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From the President



Keith McDonald

THE Barrier Reef Congress held in Mackay, June 11 to June 14 broke all records for attendance. There were 136 Pairs and 72 Teams. The Convenor, Nancy Martin, is to be congratulated on a really excellent event. President Bess Baldry, Monica Darley, Margaret McNee, and Jenni Buckley all contributed. A special thank you to Laurie Kelso the Director and his assistants Monica, and Ann Hird. Ann was directing in a major event for the first time and gets an A rating! As does the home made biscuits. Moira Bachelor can take a rest having made several thousand biscuits. A special thank you to all the club members who

spent hours cooking, assisting in the kitchen and serving at the bar and doing all the tasks needed for this event. The Sponsors, Healthpoint Group Chemist, MacKay City Council and Southern Suburbs Leagues Club deserve our support. Julie Boyd, Mayor of Mackay, opened the event with a wonderful speech.

Australia is hosting the 2005 World Youth Teams Championship in August. Queensland has agreed to help with fundraising. A State-wide effort has begun to auction players for one session. This will be displayed on the QBA Website. I was taken aback by an initial response from country clubs wanting to be involved. The event needs our support. If anyone has ideas for raising funds please let me know.

Planning is proceeding well for the 2005 Gold Coast Congress at the ANA and GCI Hotels. I would hope the 7,000 Queensland players will all be with us for this great event.

Toowoomba

THE 20 teams that contested Toowoomba this year was slightly up on last year, but still disappointing considering the number of teams at other (1-day) congresses. The accommodation aspect must have some influence, as for visiting teams it is necessary to win the event just to break even for the two days.

The dramas of recent teams congresses were not repeated, when the top few seeds all won in the first round. Therese Tully and I had new team-mates this year, in Lindy Vincent and Richard Ward, and in spite of a bad loss to Mayers (Adrian Mayers, Rosemary Crowley, Janeen Solomon and Neville Francis) in match 3, we flashed home over the remaining 5 matches and had a comfortable win when Mayers faltered in matches 5 & 6.

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M 2	♠ QJ5
Bd 21	♥ Q8764
Dir N	♦ 2
Vul NS	♣ AK82
♠ 743	♠ A106
♥ 5	♥ A102
♦ A106543	♦ QJ987
♣ J103	♣ 75
	♠ K982
	♥ KJ93
	♦ K
	♣ Q964

W	N	E	S
	1H	2D	X
5D	P	P	5H
All pass			

On board 21 of match 2 I am not sure what was in South's mind when they made a negative double over Therese's 2D overall, but when 5D came back to them they must have thought about the hidden heart support, and succumbed to the 5-over-5 syndrome. 5H had 3 aces to lose for 50 to us to go with +300 from 5DX at the other table and 8 IMPs. 'Let the opponents be the last to make a guess at the 5-level' is often good advice.

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M 3	♠ AK10862
Bd 4	♥ 752
Dlr W	♦ J8
Vul Both	♣ 93
♠ Q9	♠ 7543
♥ AQ103	♥ KJ6
♦ 9	♦ AQ764
♣ AQJ1054	♣ 6
♠ J	
♥ 984	
♦ K10532	
♣ K872	

W	N	E	S
1C	2S	P	P
X	P	3D	P
3H	All pass		

On this board Therese thought about raising 3H to 4H, but when she passed my 3H bid I was able to take the safest line to 9 tricks for +140.

In 4H after the weak jump by North and the lead of the SA, the club finesse was bound to succeed, so I believe that I would have made 4H, but at the other table EW went 1 off in 4H so we gained 6 IMPs.

M 3	♠ 7652
Bd 9	♥ A2
Dlr N	♦ 92
Vul EW	♣ KJ982
♠ A8	♠ KQ4
♥ 975	♥ QJ643
♦ AKQ85	♦ 7642
♣ Q54	♣ 6
♠ J1093	
♥ K108	
♦ J3	
♣ A1072	

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1D	2C	2H	3C
4H	All pass		

Here we gained our only other swing of the match when Therese, after passing on the first round, bid 2H with the East hand over North's 2C overcall (also as a passed hand). South's raise suggested a club shortage in Therese's hand, so with my source of tricks I raised directly to 4H, which proved an easy make.

DID YOU KNOW?

Declarer should call for each card individually from the dummy and avoid instructions such as "run the diamonds".

At the other table EW stopped in 3H, also making 10 tricks, but 10 IMPs to us.

M 3	♠ KQ1087
Bd 13	♥ 3
Dlr N	♦ —
Vul Both	♣ AKQJ1042
♠ A9432	♠ 6
♥ 42	♥ KQJ8765
♦ 10865	♦ J743
♣ 87	♣ 5
♠ J5	
♥ A109	
♦ AKQ92	
♣ 963	

W	N	E	S
P	1C	4H	X
P	5H	P	5NT
P	6C	All pass	

NS bid to 6C in spite of the 4H barrage over the Precision 1C opening, and on the HK lead, 12 tricks were easy for -1370.

Therese thought about leading the singleton spade, but with only a singleton trump, this can so often kill partner's holding without gaining a ruff, so she stuck to the sequence lead. This time, however, the singleton would have worked. I am normally on the side of not leading the singleton in these situations, and later on in the day another hand came up where the lead of the singleton with the singleton trump actually would have found partner with the ace and got the ruff, but it also set up declarer's side suit and made it easier for them to make the game.

M 4	♠ Q10
Bd 24	♥ 10764
Dlr W	♦ A92
Vul None	♣ 5432
♠ 97652	♠ 43
♥ AK853	♥ Q9
♦ 8	♦ KJ107654
♣ A6	♣ K10
♠ AKJ8	
♥ J2	
♦ Q3	
♣ QJ987	

W	N	E	S
1S	P	2D	P
2H	P	3D	P
3H	P	3S	All pass

I should have heeded the warning signs instead of blindly plugging on because of my distribution. I originally opened because I had both 5-card majors (we do not have a system bid for this) and therefore an easy rebid, but when Therese made a non-forcing rebid of 3D, I should have been content with my 3 certain tricks for her and passed.

After the lead of the H6 suggested that hearts were not breaking I misguessed the diamonds and finished up 2 off for -100, with 3D easy.

The contract at the other table was also 3S, but they fared better than me and only finished up 1 off, so we lost 2 IMPs.

On board 26 in match 4 I missed a cold game because I failed to duck on the opening trick.

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Bd 26	♥ Q964
Dlr E	♦ 8753
Vul Both	♣ AQ4
♠ KQ8	♠ A1042
♥ KJ85	♥ A10
♦ A62	♦ Q94
♣ KJ7	♣ 10983
	♠ 9765
	♥ 732
	♦ KJ10
	♣ 652

W	N	E	S
		P	P
1H	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2C	P
3NT	All pass		

North made a good lead of the D8, and South played the DT, which I won with the ace since I could take the heart finesse into the safe hand. However, even when the heart finesse won, I could not prevent North regaining the lead to run through the DQ again, and I lost 5 tricks for 1 off. If I duck the DT at trick 1, the suit is frozen, and even though South can lead a club, this gives me the tempo, as I win the diamond return to block the suit, and lead another club to set up my 9 tricks.

M 5	♠ Q97
Bd 10	♥ QJ53
Dlr E	♦ AK1043
Vul Both	♣ A
♠ 10653	♠ AKJ8
♥ AK8	♥ 1072
♦ 6	♦ Q975
♣ KJ1054	♣ Q2
	♠ 42
	♥ 964
	♦ J82
	♣ 98763

W	N	E	S
		1NT	P
3D	P	3S	P
4S	X	All pass	

My 3D response to Therese's 1NT (12-14) showed a shortage and invited suits up the line. The final contract was fairly normal, except that North, in spite of asking about the 3D bid and being told it showed 1 or none, doubled, so 4SX was the final contract. North won the opening lead of the DJ with the king before winning the CA and switching to a trump. Therese eyed the trump very suspiciously, before taking the finesse successfully, and then playing safe for 10 tricks and +790; 4 IMPs.

■ Richard Wallis



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Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

HERE is a slightly unusual card play problem, see how you fare.

You are South in 4S doubled.

♠ 76
♥ J842
♦ 5
♣ A109432

♠ AKJ102
♥ AK10
♦ 864
♣ K5

Your partner opened 3C and raised your 3S to 4S. West doubled, led the DA and switched to the H9. East played a small heart and you won with your ten. You ruff a diamond noting East's queen. What now?

Things have gone pretty well so far. Ten tricks look virtually certain. You have a quick entry back to hand to ruff that last diamond and as long as you can get back to hand again you can play trumps from the top. What about those two critical cards, the H9 and the DQ? What were they? West is extremely unlikely to have suddenly switched to a heart from the queen, and surely East's diamond queen was a true card.

Give up on that potential overtrick, safeguard the contract by abandoning the last diamond ruff. Use that last trump in dummy to return to a high trump, playing trumps from the top down.

This was the full hand.

Dir N	♠ 76		
	♥ J842		
	♦ 5		
	♣ A109432		
♠ Q843		♠ 95	
♥ 9		♥ Q7653	
♦ AKJ10973		♦ Q2	
♣ 7		♣ QJ86	
	♠ AKJ102		
	♥ AK10		
	♦ 864		
	♣ K5		

A greedy, or was it thoughtless, South re-entered hand with the CK and ruffed a third diamond. East over-ruffed and had fielder's choice, he could give West the setting ruff in either hearts or clubs.

Here is another one. NS did extremely well to get to 4H.

Dir S	♠ K6		
	♥ J54		
	♦ J7		
	♣ J96543		
♠ 109854		♠ J73	
♥ 8		♥ 109732	
♦ KQ92		♦ 84	
♣ K102		♣ AQ8	
	♠ AQ2		
	♥ AKQ6		
	♦ A10653		
	♣ 7		

	W	N	E	S
				1D
	P	1NT	P	2H
	P	3H ¹	P	3S ²
	P	4H ³	All pass	

¹This must show 3 hearts only.

²Bidding out his shape

³How many Norths would bid a wooden 3NT here?

How do you play on a spade lead?

You have escaped the killing lead, make the most of it. Your best shot is to play for 3 spade tricks, the DA, 4 trumps in hand and a low and a high diamond ruff in dummy.

Take your 3 top spades pitching a diamond then play the DA and ruff a diamond low and give up a club. Whatever the defenders do you can manage that second diamond ruff with the HJ for 10 tricks.

There were two big hurdles to clear in this hand, NS cleared theirs, getting to 4H. West failed his by not leading a trump, in defiance of the old bromide precluding the lead of a singleton trump. A second trump when in with the club delivers the coup de grace. How would my readers have fared?

Try this one

Dir E	♠ K54		
	♥ KQ7		
	♦ Q85		
	♣ AJ72		
♠ 96		♠ QJ1073	
♥ 9842		♥ A53	
♦ 7642		♦ K93	
♣ 1095		♣ K6	
	♠ A82		
	♥ J106		
	♦ AJ10		
	♣ Q843		

Playing rubber bridge you get to 3NT as South after East's opening of 1S was passed round to North who doubled. Your response of 2NT was raised to 3NT and West led the S9.

One of the most common manouvres by declarer in NT contracts is to duck to sever defensive communications. The usual reason for not ducking is the danger of a lethal switch. There is no such danger here, in fact you would relish a switch, any switch. It is still wrong, in fact fatal, to duck here.

The bidding, particularly at rubber bridge, marks East with all the key missing honour cards, the SQJ, the HA, the DK and the CK. So you base your line on that assumption. Win the lead in dummy and play the DQ. Win East's DK and knock out the HA. Win the spade continuation and cash all your red winners. Even if East holds 6 spades he must throw one to guard his CK. Throw him in with one to lead from that card.

Yes, there are distributions where this simple approach may fail, when East holds a bare CK and 4 hearts or diamonds, or bares it nonchalantly to keep a red winner.

■ George Cuppaidge

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Barrier Reef Congress

PART of my job as manager of the QBA is to attend the Barrier Reef Congress and hold lots of meetings. The criteria for my team-mates is that they arrive early in the town the Barrier Reef congress is being held and find the nicest restaurants. I have great pleasure in stating that this has been done very successfully for the past couple of years and hopefully for the next couple. This year the event was held in Mackay and prior to arriving I had seen the list of competitors and was impressed at the strength and number of teams attending. The pairs commenced on Friday night and continued on Saturday afternoon and the lead seemed to change but our names never appeared and we never threatened to come close. Phil Gue from Adelaide and our own Margaret Walters from Brisbane won the event. The teams started on Saturday night with one session, two sessions on Sunday and the final on Monday. We were in with a show prior to attendance on Monday but felt that after the 28 boards played that we (the whole team) perhaps should have stayed at our hotels as we threatened no-one. Lindy Vincent and Richard Ward, ex Townsville players, Therese Tully and Sue Lusk won the teams and it was a popular win.

On the Sunday morning we hold a clubs meeting where representatives from each club north of Bundaberg attend and discuss matters pertaining to the QBA and themselves. The QBA pays for the catering of the lunch held after and this year the members of the Mackay Bridge Club outdid themselves with home made delights.

There were lots of great hands which were a great discussion point at the time but upon my return I threw the hand records away - sorry about that.

■ Kim Ellaway



*The teams winners from left:
Sue Lusk, Lindy Vincent, Richard Ward & Therese Tully*



Dawn Turner, Pres. of the SPBC, presenting the Eric Parsons trophy to the winners of the pairs, Margaret Walters & Phil Gue



*Directors:
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Strange Hands

THIS is about a strange hand which was played in the recently held Mixed Pairs event. I held

♠J ♥KJ109543 ♦QJ ♣Q108

West passed as dealer and North, my partner Terry Strong, opened 2D (weak major or 20-22 bal).

After some thought I rejected some wicked ideas such as 4H which is correctable (not so to Peter Fordham) in a 'cat among the pigeons' bid, then perhaps 2S as invitational in hearts. What about 2NT asking partner to describe his hand - perhaps he has the 20-22 one. I must confess that I wimpishly bid 2H and was somewhat surprised when Terry passed.

East then came to life with a double and EW reached 4S.

Because I knew that both East and West held a heart void I felt that 4S was on so I sacrificed in 5H double. This was not good idea with adverse vulnerability and we went 2 light for a bad score.

Dlr W	♠ 976		
Vul NS	♥ AQ8762		
	♦ 82		
	♣ K9		
♠ K8532		♠ AQ104	
♥ —		♥ —	
♦ A975		♦ K10643	
♣ 5432		♣ AJ76	
	♠ J		
	♥ KJ109543		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ Q108		

Strangely enough, the only pair that I know of to reach 6S was Mike Robson and Betty Lee. It was cold on a heart lead by ditching a club and then another on the long diamond when the suit broke 2-2 leaving only one club loser. Betty told me that NS pushed them there.

Peter Fordham, the guru on the ABF website who answers the forlorn Dorothy Dix queries, gave me a page of advice - mainly 'predicate your bidding on the probable, not the freak, occurrence', but I had no thought that partner had the weak-2 in hearts. I found it quite amusing to learn - and I quote him, 'I've been playing bridge for well over 40 years and this is only the third occasion that I've heard of a partnership holding all 13 cards in the one suit. Curiously enough one of them occurred this year (AB Bidding Forum, where I am a panellist). The other was about 30 years ago against Mike Robson and Tony Jackman at the NOT. I was playing with

Bruce Neill who opened 4D. Jackman doubled (optional long or short diamonds) and I, holding 5 diamonds passed as did Mike with a void as he assumed that Tony had length. We played in our 8-5 fit; not a good outcome for them.'

Recently, George Cuppiadge reported a 13-card fit in the last QBA Bulletin.

When comparing scores with our partners in a recent teams event at the SPBC we found we had a double game swing which though not strange is not all that frequent.

Dlr W	♠ 53		
Vul None	♥ KQ2		
	♦ A63		
	♣ KJ952		
♠ Q9862		♠ KJ74	
♥ 109843		♥ 6	
♦ KQ		♦ 109854	
♣ 10		♣ A43	
	♠ A10		
	♥ AJ75		
	♦ J72		
	♣ Q876		

My partner, Jenny Han, had stolen 3NT on the D10 lead. She played low from dummy, won in hand and played a club taken by East's ace who played another diamond to West's queen hoping for a spade switch but it was too late. Declarer now has 11 tricks. Our clever partners, Darko and Kamal got into the action at their table and made 4S with a combined 15 count.

■ Margaret Drake

BBC Swiss Pairs

A 21st century record field of 25 tables attended the BBC's Swiss Pairs on 23 May, especially pleasing considering a 2-day teams event was conducted at Caloundra over the same weekend.

Tony Jackman and I (Richard Wallis) got off to a flying start to be in the lead at lunch, but faded to second behind Agnes and Barry Kempthorne in the afternoon, with Larry Moses and Richard Touton finishing in third place.

DID YOU KNOW?

A single honour card that becomes visible to partner during the auction remains on the table for the rest of the auction. Partner must pass at his next turn to call. The card becomes a major penalty card should its owner become a defender.

M 2	♠ A643		
Bd 8	♥ AK108642		
Dlr W	♦ 52		
Vul None	♣ —		
♠ KJ10975		♠ —	
♥ 3		♥ QJ7	
♦ K7		♦ AQJ1084	
♣ 8654		♣ AKQJ	
	♠ Q82		
	♥ 95		
	♦ 963		
	♣ 109732		

W	N	E	S
2S	4H	X	All pass

North bid 4H over my weak-2 opening no doubt with reasonable prospects of making, giving his partner a fair share of the remaining cards. However, the dummy was not worth any tricks at all, and the 7 tricks in his own hand were all he made, for 3 off and +500. Judging by the score of 67%, he was not alone. 5D looks to be a good chance for EW, and in practice would probably make, but double-dummy, with East declarer, South can lead a club for North to ruff, and then the trump return leaves declarer 1 trick short.

M 3	♠ AJ		
Bd 14	♥ Q54		
Dlr E	♦ 1097		
Vul None	♣ 108732		
♠ Q742		♠ K8653	
♥ AK87		♥ J1063	
♦ AKQ52		♦ 63	
♣ —		♣ 94	
	♠ 109		
	♥ 92		
	♦ J84		
	♣ AKQJ65		

W	N	E	S
X	2S	P	2C
3D	All pass	X	3C

On this board Tony showed why it is important to have an agreed system in place if your RHO bids the suit that you were happy to bid in response to your partner's take-out double.

My 2C was Precision, and Tony's 2S was a baby psyche, secure in the knowledge that he had a safe haven in 5C if I raised his 'spades'. East doubled, in his system to show that he would have been happy to bid 2S himself, but his partner was not on the same wavelength, and the cold spade game was missed, with 6S makeable due to the friendly lie in spades and diamonds.

M 4	♠ 9853		
Bd 16	♥ Q8		
Dlr W	♦ K7		
Vul EW	♣ KJ1063		
♠ Q742		♠ AK10	
♥ AK974		♥ 532	
♦ 62		♦ AQJ53	
♣ 74		♣ Q9	
	♠ J6		
	♥ J106		
	♦ 10984		
	♣ A852		

W	N	E	S
P	P	1C	P
1H	P	4H	All pass

Sitting EW we had a standard Precision auction to the normal contract of 4H. North had the type of club holding that is difficult to lead away from, and I am sure that many would have led a spade. However, this intrepid North came out with all guns blazing by leading the DK, at which Tony asked before he put dummy down "do you underlead or overlead?". Since the third heart was with the long diamond, I was able to set up the 5th diamond in dummy by ruffing and throw both clubs away for 12 tricks.

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M 4	♠ J74		
Bd 20	♥ A97		
Dlr W	♦ AK108		
Vul Both	♣ J94		
♠ AQ852		♠ 96	
♥ 4		♥ K10832	
♦ 7632		♦ —	
♣ A32		♣ KQ10865	
	♠ K103		
	♥ QJ65		
	♦ QJ954		
	♣ 7		

W	N	E	S
1S	X	2C	3H
All pass			

Sitting West, I opened 1S, North made a takeout double and Tony responded a non-forcing 2C. South made a game try with 3H but North refused the game try with the minimum hand and only 3 hearts. Tony decided that diamonds were likely to be a better spot for NS, so passed the contract he had a better chance of defeating.

Looking for a spade lead to my AQ, I led the C2 and was initially concerned when Tony played the C8 over dummy's C4 at trick 1, but brightened up when declarer played the C7! Tony returned the CK, and as declarer ruffed I unblocked my CA. Declarer passed the HQ to Tony's king, who then returned the S9 so I gave him a ruff and he went back to clubs. Declarer finished 4 off for +400, but that was only 70%, since a few NS pairs had found their way to 4HX.

■ Richard Wallis

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25 Years Ago

North Queensland Open Congress

THE 8th North Queensland Open Congress, held at Mackay over the May Day weekend was brought to a successful conclusion with a luncheon at the Mariner Beachhouse restaurant overlooking the sea. The congress was under the popular and competent direction of Mrs Judy Valentine. 32 teams and 60 pairs competed, with a total of 143 players drawn from 13 centres, as far apart as Cairns, Mount Isa and Sydney.

The most interesting hand from the congress was played in the teams when, after having doubled the opponents into a vulnerable game and gone two off doubled vul. Brian Blyth of Mackay bid 6C on the following hand in an endeavour to pick up the IMPs lost the previous hands.

Dlr E	♠ J854		
Vul Both	♥ J75		
	♦ 9		
	♣ KQ1098		
♠ KQ3		♠ 1092	
♥ AK6		♥ Q1098432	
♦ Q10542		♦ K7	
♣ 75		♣ J	
	♠ A76		
	♥ —		
	♦ AJ863		
	♣ A6432		

W	N	E	S
4H	4S	3H	4C*
X	All pass	5H	6C

*Take-out

Brian realised that he needed the diamond suit to set up in order to discard two losing spades from dummy. For this to happen, East must hold something like Q7 or K7.

Brian ruffed the opening heart lead and led a small club to the king. At trick 2 he led the D9 and let it run to West's 10. After winning West's return he drew the remaining trump, cashed the DA and now West was exposed to a ruffing finesse in the diamond suit. Score 6CX vul; +1540.

At the other table, Brian's team-mates had doubled the opponents in 5D after they had a bidding misunderstanding and set the contract 6 tricks for +1700. This hand produced a swing of 22 IMPs.

■ Marj Haughton

From Overseas

The Cavendish Invitation Pairs Variations

THE first session featured this exciting deal.

Dir N	♠ A1084		
Vul EW	♥ 104		
	♦ AKJ107		
	♣ KQ		
♠ KQJ		♠ —	
♥ 2		♥ KQJ9873	
♦ 8654		♦ Q	
♣ A10832		♣ J9765	
		♠ 976532	
		♥ A65	
		♦ 932	
		♣ 4	

At most tables North opened 1D and East overcalled 3H or 4H. After a balancing double by North, South bid 4S usually doubled by West. The singleton heart came around to the ace, and the spotlight shone on South.

In one variation declarer led a spade to the ace, followed by the DA, felling the queen. With the layout now an open book, he continued with the rest of the diamonds, shedding a club and a heart. West could ruff in or wait to be thrown in with a trump, but either way he had to open up clubs to set up a trick in dummy, which declarer could reach with the fourth round of trumps to ditch his remaining heart. Making five, +690 for North/South. (Alas, this was the variation at my table.) In the most popular variation declarer was held to 10 tricks, either from failure to spot the overtrick line or, less often, from West finding the 'winning' lead of the CA. +590 was the most common result, achieved at 11 of the 25 tables.

In a third variation declarer led a diamond to the ten at trick two, which met swift and brutal punishment. Down two, -300 for NS. This was the next most common result, achieved at 6 tables.

What is the right line? If East's singleton diamond had been any but the queen, the third group of declarers would have been successful. Meanwhile, the other groups of declarers would presumably have continued with a club after one high diamond. West would win and eventually exit with a club, putting declarer at the crossroads.

To make against queen to 4 diamonds with West, declarer would have to ruff his club winner to take a diamond finesse, later crossing with the fourth round of trumps to repeat the finesse. (Note that

in the first variation above, declarer used the fourth round of trumps to cross in the other direction!) But against any other diamond distribution declarer could claim by pitching a diamond on the club and continuing diamonds to ruff out the suit.

Those who finessed at trick two were presumably already catering to four-one diamonds. Nevertheless, following the other line would have cost them nothing and allowed them to guard against the actual position. Discretion prevents me from revealing the names of several of the world's greatest declarers who went down on this deal.

The early event leaders, Buratti-Lanzarotti, produced yet another variation. Their North opponent chose an off-shape and overweight 1NT opening. East was content to bid 3H, but over 1NT this showed more tricks, so West, with 3 possible tricks of his own, raised to game on his singleton heart. South was delighted to double, and the Italians were soon scoring up +790 in their own column rather than the usual -590 or -690 in their opponents' column.

Variations abounded on the following deal as well

Dir N	♠ AQ8		
Vul NS	♥ AK96		
	♦ AQJ43		
	♣ 3		
♠ 10532		♠ J9	
♥ 52		♥ J1083	
♦ K65		♦ 108	
♣ 10542		♣ AKQ76	
		♠ K764	
		♥ Q74	
		♦ 972	
		♣ J98	

Despite 26 HCP and three strong fits, 12 of the 25 NS pairs rested in a part score. Only 3 pairs reached the top spot of 5D, making easily. A couple of pairs overreached to slam going down, but the most popular game contract was 4S, which was touch and go.

When the defence did not tap dummy, declarer usually crossed to the HQ for a diamond finesse, drew 3 rounds of trumps, and repeated the diamond finesse. If West forgot to play the king on the second round of diamonds, declarer had a safe play of continuing with 2 more rounds of diamonds, pitching a club before West could ruff in. If West did play the DK, declarer had to guess whether to continue diamonds or to try splitting the hearts. Sometimes an opening lead of the H5 helped declarer guess right.

More often, the defence led clubs to tap dummy at trick 2.

Declarer played the ace and queen of spades. One declarer, seeing East's nine and jack, read the position perfectly and overtook with the king to take a diamond finesse. He crossed to his HQ to repeat the finesse, then continued diamonds to dump his last club before West could ruff. West got 2 trump tricks, but South made the contract.

At a couple of tables, after dummy was forced, declarer cashed the 2 high spades, crossed to the HQ, cashed the SK (pitching a diamond), and took a diamond finesse to reach this position, needing 4 of the last 6 tricks.

♠ —	♠ —
♥ AK9	♥ J103
♦ AQ4	♦ 10
♣ —	♣ K7
♠ 10	♠ 7
♥ 5	♥ 74
♦ K6	♦ 97
♣ 105	♣ J

Declarer led high hearts, a safe move. If West ruffs he can cash a club, but then the defence must allow declarer to repeat the diamond finesse. Nor could West pitch a diamond effectively, which would let declarer run diamonds at once. Therefore, West pitched a club. Declarer countered by leading the fourth heart, discarding his last club. West was cooked. If he pitched a diamond, declarer would be able to score a club ruff in hand and a diamond trick. When instead West pitched his last club, he could overruff declarer but then had to lead a diamond from his K6 in the 2-card ending. Nicely done!

■ Bart Bramley

International Bridge Press Assn

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Some people use an artificial 2 opening to show any 19-21 points. I don't know when or how this convention got started but let us hope it soon dies the death it richly deserves

Frank Stewart

Club News

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Arana

Peter Gill and Pele Rankin won the Queensland Mixed Pairs title.

QCBC

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QBA

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DID YOU KNOW?

Should declarer use the non-recommended practice of instructing dummy to "run the diamonds" and then wishes to stop the running of the diamonds then he needs to be quick. Once declarer's RHO has followed to a lead, in this "run the diamonds" situation, the trick continues.

Opening two bids and jump overcalls that promise only the suit bid are not alerted, whether strong, weak or brindle. Highly unusual values, eg no points at all, should be pre-alerted.

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	Surfers Teams
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8	Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
	Toowong Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
14	Townsville Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
14-15	Rockhampton Teams
	Old Butler Pairs Championship (QCBC)
21-22	Bundaberg Pairs
22	BBC Graded Swiss Teams
27-29	Tully Pairs
28-29	Warwick Spring Pairs
29	Sunshine Coast Teams
Sep 4-5	Toowong Teams (inc Old Teams)
11-12	Brisbane Festival Pairs & Teams (QCBC)
12	Townsville Teams
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	Cairns Pairs
	Mackay Barometer Pairs
19	Surfer Paradise Birthday Teams
25-26	Noosa Teams

Teacher's Corner



Joan
Butts

MOST of us follow "the Law" these days, in competitive situations. We jump quickly to the 3-level with 4 trumps and a weak hand, we cue raise when we've really got values, we raise only to 2 with 3 trumps, and we blast off to 4 or 5 with lots of them.

It works well, but sometimes I reckon there's a bit too much leaping to great heights in the bidding, especially when vulnerable.

Occasionally opening light in 3rd and 4th seat is common practice too. The objectives of this tactic are to reach a partscore and make the auction more difficult for the opponents. This is good, but you need a tool to avoid getting too high. This tool is the DRURY convention. I've never understood why such a useful and easy approach is ignored by most Australian teachers. It's very popular in other parts of the world, and it goes like this:

DRURY

- When partner opens the bidding 1H or 1S in 3rd or 4th position, a response of 2C (or 2D) by their passed partner, is **artificial**, and asks about the strength of the opening bid
- This response of 2C promises a fit, three-card support (2D can be used to show 4-card support), and 10+ points. (nb responder is a *passed* hand, so won't have more than 12)
- Opener bids two of the *original* suit to show a *light* 3rd or 4th opening, and something else to show a stronger opener (eg P-P-1S-P-2C-P-2S shows a weak opener.)
- The "something else" to confirms a "real" opening, can be a second suit, or, a help suit game try (eg P-P-1S-P-2C-P-2D shows a normal opener, and asks for help in diamonds)

By using Drury, you lose the natural 2C or 2D response, but if responder really wanted to bid these, and has 10+ points, they can jump. ie P-P-1S-P-3C/D to show a real club or diamond suit. Using Drury will help you to bid the games that you should be in, and not to get too high when partner has opened light in 3rd or 4th position.

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OVERALL

JANZEKOVIC Darko	208.18
FRANCIS Neville	177.78
ANDERSON David	138.95
SOLOMON Janeen	127.37
PRITCHARD John	126.54

SILVER GRAND

ANDERSON David	138.95
TULLY Therese	118.32
HUNT Bill	96.64
HAUGHIE Bill	82.45
JACKMAN Tony	74.46

GRAND

FRANCIS Neville	177.78
PRITCHARD John	126.54
STRONG Terry	112.02
BERGER Eva	107.24
STRONG Tom	106.74

GOLD LIFE

TUXWORTH Anthony	95.65
MOSES Larry	70.38
LEDEN Peter	60.32
HOWARD Charles	58.53
LUCK Ivy	52.47

SILVER

SOLOMON Janeen	127.37
MELCHIOR Len	67.28
GOSS Beverley	65.48
MORAWIECKI Roman	65.14
AFFLICK Ian	60.35

BRONZE LIFE

CARVILL Wendi	63.76
O'BRIEN Joyce	62.20
WALFORD Tony	62.07
HUGHES John	50.22
WALTERS Margaret	41.45

LIFE

JANZEKOVIC Darko	208.18
NICHOLS Ann	58.37
CLAYTON Alan	57.87
HARRIS David	54.39
REGAN Sandra	51.20

**NATIONAL

RYAN Mary	36.31
MANTON John	35.73
HEDGELAND Brenda	33.61
PATTERSON Ian	30.20
ADAMS Jeanne	30.17

*NATIONAL

OSMUND James	80.36
WOOD Kerry	55.61
GIBSON Elizabeth	50.38
TAIT Roberta	41.92
LINDSAY Maria	41.36

NATIONAL

BARDEN Bianca	81.94
GOSNEY Paul	62.48
HILLE Patricia	56.83
HOBDELL Betty	53.67
LINDSAY Bill	41.95

*STATE

KAMALARASA Sanmugaras	91.38
BAKER Herschel	39.88
MCADAM David	35.50
WELLS Peter	34.63
NIGHTINGALE Bernard	32.53

*REGIONAL

COKER Ted	21.69
MATUSZKIEWICZ Alicja	18.01
BARTHOLOMEW Tess	16.91
SAVAGE Dick	14.73
LEIGH Anna	12.93

STATE

HORAN Brian	46.08
PENLINGTON Paul	45.84
MCARTHUR Robert	45.22
GLASS Pat	30.06
GULLEY Anne	29.75

REGIONAL

MOSA Eddie	26.78
WILLIAMS Barry	21.93
LAWRENCE Jocelyn	19.48
CONLAN Terry	19.32
VAYDA Steven	18.42

**LOCAL

MUKHERJEE Sunil	32.33
STEFFENSEN Kevin	28.07
O'DONOHUE Molly	24.16
SCHOEN Pam	21.14
HORTON Barbara	21.02

*LOCAL

GEISE Betty	22.03
CUPPLES Ken	19.61
SMITH Garry	15.62
MANESTER Rod	12.94
BRAMELD Gerald	12.25

LOCAL

VARMO Jan	81.58
EVANS Pamela	23.18
DUFFY Tricia	20.67
DOWLING Jeanne	17.40
REDHEAD Bill	16.43

CLUB

THOMPSON Philip	24.70
KING Gwen	23.07
ROBERTS Geoffrey	22.91
DEAN Kevin	20.74
JONES Fred	18.26

GRADUATE

GUMINSKI Andrew	14.97
SMITH Jill	9.26
BOYCE John	8.54
JONES Alan	7.21
WILLIAMSON Margaret	7.15

NIL MASTER

TAMISARI Vittorio	19.86
LE ROUX Karin	6.52
BEAUMONT Ed	6.39
SIMPSON Ken	5.86
BREUNIS Gerard	5.64

Results

2004 Mind Games Teams

- 1 T Strong D Janzekovic
S Kamalarasa R Morawiecki
- 2 F Brown P Gosney
D Appleton J Solomon
- 3 A Pryde P Hainsworth
R Parker R Touton

Plate

- 1 S Dean B Goss
D Turner T Strickland
- 2 W Carvill L Melchior
B Jennings B Pigdon
- 3 A King A Moroney
C Bloomfield P Woods

Sunshine Coast June 19-20

Pairs

A Grade

- 1 W Hiddins D Smith
- 2 R Crowley A Mayers
- 3 H & P Tootell

Plate

- 1 N Francis A Pryde

B Grade

- 1 C & C Woolley
- 2 D & E Stringfellow
- 3 C Mayers I Ross

Novice

- 1 M Daines R Manester

Teams

- 1 R Parker B Hunt
A Pryde N Francis
- 2 R Crowley A Mayers
K Dawson A Kelly
- 3 P Hooykaas P Rankin
M Pemberton R Lachman

Plate

- 1 J McPheat R Busch
C Critchley L Jenkins
- 2 T & F Swainston
M & J Millar

Consolation

- 1 D Borchardt N Holloway
P Eckersley Y Hawthorne

Barrier Reef Congress (Mackay) June 11-14

Teams

- 1 T Tully S Lusk
R Ward L Vincent
- 2 T Jackman D Dodd
P Gue M Walters
- 3 A & B Kempthorne
T Strong D Janzekovic

Pairs

- 1 P Gue M Walters
- 2 I Patterson B Hobdell
- 3 P Buck M Lamont

BBC Novice Pairs June 27

- 1 K Dean G Roberts
- 2 C Adcock J Gordon
- 3 R Lynch G Taylor

Plate

- 1 R Brilliant I Jesser
- 2 S Drapes R Wieckhorst

Bowen Swiss Pairs June 26-27

- 1 D Monaghan A Doyle
- 2 V Otto F Raiteri
- 3 D Ryan K Poole

Mackay 1-day Pairs July 3

- 1 J Morris S Birrer
- 2 M Darley K Poole
- 3 J Laws J Crowley
- 4 B Gibbs D Ryan

Colin Stone Teams

Division 1 final

- 1 R Wallis T Tully B Kempthorne
R Ward L Vincent D Appleton
- 2 B Hunt N Francis J Solomon
D Janzekovic S Kamalarasa

Division 2 final

- 1 D Cheong D Brinkworth D Cullen
T Strickland C Schoutrop
- 2 P Alp J Sherrell
A Green B Morgan

Qld Graded Pairs July 4

Life and Grand

- 1 A Richardson T Jackman
- 2 B Kempthorne R Ward
- 3 P Hainsworth R Parker

100 MP - Life

- 1 G Slack-Smith J Peach
- 2 L & L Garnett
- 3 S Sender K Moscher

< 100 Masterpoints

- 1 K Elmes A Barry
- 2 P Scott J Campbell
- 3 D & L Rogers

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BBC Swiss Pairs May 23

- 1 A & B Kempthorne
- 2 T Jackman R Wallis
- 3 L Moses R Touton

Plate

- 1 A Currie G Lee
- 2 J Cater C Green

Consolation

- 1 V Tamisari B Williams
- 2 B Frazer L Frazer

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Directors' Corner

INSTRUCTING dummy to run a suit is contrary to the laws of bridge and is fraught with peril. Saying, "Run the diamonds" is so smart isn't it? Rubbing it into the opponents that they are going to have to find a lot of discards while you sit back smugly and watch them squirm. Sometimes dummy plays them a little too fast and a defender will get a trick behind. It's just so much fun for the director to work out why one player has a card left at the end.

Perhaps as dummy takes longer and longer to pick up each diamond (unauthorised information that something is wrong) the penny eventually drops that the diamonds are not going to run.

Over the years the Laws Commission of the WBF has issued guidelines on how to handle problems stemming from this very common disregard for correct procedure.

"Run the diamonds" is taken to mean, "Run the diamonds until I tell you to stop." The Laws Commission deprecates instructions given to dummy in this manner."

Declarer needs to be pretty nimble about telling dummy to stop because it is deemed that, in these situations only, each card is "played" from the dummy once declarer's RHO has followed to that lead.

So much easier to just follow the laws in the first place and call for each card by suit and rank.

As a trembling new player some years ago I turned over the bidding slip after the third player had played a card to Trick 1. Trying to get even for a bad score, one opponent said, "Dear, when you play against good players, there is no need to turn over the bidding slip. Good players would never look."

Against other opponents the bidding slip was again turned over. Unfortunately, the reverse side had another auction on it and one opponent was nearly apoplectic because he had defended the entire hand based on the wrong auction. It showed me that good players do look and that temptation needs to be removed. Dummy is required to turn the bidding sheet over or otherwise remove it from sight as soon as third hand (on declarer's right) has played to Trick 1. This is based on Law 41B, "Declarer or either defender may, at his first turn to play a card, require a review of the auction; this right expires when he plays a card."

Placing the board over the slip is one method. Unfortunately too many players pick it up supposedly to find out what the contract is. Declarer and each defender, at his turn to play, is entitled to be told what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled.

Telling dummy to "Duck" or to "Play low" with a singleton ace is mildly amusing the first time but distracting to defenders in big doses. Not using correct procedure often causes unnecessary problems. After a trick has been won in dummy, declarer might say, "Small um, uh..." to find a defender calling the director to claim that a small card of the suit in which dummy won the previous trick has been named.

It is disappointing to spend months urging beginners to correctly name cards to be played from dummy (a) because it's correct procedure and (b) because it helps them to remember cards played, only to find within days of their starting to play with the big kids they're into the small, low, duck, run the diamonds business.

A footnote to Law 40E2 says, "A player is not entitled, during the auction and play periods, to any aids to his memory, calculation or technique."

Being able to remember the opening lead is an important skill. There is no law or regulation which permits it to be written down as soon as it is made. There is no excuse for writing the opening lead (or the contract either) on a personal record sheet, a teams score sheet or a pairs pick up slip until play of the hand is complete.

If a player cannot remember the opening lead until Trick 13 then there must be no opportunity for a sidelong glance or memory jog that writing things down gives.

If it's OK to write down the opening lead, why not the lead to trick 2 or trick 3?

■ Jan Peach

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L I N E

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BBC Swiss Pairs

M 5	♠ K4	♠ Q10873
Bd 23	♥ Q98	♥ 73
Dlr S	♦ K10732	♦ A
Vul Both	♣ 876	♣ A5432
♠ 5		
♥ AKJ42		
♦ QJ9854		
♣ K		
	♠ AJ962	
	♥ 1065	
	♦ 6	
	♣ QJ109	

W	N	E	S
1D	P	1S	P
2H	P	2S	P
3D	All pass		

I had one of those sinking feelings when something unexpected happens and doom is likely.

After I (East) reversed into hearts, we stopped in 3D, and North led the C7, won in hand with the CK. My next stop was to dummy to discard my spade on the CA, so I led my D2 to dummy's singleton ace. The only trouble was, when the D2 hit the table, it magically turned into the H2! Not only had I not led a trump, but I had manufactured a sure heart loser and allowed NS to cash their SA. Luckily South won the HT and led a trump himself, so I discarded the spade, and hoping the finesse was wrong after all, played hearts from the top and made 9 tricks for a 70% score.

M 7	♠ KJ9753	♠ Q8
Bd 8	♥ 854	♥ J1072
Dlr W	♦ 109	♦ Q753
Vul None	♣ 54	♣ KQ2
♠ 42		
♥ AQ63		
♦ AKJ8		
♣ 1083		
	♠ A106	
	♥ K9	
	♦ 642	
	♣ AJ976	

W	N	E	S
1NT	All pass		

On board 8 in match 7 my 13-15 opening 1NT was the start and end of the bidding. We have all had those hands where you can set up a long suit, but have no entry to enjoy it, or, worse still, the lead away

from the honour is the key trick for declarer. It must have been memories of one such hand that prompted North to lead the DT, instead of a 4th best spade. I was then able to run the 8 tricks in the red suits by way of the heart finesse, and when South discarded 2 spades and a club, she was endplayed and had to lead away from the CJ and I made +180. This was important as many pairs found their heart fit and made +140 or better.

M 7	♠ 9643	♠ J102
Bd 9	♥ J3	♥ A75
Dlr N	♦ 4	♦ K109763
Vul EW	♣ KQ10732	♣ A
♠ K75		
♥ Q42		
♦ J85		
♣ 9654		
	♠ AQ8	
	♥ K10986	
	♦ AQ2	
	♣ J8	

W	N	E	S
All pass	3C	3D	X

North opened 3C and Tony made a simple over call in diamonds, doubled for penalties by South.

As I put my hand down I remarked that I did not have much, but at least I had 3 trumps. In fact I had the earth! 3D should be 1 down, but South fell for the old chestnut when East led the ST for the first finesse, so Tony made 2 spade tricks and an absolute top for +470.

I cannot think of any time where it will cost South to win the SA on the first round of spades, or most of the time, to play the SQ, but it cannot gain to duck the ST when it is led on the first round of the suit.

In match 11 we were neck and neck with 3 other pairs, and on board 28 the auction was fast and furious to 4SX, with us sitting NS.

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The reason why you play bridge is more important than the result. Me, I play bridge because it's fun.

Zia Mahmood

M 11	♠ A10985	♠ 63
Bd 28	♥ 43	♥ K10652
Dlr W	♦ A1072	♦ 9654
Vul NS	♣ QJ	♣ 64
♠ Q7		
♥ AQJ987		
♦ —		
♣ AK532		
	♠ KJ42	
	♥ —	
	♦ KQJ83	
	♣ 10987	

W	N	E	S
1H	1S	4H	4S
X	All pass		

A diamond lead will hold this contract to 10 tricks, and a club lead to 11 tricks, but the heart lead was not a success and 12 tricks rolled home for an absolute top to us.

Alas, Agnes and Barry were sitting EW, and they bid 5H over 4S, (the 4H bid does not normally show values, so double by North was not a clear-cut option) which was doubled, and the lead of the DA allowed 12 tricks also, for a top to them, so status quo.

This was the last of the day and we must have been about level with Agnes and Barry.

M 11	♠ A10	♠ J75
Bd 30	♥ A863	♥ KJ942
Dlr E	♦ AK872	♦ 6
Vul None	♣ A7	♣ KQ83
♠ KQ963		
♥ Q7		
♦ 105		
♣ 10965		
	♠ 842	
	♥ 105	
	♦ QJ943	
	♣ J42	

W	N	E	S
P	1C	P	P
P	P	All pass	

When East chose to lead the CK instead of a heart, Tony made 8 tricks for +150, and a 70% score for the board.

Alas again, at another table, where Agnes and Barry were EW, they played in 3SX by West, and the club ruff was not found (North plays ace and another club and then under-leads the DA and DK to put South in for the ruff), so 3SX made for another top to them and victory on the day.