slam.

I suspect that the same thing happened at some of the higher number tables judging by the unrepressed giggles heard from up there.

Bridge is a lousy, cruel, sadistic game.

Lilli's quite right. The same thing did happen at at least one high number table. Tony Leibowitz and Ted Chadwick also scored 13 tricks on defence. Bill Haughie managed to avoid this fate in his match. After Andy Braithwaite had opened 1NT, Bill used Stayman and Andy declared 2S. He managed to collect 2 high diamonds and a spade to keep the loss to 500.

Single Played As Double

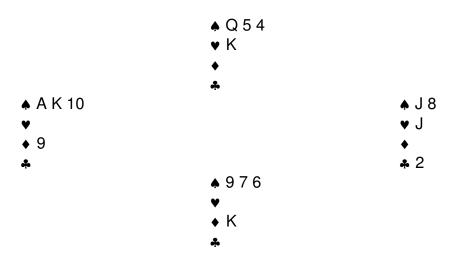
Adam Sarten found a nice single squeeze played as a double squeeze but sadly it was only for an overtrick.

Dealer: N	▲ Q 5 4	Teams 8/13
Vul: All	 ✓ K Q 6 5 4 ◆ A Q ♣ J 10 8 	
🔺 A K 10 2		♦ J 8
♥ 1082		♥ A J 9
♦ 97652		♦ J
* 3		🜲 A K Q 9 6 5 2
	♦ 9763	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ K 10 8 4 3	
	* 7 4	

Adam and Sara Tishler reached 3NT, played by Adam as East.

The defence began with a diamond to the Ace and the Queen of diamonds overtaken by the King. South switched to a heart and Adam took North's

Queen with his Ace. He then set about the clubs. When the last one landed the position was



The presence of dummy's 9 of diamonds compelled South to throw a spade. Dummy pitched the, now redundant, diamond and Adam's Jack of hearts forced a spade discard by North. It now no longer mattered which of North or South had started with the Queen of spades – it must drop. Had dummy's third spade been the 2, rather than the 10, then it would have been a simple double squeeze.

"High Commissioner's" Trophy

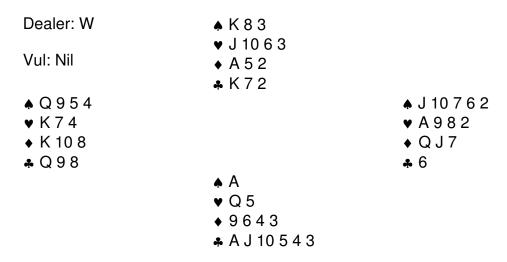
An Anonymous Contribution

Teams of overseas zone 7 players are competing for the "High Commissioner's Trophy" which was donated by Janet Woodfield. Janet has returned to Canberra with a team of fellow-Wellingtonians including half of her team of N. Z. Seniors representatives from the Istanbul Olympiad.

Janet, a member of the winning Senior Team in 1997, in partnership with the late Lyndsay Knight, was famous for her house parties at the NZ High Commissioner's residence during the Canberra bridge festivals of the early nineties.

She is also famous for starting each match by inviting her opponents (and especially her partner) to "Have fun." And she certainly obeyed her own advice when she decided, in fourth position, not to pass the board out with 11 points - A = Q = 5 + 9 = 6 + 3 = A = 10 = 5 + 3.

What else but 3C? – and what else from her partner, Michael Gibson, but 3NT?



After a spade lead from West, Michael returned the club Jack and took the right inference from the tempo of r.h.o.'s play; running the clubs, with opponents discarding hearts and Michael anything but. Janet was fully rewarded when her heart Queen collected both the Ace and King and she was able to chalk up +490.

More fun than passing it in, fourth in hand. Admonition well and truly obeyed.

OzOne – The Koach is coming...

Coach Eric Kokish is arriving on Saturday 28 January. He will meet with the OzOne players over the weekend and then conduct an intensive 4 day training camp from Monday 30th January. A number of top players and local Canberra players will be assisting at the camp to be held at the new Grand Slam premises in Geelong Street, Fyshwick.

Due to pre-existing player commitments, there is only one OzOne team at NOT 2006 – the Marston team playing at Rydges (Marston-Grosvenor, Gue-Bagchi, Kanetkar-Rosendorff).

The other OzOne players at the NOT are Richman-Nagy and Ish Delmonte on the DeRofe team, Neill-Klinger (Neill), Hans-Nunn (Bremner-Moore), Dyke-Wiltshire (McManus) and Adam/Nabil Edgtton (Brockwell)

Why OzOne?

Australia has never reached the finals of an important international event and we haven't won an Open PABF Championship since 1970. When you consider that recent winners include Japan, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China and Indonesia, and none of these countries has ever been a world champion, it is clear that we have a lot of work to do when it comes to bridge. Yet we do have a large and prosperous bridge community with many talented players so you might wonder why we haven't done better. The problem is that the best players are usually spread over several teams and the pairs that do get together are rarely well prepared for the level of competition they encounter overseas.

OzOne is an initiative that is designed to change all that. The aim is to lift the standard of bridge in this country so that we finally become a contender at the highest level of the game. It has been made possible thanks to a generous anonymous donation that is expected to be in the order of one million dollars per year. Initially the focus is on open bridge but it is expected that special plans will be made for junior bridge to ensure an ongoing high standard followed by women's bridge.

The committee is Paul Marston (Chairman), Arian Lasocki, Warren Lazer, Marcia Scudder, Peter Smith and the co-ordinator is Margaret Bourke.

The OzOne website has all the latest information on the project. There is also a bulletin board where you are invited to have your say.

A.B.T.A. News

The A.G.M. of the Bridge Teachers Association held on Sunday elected the following executive:

President : Lorraine Harkness Vice-President : Val Hopwood Sec/Treas : Nick Hughes

It was decided to set up a website for teachers so that the ABTA can reach more isolated bridge teachers.

Seminars to be held this year are as follows : SURFERS : 21st February (Holiday Inn) MELBOURNE : 17th June (V.B.A.) COFFS HARBOUR : August SYDNEY : T.B.A. CANBERRA : January 2007

The Association thanks the A.B.F. for a financial grant this year to support teaching tours and seminars. Clubs wishing to obtain the services of a teacher are asked to contact the ABTA.

Debating Clubs? Chess Clubs? Computer Clubs? Scrabble Clubs?

Why Not Bridge Clubs?

The ABTA is keen to promote youth bridge and would like to set up clubs in schools. If you are a teacher and are prepared to teach and coach students in your school, as part of extra-curricular activities, would you please contact Lorraine Harkness Mobile 0409 220 761 email <u>lorraineharkness@bigpond</u> After hearing from you the ABTA will contact your school principal to seek permission to set up a bridge group. We only need a few schools to be able to organise inter-school competitions.

DATUMS ROUND10 RYDGES

Board Scor 1 -120 2 -220 3 -520 4 230 5 -420)
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5 -420	
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6 440	
7 -590)
8 70	
9 -130)
10 160	
11 -110)
12 -70	
13 690	
14 330	
15 -90	
16 -440)
17 40	
18 120	
19 -630)
20 -40	

ROUND 11

Board	Score
1	-30
2	-210
3	-280
4	170
5	450
6	120
7	-220
8	-210
9	440
10	-740
11	130
12	110
13	30
14	320
15	650
16	-650
17	80
18	-410
19	440
20	-630

NCC

Board	Score
1	-10
2	-300
3	-550
4	340
5	-420
6	440
7	-620
8	-320
9	-20
10	20
11	0
12	-100
13	620
14	220
15	-140
16	-310
17	-70
18	120
19	-550
20	0

Board	Score
1	-20
2	-170
3	-190
4	100
5	340
6	40
7	-200
8	-280
9	230
10	-720
11	140
12	220
13	110
14	380
15	650
16	-640
17	330
18	-420
19	280
20	-580

ROUND 12

Board	Score
1	70
2	90
3	300
4	-600
5	-220
6	180
7	-900
8	440
9	-110
10	-70
11	380
12	-290
13	630
14	10
15	-280
16	-90
17	130
18	140
19	-60
20	-80

Board	Score
1	80
2	120
3	140
4	-650
5	-50
6	170
7	-890
8	370
9	-110
10	-110
11	430
12	-360
13	660
14	70
15	-250
16	-20
17	140
18	40
19	10
20	-110

PROGRESS - top 6 each venue qualify for play-offs

	NCC			RYDGES	
Place	Name	Score	Place	Name	Score
1	Otvosi	240	1	Marston	232
2	Markey	228	2	Brogeland	232
3	McManus	228	3	Bourke	228
4	Noble	225	4	Penline	222
5	Jedrychowski	223	5	Cummings	220
6	Puskas	214	6	Morrison	214
7	Szalay	213	7	Jamieson	211
8	Reynolds	209	8	Gardiner	207
9	Travis	208	9	Burgess	207
10	Wawn	208	10	Tuxworth	207
11	Ewart	208	11	Lusk	206
12	Walsh	207	12	Nixon	206
13	Dobes	205	13	Rankin	205
14	Bremner-Moore	203	14	Genc	204
15	Ware	202	15	Djurovic	203
16	Giura	201	16	Hoffman	203
17	Ridgway	201	17	Francis	202
18	Fallon	200	18	Ziggy	202
19	Haffer	199	19	Lester	202
20	Sarten	199	20	Waters	202
21	Parrott	199			

DIVISION LEADERS – ACROSS BOTH VENUES

- Zone 7 Teams Genc
- Youth Teams Howard
- Mixed Teams Cummings
- Veterans Teams Smee
- Seniors Teams Walsh
- Country Teams Tuxworth
- Novice Teams Schoen
- Local Teams Wawm