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## From the President



**Keith McDonald**

**T**HE new convenor of the Gold Coast Congress, Theresa Tully, did a wonderful job for her first event. My deep appreciation to all of those involved for an outstanding effort. In Bulletin 5 (on the web) Wynne Webber wrote an excellent article on "Meet the Jackmans". Tony convened the Congress for 18 years and deserved his election to the Roll Of Honour. Clare Jackman was elected to the Roll Of Honour for her personal effort over the 18 years. We hope both will continue to be very involved in the Gold Coast for many years to come.

Townsville Bridge Club will present the 10th Annual Barrier Reef Teams Con-

gress from Friday 10 to Monday 13 June 2005 at the Townsville Entertainment Centre. This event held in the North is always a great event. Please join me this year you will enjoy the experience! The club is proud of the support from the Townsville City Council.

I recently listened to John McIlrath of Bridge at Club Willoughby outline his approach to teaching (promoting) bridge in 4 Free Bridge lessons. I like his approach of stressing that you meet interesting people, spend quality time for yourself, succeed at many challenges and are guaranteed partners and GREAT FUN. The first four weeks are absolutely free. There are, of course, continuing lessons and help with play sessions. John can be contacted at 26 Crabbes Avenue, Willoughby 2068. The concept is called Easybridge. Perhaps this approach would work for your club?

I hope you have your entry in for the fund raiser for the Prince of Wales research.

## GCC Seniors Pairs

**T**HIS year I (Richard Wallis) ventured into the Seniors Pairs for the first time to partner John Brockwell from Canberra. We started out with such promise on Sunday afternoon, and when we got 2 below average scores on the first 2 boards, John's comment was that we could only go up from here! But we did not go up very much, and finished 32<sup>nd</sup> to be in the Consolation where we finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The first board of the congress was a disaster for us when I got the wrong picture of East's suit.

Q 1	♠ 1093
Bd 1	♥ AK
Dlr N	♦ Q107542
Vul None	♣ QJ
♠ 8654	♠ AK7
♥ J96	♥ Q10875432
♦ K8	♦ J6
♣ 8543	♣ —
	♠ QJ2
	♥ —
	♦ A93
	♣ AK109762

	W	N	E	S
		1D	1H	2C
	P	2D	3H	6C
	All pass			

At other tables, East made a value bid of 4H over North's 1D, and with nowhere to go, South bid a practical 5C, making easily. When East made a simple overcall and then jumped to 3H, I expected her suit to be much stronger, and therefore envisaged that John's cards would fit better into my hand.

When dummy tracked I could see that I still had chances, so I discarded both diamonds on the hearts and led to the DA in hand hoping for a 2-2 club break and the DK to come down with 1 ruff. It seemed likely that the DK was with East, but even that was wrong. When East proved to be void in clubs, I overtook the 2<sup>nd</sup> trump from dummy, drew trumps and conceded 1 off.

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It is generally a mistake to bid a poor suit unless you are strong enough to win the bidding and this hand was no exception, although 3<sup>rd</sup> in hand liberties may be taken. It is also generally wrong to venture to the 5-level on a weak hand at unfavourable vulnerability even when holding a highly distributional hand.

Q 2	♠ 1087543
Bd 3	♥ AK
Dlr S	♦ 10
Vul EW	♣ K872
♠ AQ2	♠ —
♥ 873	♥ QJ10954
♦ A52	♦ Q87643
♣ 10543	♣ A
	♠ KJ96
	♥ 62
	♦ KJ9
	♣ QJ96

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2H
P	2S	3H	4S
P	P	5D	P
5H	All pass		

John opened 3<sup>rd</sup> in hand with a multi 2D, and East asked a question and then passed, but was quick to bid 3H when the weak 2 in spades was shown. At the vulnerability I have a clear-cut 4S bid, but East was not finished and showed her 2<sup>nd</sup> suit with 5D, and 5H became the final contract. John did not double this, since he did not know the nature of my hand, and I also did not double since I did not expect to take many spade tricks with the 6-4 fit. At least I was right about not taking many spade tricks.

I led the SK to have a look at dummy, and was very surprised when I saw it, but nothing could help declarer and she finished 2 off for +200 and one of our rare good scores.

### The Bulletin on the Web

More and more players are downloading the Bulletin from the web so we have been able to reduce our print run again. Thanks to all of you who do so.

The Bulletin is available on the QBA website on or before the last Thursday of the months of publication (the odd numbered months). It usually contains extra material - on pages 13-15.

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Q 2	♠ Q98
Bd 2	♥ QJ42
Dlr E	♦ 6
Vul NS	♣ Q10632
♠ AJ	♠ 543
♥ K9765	♥ 83
♦ J32	♦ KQ74
♣ J87	♣ AK94
	♠ K10762
	♥ A10
	♦ A10985
	♣ 5

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

On this board I suspect the EW got the wrong rhythm from the negative double by West over my 1S overcall. Of course West was just too weak to bid 2H directly, so had to be content with a negative double (1NT was also a possibility, great if East has Txx) but maybe East bid 3C expecting club support.

West now appeared to bid 4D on the assumption that East had shown at least 5 diamonds, and there the bidding rested. I could have doubled 4D, but I knew that this contract was going off, so decided to take the score in 50s.

Since we were going to struggle in 3S, I was happy with 4 off for +200, since even poor defence was only going to yield +140 or +170.

■ Richard Wallis

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## Northern Suburbs Teams

A FIELD of 32 teams contested the Northern Suburbs Teams. This was Board 12 of Session One.

Dlr W	♠ J86
Vul NS	♥ KJ863
	♦ 104
	♣ AJ5
♠ 943	♠ KQ107
♥ 10	♥ A9
♦ Q9832	♦ K65
♣ K973	♣ 10862
	♠ A52
	♥ Q7542
	♦ AJ7
	♣ Q4

West and North passed and East opened with 1C. South overcalled 1H and North raised to game.

A spade lead would have beaten 4H but West led the D2 to the king and ace. South returned the suit and East won the DQ (note that playing a trump first would have been dangerous if East had switched to a spade). As it was, South won the spade switch, discarded a spade on the DJ, and played trumps. When the club finesse worked South had 10 tricks for +620.

At the other table East opened a 12-14 1NT in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat. As both South and North held balanced hands with 5-3-3-2 shape this became the final contract. (Would your methods allow you to intervene?) Although 1NT drifted 4 down for -200 the difference of 420 was 9 IMPs in.

South's first bidding decision played a crucial role on Board 14 of Session One.

Dlr E	♠ 1064
Vul None	♥ 1096
	♦ A104
	♣ AQ85
♠ 5	♠ KJ9872
♥ Q752	♥ 4
♦ KQ832	♦ 97
♣ 762	♣ K1093
	♠ AQ3
	♥ AKJ83
	♦ J65
	♣ J4

As dealer, East opened a weak 2S. At our table South felt that an overcall of 2NT (16-18 with spades stopped) best described his hand. North raised to 3NT and West led the S5.

South captured the S9 with the queen and ran the CJ, losing to the king. Although West now drove out the SA South was in control. South took dummy's two club winners before running the H10 to West's queen. West exited with the DK but declarer won the DA and cashed his remaining winners, then forced out the DQ for an overtrick; +430.

At the other table South overcalled 2S with 3H and North raised to game. Again West led the S5 and South captured the S9 with the queen. At double dummy, declarer can succeed by leading a low heart to dummy's ten at trick two or at trick three after cashing one top heart.

However, if declarer opts to run the CJ before doing this, he will lose at least four tricks. When 4H went one down for -50, the net score of 480 was 10 IMPs in.

■ Barry Kempthorne

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## Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

### Make a plan (if you did not know that already!)

ANOTHER cold contract squandered, simply because declarer did not plan ahead.

Dir S	♠ QJ3		
	♥ AKQ654		
	♦ J5		
	♣ J5		
♠ K742		♠ A1095	
♥ 7		♥ 10932	
♦ 1086		♦ K	
♣ 109432		♣ AQ87	
	♠ 86		
	♥ J8		
	♦ AQ97432		
	♣ K6		

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

The final contract of 4H was fine, although 3NT is simpler as we will see.

East began with the CA and another club, won in dummy. Declarer drew trumps in four rounds reaching this position.

	QJ3		
	65		
	J5		
	—		
K72		A1095	
—		—	
1086		K	
10		Q8	
	86		
	—		
	AQ974		
	—		

Declarer must appreciate that he needs the diamond finesse *and* a spade trick or a third diamond trick for his tenth trick. He should plan to lead the DJ, and if covered win and immediately, play a spade up. If the diamonds are 2-2 with the king onside, a second spade play will not be needed. If the DJ loses, hope for a club back!

My man had other ideas and paid the price. Looking for something nice he played a fatal (futile?) fifth trump, both defenders discarding spades, East the useful S10. Declarer led his DJ to the DK and DA followed by a spade. Awake, West rose with his SK and played his club, forcing declarer's last trump. East was able to cash the setting trick in clubs when in with SA.

### Card combination

How would you play the card-combination below to keep South off lead?

West	East
A765	K8432

The obvious answer is to lead towards the king, ducking when North produces the queen. Ashley Bach visiting from New Zealand for the Gold Coast Congress pointed out that there is a better way.

Lead towards the ace and duck only if South plays the 9. South, holding Q 10 9, will rue his failure to play the queen! In all situations where the 9 is played, North will be obliged to overtake. ■

Additional material pertaining to George's last article '*Wolff sign-off Revisited*' in the Jan-Feb Bulletin is available on page 14 of the web version.

## 25 Years Ago

DESPITE dramatically increased costs, the 19th Gold Coast Congress was just able to return a profit for its host body, the QBA.

A slightly increased entry fee and a record entry were the deciding factors. Great support again from Queensland bridge clubs, particularly country ones, was in evidence.

Most of the major trophies and cash prizes went south this year, but there were some notable Queensland victories. Congratulations to Colin Stone and Helen Thompson of Cairns who took out both the Ansett Pairs, \$340 of free air travel, and the Chevron Cup. Congratulations to the Queensland pairs who took out four of the five sections of the pairs consolations.

The new convention room was extremely well received as playing conditions were absolutely luxurious. There is room for many more tables now, so let's hope we have them next year.

Now for a hand.

It is frustrating enough, in a teams competition, to play in a part-score while your opponents are making game. It is even more frustrating to go down in the

part-score. When *Theeman's Tigers* met *McMahon* in the Swiss, Don Evans and Paul Lavings played against Tim Seres and Mary McMahon and found them in devastating form.

Dir N	♠ AK6		
Vul NS	♥ AQ65		
	♦ 653		
	♣ QJ2		
♠ J1085		♠ 97	
♥ 432		♥ J109	
♦ 2		♦ AQ10984	
♣ K10543		♣ A9	
	♠ Q432		
	♥ K87		
	♦ KJ7		
	♣ 876		

At the vulnerability, Klinger-Richman had no qualms about bidding a 25-point 3NT, no doubt they would have bid it with a point less. As the cards lie it is impossible to go down in this contract.

This was the auction at the other table.

W	N	E	S
	1NT <sup>1</sup>	P	2C
P	2D <sup>2</sup>	X	2S <sup>3</sup>
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> 15-18

<sup>2</sup> No 5-card major

<sup>3</sup> 4-card suit - invitational

The defence took the first five tricks in short order. A diamond to the ace, the CA and a club to the king, a club ruff and a diamond ruff. Mary McMahon (West) had the lead.

After a little analysis she realised Seres could not hold the HK so the defence's best hope was that he held the S9. Accordingly she led another round of clubs. Seres ruffed and that was one off.

■ George Cuppaidge

## Gold Coast Teams

ON Sunday Jan 9, the ever popular Gold Coast Teams drew a large field again including the usual highly fancied Brisbane teams of Robson, Kempthorne and Hainsworth. However, when the music stopped, the Milward team (R & H Milward, Ian Afflick and Paul Collins) were the winners. The Milwards are new faces from Banora Pt; lately of Lindfield.

It was very pleasing that the Plate was won by the De Nett team, the new president of the GCBC.

Lorraine de Nett, South, played this hand

in 6H in the last match, largely contributing to their win.

Dlr N	♠ Q4		
Vul None	♥ AKQ4		
	♦ KJ94		
	♣ KQ4		
♠ 1092		♠ KJ86	
♥ 1096		♥ 8	
♦ Q2		♦ 875	
♣ J10983		♣ A7652	
	♠ A753		
	♥ J7532		
	♦ A1063		
	♣ —		

W	N	E	S
	2D <sup>1</sup>	P	2H <sup>2</sup>
P	2NT <sup>3</sup>	P	3D <sup>4</sup>
P	3H	P	3S
P	4H	P	4NT <sup>5</sup>
P	5S	P	6H
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> Multi

<sup>2</sup> Pass or correct

<sup>3</sup> Balanced 20-22

<sup>4</sup> Transfer to hearts

<sup>5</sup> RKCB

John Dennis led a trump. Lorraine played another round of trumps and David Read discarded a club. The CK was led from dummy, covered by East and trumped by declarer. She then led the SA and another taken by East's king. A diamond return solved Lorraine's two-way diamond finesse problem.

Their opponents played only in 5H making 11 tricks.

### Correction

**S**OMEHOW a gremlin got into the works of my article "Bid up Girls" and a few lines disappeared, so I hope to make it clear.

In normal Drury, partner of the opener in 3rd position will enquire with 2C if partner is the full strength. Opener's rebid of 2H/S is full strength and 2D says she is weak.

Some years ago a well-known Australian representative advised me to use Reverse Drury with my limit bid, and after the 2C enquire a rebid of the major opening is weak and 2D, which may be a fragment, is strong if she has no other normal bid to clarify the hand.

If you wish to use Reverse Drury I suggest you look up the convention in detail. There is even a Two-Way Drury!!

■ **Margaret Drake**

*There is an extensive article on Drury in the latest edition of Australian Bridge.*

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April 16 & 17, April 23 & 24

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## Summer Festival - Canberra

(Kamal Sanmugarasa) was hoping to meet Jedrychowski and Pszczola in the finals. But the meeting came much sooner than that in our round 2 match. We didn't have to wait long for action!

Dir E	♠ 43		
Vul Both	♥ 8654		
	♦ Q7		
	♣ AQJ75		
♠ A976		♠ KQ	
♥ AKQ9		♥ J1073	
♦ J853		♦ A109642	
♣ 3		♣ 4	
	♠ J10852		
	♥ 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ K109862		

W	N	E	S
P	P	3D	2S*
5D	All pass		

\*Spades + a minor

Jedy, South, led the H2 to my 5D. I won in dummy and called for the DJ but went up with the DA. If an honour didn't drop I planned to, cash the K-Q of spades and cross to dummy in hearts and, play SA for a club discard. When the DK dropped, I made 12 tricks.

At the other table our team-mates managed to crowd the bidding to 5C and the opponents had to guess and landed in a diamond slam. A club was cashed on trick 1 and the slam was defeated.

Dir S	♠ 10632		
Vul None	♥ K103		
	♦ AKJ8		
	♣ K10		
♠ AK874		♠ J	
♥ 6		♥ AQJ97542	
♦ 109		♦ Q43	
♣ QJ973		♣ 2	
	♠ Q95		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 7652		
	♣ A8654		

On the very next board my partner, Suntha, sitting West, opened 2S (spades + a minor). I tested with 2NT to verify whether diamonds was his second suit, so I could take a plunge in 4H. But when my partner bid 3C, I decided to bid 3H, knowing that partner will bid 4H if he had singleton diamond and 2 hearts.

Jedy led a diamond against my 3H contract. Winning with the king, Pepsi tabled his CK. When that held he cashed his other top diamond and exited with a heart. He must have argued that if I held the CA, I would make 4H anyway! I was happy with the +140 as I knew that most people will bid 4H and go down.

However I was only half right; 4H was bid but the contract was not defeated on the other table. Instead of +5 IMPs the score was -7 IMPs.

Dir W	♠ Q64		
Vul NS	♥ J82		
	♦ 94		
	♣ 108643		
♠ A8532		♠ 97	
♥ K103		♥ A976	
♦ 7		♦ KQ653	
♣ KQ72		♣ A5	
	♠ KJ10		
	♥ Q54		
	♦ AJ1082		
	♣ J9		

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

My partner opened 1S. Playing precision, the opening was limited to 15 points. So rather than bidding 2D I decided to bid 1NT, which was a forcing enquiry, in order to check out his shape. Upon a 2C response I settled for 3NT.

Jedy led the D10, which I won in hand. I had to make 3 tricks in spades to bring home the contract, so I started the ball rolling with the S7. South's S10 was allowed to win, and he now switched to the CJ. I won in hand and played the S9 which was again ducked around to North's queen. The D9 was now played and ducked around. Nine tricks now rolled in for +400.

Note that if South continued with a diamond on trick 3, I will have to abandon my ambitions in spades and go for 3 tricks in hearts, by ducking one round to North's hand.

Our team-mates were in a better position to defeat the contract after East bid 2D over the 1S opening bid, and West was declarer in 3NT. The contract was doubled by South for a diamond lead. But a slip-up in defence meant -4 IMPs instead of +11 IMPs.

There were "ifs" and "buts" on another deal.

Dir S	♠ J95		
Vul NS	♥ KQ98		
	♦ 10973		
	♣ Q2		
♠ —		♠ K102	
♥ 742		♥ J53	
♦ AJ84		♦ Q65	
♣ A98643		♣ KJ75	
	♠ AQ87643		
	♥ A106		
	♦ K2		
	♣ 10		

W	N	E	S
2C	2S	2NT	1S
All pass			4S

My partner overcalled 2C after South opened 1S. North raised to 2S and I bid 2NT. When South jumped to 4S I took the wrong view that we might have enough defensive values to defeat the contract and decided not to sacrifice in 5C. If I had bid 5C South may have gone to 5S and gone down, as was the case on the other table.

My decision cost us 13 IMPs and we lost the match by 26 IMPs. A bit more care on those 3 boards would have given us a 14 IMP win instead.

■ Kamal Sanmugarasa

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## Barrier Reef Gold Point Congress 2005

June 10 - 13

Swiss Teams and Walk-In Pairs

to be held at Townsville Entertainment Centre

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Merely to name a convention (e.g. Michaels, Lebensohl, etc.) is not an acceptable explanation. There are many variations of most conventions, and a more specific explanation is normally required. Similarly, the use of "Standard" or "Natural" to describe calls, signals or leads is rarely sufficient - nor are the terms "Weak", "Strong" or "Intermediate" - without appropriate qualification.

## Qld Seniors' Teams

**T**HE first major congress on the QBA calendar was hosted by the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club at Buderim in their very comfortable air-conditioned premises.

The convenor was Anne Mcleod, who once again did a great job in putting this event together.

The event was run over 2 days this year with excellent participation of 34 teams in all.

Carrol Cooke, the club's president acted as caddie and did a lot of running over those two days to good effect.

A very tasty lunch with drinks was provided and profiteroles rolls to die for. Not so for people like myself who are trying to keep their weight in check, so I had to decline (crying).

Ivy Dahler the guru of Toowoomba Bridge has donated and sponsored the trophy.

It was a very close contest that went all the way to the wire, but when the smoke had cleared the winners were Bill Hunt playing with Mike Pemberton, Larry Moses and Richard Touton.

R 2	♠ Q4
Bd 21	♥ 87
Dlr N	♦ KQJ10
Vul NS	♣ AK973
♠ AKJ762	♠ 10985
♥ 3	♥ Q9654
♦ 8432	♦ 65
♣ 42	♣ 106
	♠ 3
	♥ AKJ102
	♦ A97
	♣ QJ85

W	N	E	S
	Mike		Bill
	1C	P	1H
2S <sup>1</sup>	3D <sup>2</sup>	P	3S <sup>3</sup>
X <sup>4</sup>	P	P	4C <sup>5</sup>
P	4S <sup>6</sup>	P	6C
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> A good jamming bid

<sup>2</sup> A slight overbid

<sup>3</sup> Asking partner for a stopper

<sup>4</sup> He doesn't have one

<sup>5</sup> RKC for clubs

<sup>6</sup> 2 controls

I now had a shot at 6C as pard *did* reverse. With all being friendly this rolled home for +1370.

A little lucky I would think, but HELLO, if you did not get a bit of luck sometimes you would not want to play this game.

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- 16-17** QBA Selection Trials - Seniors
- 17** Coolum Butler Pairs
- 23-25** Cleveland Bay Diggers Pairs & Teams
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- 25** Anzac Teams - QCBC
- 29-May 2** Mackay Pairs & Teams
- 30-May 2** Toowoomba Pairs & Teams
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- 4, 11, 18** Colin Stone Teams Rds. 1,2,3 - Toowong
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- 14-15** QBA Mixed Pairs - Toowong
- 21-22** Caloundra Teams
- 22** BBC Graded Pairs
- Northern Suburbs Novice Pairs (<50 MPs)**
- 28** Redlands Novice Pairs
- 28-29** Goondoowindi Butler Pairs
- 29** QBA Mind Games
- June 1, 8, 22, 29** Colin Stone Teams - Toowong
- 4-5** Arana Pairs & Teams

R 2	♠ AQ10862
Bd 22	♥ 6
Dlr E	♦ Q7
Vul EW	♣ K942
♠ K74	♠ J95
♥ —	♥ J9743
♦ AK53	♦ J642
♣ AQ10875	♣ 3
	♠ 3
	♥ AKQ10852
	♦ 1098
	♣ J6

When West first looked at her hand, she would have thought to herself, partner needs very little in the minors for us to make a slam, and then South spoilt the party by opening 4H. What now? As your partner had passed in first seat, you are now just guessing. 4NT for minors; 5C; double; who knows? My tip is, "When you are fixed, stay fixed", and take the possible plus that maybe coming your way.

After some more deliberation West had made up her mind and bid 5C. My partner put the axe to that; +800. Our defence was a little soft as it could have been more but 4H was no go.

When the session was over and we were waiting for the other table to finish, I asked West if she had considered *passing* on this hand. "What! With a four loser - never!"

R 4	♠ —
Bd 17	♥ AKJ
Dlr N	♦ AKQ5
Vul None	♣ AJ6532
♠ AKJ7632	♠ 95
♥ 95	♥ 1073
♦ 32	♦ 9864
♣ Q9	♣ K1087
	♠ Q1084
	♥ Q8642
	♦ J107
	♣ 4

W	N	E	S
	2C	P	2D
2S	3C	P	3H
P	4S	P	6H
All pass			

North's 2C was big, 2D was little, West's 2S helped although 3S would have been damaging to us. North's 4S agreed hearts and showed first round control in spades. I was not happy to bid 6H, but really had no choice. My spade holding was no help. The lead was the D3 which smelled like a singleton. I rose ace, played ace and another club, ruffed in hand. Now a trump to the ace and another club ruff, over-

ruffed by West. Luckily the hearts were 3-2 and no singleton diamond, so all was well and the slam rolled home. Yes, on the SA lead it is harder but you still get home.

Now I know why some players have massive headaches after a bridge session. But we keep coming back for more punishment.

R 8	♠ K108542
Bd 24	♥ 74
Dlr W	♦ K94
Vul None	♣ 84
♠ 63	♠ AQJ97
♥ Q52	♥ J93
♦ 862	♦ AQ3
♣ A9632	♣ Q5
	♠ —
	♥ AK1098
	♦ J1075
	♣ KJ107

Our opponents were playing ACOL, with 5-card majors.

Occasionally the same contract is played by your team-mates in the other room, but generally in NTs. Well in our match 2S was played in both rooms, by North, down 2, and by East, also down 2. So we picked up +100 in each room for a 6 IMP gain.

As we play constructive weak twos in first and second position Mike, North, could not open this hand. So East started with 1S, I doubled for take-out, and West upped the anti with 2S. Why? Who knows. If my partner had doubled here that would have been responsive/take out. So we all stayed fixed and took the crumbs.

My partner would have been happy for me to make a second take-out double but alas I didn't.

There was a misunderstanding between Richard and Larry on board 18 from Round 6.

R 6	♠ QJ9643
Bd 18	♥ K7
Dlr W	♦ 9
Vul EW	♣ 10984
♠ A8	♠ K107
♥ 109632	♥ AQ
♦ A875	♦ J1032
♣ J5	♣ K632
	♠ 52
	♥ J854
	♦ KQ64
	♣ AQ7

Richard opened the East hand 1D and, after 1H response from Larry, North preempted with 2S. Richard now bid 2NT thinking it showed a maximum 12-14 point hand, and Larry raised to 3NT, thinking it showed much more.

But luck was with us and, with help of an endplay, the 22-point game sailed home.

Richard took the opening spade lead in hand, and led the DJ, which was covered, bringing down the 9 from North. Then came the heart finesse and the HA bringing down the king. Next Richard played the D10, South winning and exiting with a spade to dummies ace. After cashing the remaining two diamonds, he now exited with a heart and South was end-played.

A big win in Round 7 would have given us an almost insurmountable lead going into the last round. However, there were only 4 of the 14 boards where IMPs changed hands and we were only able to squeak out a 6 IMP 16-14 win, which meant we needed to win the last match by at least 19-11 to be assured of winning the event.

Mike and I missed an easy slam on Board 11, and Larry and Richard got to the wrong game on Board 9.

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Our two swings on the round came on Board 2, where Larry and Richard's opponents had a misunderstanding after Richard's multi-2D opening and played in 3S on a 3-2 fit going down 5 for 11 IMPs to us, and on Board 3, where Larry and Richard reached slam on the following bidding:

R 7	♠ J8
Bd 3	♥ 95
Dlr S	♦ 94
Vul EW	♣ KQ86532
♠ AK9652	♠ 103
♥ KJ102	♥ A8743
♦ J73	♦ AK5
♣ —	♣ A104
	♠ Q74
	♥ Q6
	♦ Q10862
	♣ J97

W	N	E	S
1S	3C	3H	P
4C	P	4D	P
4S	P	5D	P
6H	All pass		

After more vigorous competition, the slam was not reached at our table, so there was a 13 IMP swing to the good guys.

■ Bill Hunt

THIS hand occurred in the seventh round of the Senior Teams. The hand (with directions changed) was:

Dlr W	♠ AKJ9
	♥ A1097
	♦ 9754
	♣ 9
♠ Q8432	♠ 1076
♥ 3	♥ KJ62
♦ KJ63	♦ AQ10
♣ J86	♣ K107
	♠ 5
	♥ Q854
	♦ 82
	♣ AQ5432

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

Note that 2SX is going for 500!

At the table a spade was led and the contract can now make eleven tricks despite the 4-1 trump break.

Declarer should finesse the spade (after the 2S re-opening) and discard the two diamond losers on the ace and king of spades. Now declarer ruffs a diamond. The club ace is cashed and a club ruffed. Note the winning club finesse is a losing play as the timing would then be wrong. Another diamond and club are ruffed and a third diamond ruffed.

Now comes the key play. Declarer ruffs a third club with the ace of trumps, while the unfortunate East has to underruff. The 3-card ending is

♠ 9	♠ —
♥ 10	♥ KJ6
♦ 9	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —
♠ Q	♠ —
♥ 3	♥ —
♦ K	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —
♠ —	♠ —
♥ Q	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —
♣ Q5	♣ —

Now a spade from dummy forces West either to underruff or to ruff with the HK. In either case declarer's queen of trumps scores, whether en passant (if West underruffs) or later if West ruffs with the king and declarer makes 11 tricks.

At the table it was thought that the contract would be defeated if the defence cashed their two diamond tricks first, but this is not so.

Suppose the defence wins the first two diamonds and plays a third (nothing better). Declarer ruffs in hand, takes the spade finesse and discards two clubs on the ace and king of spades.

To get the timing right declarer now finessses the club, cashes the CA, discarding a diamond from dummy, and ruffs a club.

This leaves the 4-card ending.

♠ 9	♠ —
♥ A109	♥ KJ62
♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —
♠ Q8	♠ —
♥ 3	♥ —
♦ K	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —
♠ —	♠ —
♥ Q85	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —
♣ 5	♣ —

Now a spade from dummy forces West either to underruff or to ruff with the HK.. If East underruffs, declarer overruffs, ruffs the last club with the ace and leads towards the queen. If East ruffs with the king and leads a trump, then declarer makes the last 3 tricks.

■ Mike Pemberton

## GCC Pairs

KATHY Johnson and Lois Steinwedel are a popular and talented Queensland representative pair and I managed to persuade a reluctant Kathy to give me a hand to report as she usually writes up only her disasters.

Q 2	♠ AK10
Bd 12	♥ QJ6
Dlr W	♦ 97
Vul NS	♣ QJ1085
♠ Q3	♠ J954
♥ A7	♥ K10982
♦ AKJ865	♦ 43
♣ K94	♣ A7
	♠ 8762
	♥ 543
	♦ Q102
	♣ 632

Sitting West and playing Acol, Kathy ended in 3NT and North led the CQ. She won in dummy with the ace, finessed the DJ, and ran the diamonds.

North was squeezed in three suits, discarding before dummy, so she made 12 tricks. Deep Finesse says 11 tricks is the maximum, so that was a great result. Well done Kathy.

■ Margaret Drake

## Tsunami Appeal

For the Tsunami Appeal - I would like to put a special thankyou to the following people who gave their day free of charge

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## Seeing 52 Cards at all Times

**W**ATCHING the Campionato Italiano event on the net on 16 January, it became immediately clear why the Italians have been world championship material for so long. Their bidding is accurate and their cardplay virtually faultless, vide the following hand.

♠ A972		♠ 103						
♥ A743		♥ 82						
♦ 7		♦ J10843						
♣ AKJ9		♣ Q1074						
♠ KJ64								
♥ 1065								
♦ K96								
♣ 862								
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		♠ Q85						
		♥ KQJ9						
		♦ AQ52						
		♣ 53						

With East-West silent throughout, Nunes (North) and Fantoni (South) reached 6H and D'Aniello (West) led the C6.

At this stage readers might like to time themselves to see how long it takes (double dummy) to find a line of play to land the contract.

Fantoni did it at the table, with only one chance, no help from the bidding and seeing only 26 cards.

After raising ace in dummy, he immediately played on diamonds cashing the ace and ruffing the five.

Next the MASTERSTROKE; small to the S8 which lost to D'Aniello's jack.

Fantoni won the club exit with the king and only then introduced trumps:

- small to the king
- diamond ruff
- trump ace
- club ruff

Then his last trump, where Fantoni played dummy's S7 and Amendola, trying to prevent a cheap finesse and keep clubs covered, let go the D10.

Fantoni discarded the club on the DQ and when he played the SQ the best East-West could do was to acknowledge masterful cardplay.

North-South in the closed room reached the same contract but managed only 11 tricks.

■ **Bill Hunt & Terry O'Dempsey**

## Teacher's Corner



**Joan Butts**

**T**HE buzz and the interest in this year's Teachers Meeting at the Gold Coast Congress gives great reason for optimism in bridge teaching in Queensland.

An ABTA meeting at the Nationals in Canberra a few weeks before had spelt the virtual demise of the teaching body, (lack of both interest among members and direction at the top), so it was amazing to have the opposite happening at the Coast.

It was the largest gathering of teachers and interested people ever, (50 or more), at a Coast Congress, with the majority being Queenslanders. There were good international teachers speaking, (Michelle Brunner from Manchester, David Greenwood from Ireland, Richard Solomon from New Zealand), as well as locals, Ron Klinger, John McIlrath and myself.

What came out of the talks? Well, it was generally agreed that teachers should guide new students with carefully-prepared hands, (eg those in which trumps do need to be drawn immediately), rather than let them loose, and that there

should be more hands-on teaching with the students playing more during the lesson, and less talking on the part of the teacher.

The system taught was not so important as the atmosphere in which it was taught, and it was interesting that all the expert teachers agreed that opening 1NT with a five-card major was fine these days. It is much easier to respond to 1NT openings as the structure is more straight-forward than to one-of-a-suit, and not opening 1NT on hands like these always leads to difficult rebids, so why not go ahead and start with 1NT?

I believe teachers spend too little time on card play techniques, and even the concept of counting winners and losers is tough, especially at the beginning. It's imperative to go slowly with each hand a student plays, and have the four players working together after the hand to (a) count the sure tricks, (b) assess the difference between sure tricks and the number required for the contract, (c) decide which techniques would be used to find the extra tricks, and then go and do it.

There's a lot of enthusiasm in Queensland bridge at the moment I think, and having it present in the teachers is the very best ingredient for increasing both the quantity and quality of our players.

I'm available to talk to your teachers or to provide notes or workshops at your club, and I can be contacted as follows:

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## Results

### Qld Seniors' Teams Sunshine Coast Jan 29-30

- 1 W Hunt M Pemberton  
L Moses R Touton  
2 I Afflick P Collins  
H Milward R Milward  
=3 R Busch J McPheat  
I Dahler A Mayers  
=3 W Choy-Show M Watson  
J Dooner R Lorraway

#### Plate

- =1 D Croft R Morawiecki  
E Berger T Berger  
=1 M Jakes P Barnett  
L Norden R Trollope  
3 M Winch T Walford  
J Drake C Fludder

#### Consolation

- 1 R Perry M Dakin  
R Crowley I Ross

### Toowong Swiss Pairs Feb 6

#### Open

- 1 D Anderson T Jackman  
2 J Osmund H Baumanis  
3 D Croft R Moriewecki  
4 T Ogilvie B Gutteridge

#### Plate

- 1 D Eastman S Sender  
2 P Maddigan S O'Brien

#### Consolation

- 1 N Clatworthy S Cardinal  
2 H Standfast L King

### QCBC Novice Teams Feb 13

- 1 P Schoen Y Carter  
G Wardrop P Lang  
2 A Hung G Bloomfield  
R Touton G Martin  
3 P Thomson J Neave  
P McLean K Donovan

### Toowong Novice Pairs March 6

- 1 J Gordon C Adcock  
2 M Smith J Smith  
3 P Terrace N Stewart  
4 P Evans J Hildebrand

### Gold Coast Swiss Teams Jan 9

- 1 R & H Milward  
I Afflick P Collins  
2 R Ward L Vincent  
A & B Kempthorne  
3 M Robson B Lee  
M Moren N Francis

#### Plate

- 1 L de Nett S Horsfield  
V Dawes D O'Hara  
2 S Dean P Thiem  
J Ronde L Ranke  
3 H Reid S Vallender  
E Taylor C Lewis

#### Consolation

- 1 P Lloyd S Mitchell  
R Wolnowic-Wolny M Klimek  
2 N & M De Mestre  
P & C Stone  
3 J & L Verdickt  
J Tucker J Pulford

#### Restricted

- J Leckie M Williamson  
K Dean G Roberts

### Arana Swiss Teams March 13

- 1 M Radke V Brookes  
S Brookes I Halford  
2 J & I Luck  
L Farnden P Collins  
3 A Nichols A Clayton  
E Gibson N Gibson  
4 T Jackman W Webber  
G Malinas J Malinas

#### Second Division

- 1 P & P MacDonald  
J Hoffman G Gemmell  
2 J & P Evans  
T O'Dempsey P Hale  
3 J Wood M Maxwell-Jones  
F Anderson L Mackay

#### Third Division

- 1 T Agar A Guminski  
Y Auer R Cowie  
2 A Norman B Quine  
W & B Holmes

### Rockhampton Butler Pairs March 12-13

- 1 R Lorraway J Dooner  
2 M Darley D Ryan  
3 A Boland P Borchardt

#### Plate

- D Turner D O'Regan

#### Best Novice

- J Palmer K Cupples

### Cairns Novice Pairs Feb 13

- 1 B Henderson-Brooks T Conlan  
2 M Blair P Maslen  
3 C May B Gibbins

### Dalby Swiss Pairs March 13

- 1 R Fraser D McAdam  
2 D Wenham M Keating  
3 R Caldwell N McKay  
4 A Gibson H Ferrier

#### Plate

- B Kucks J Lindenbergh

## Club News

If you want items about your club in this section, please send your newsletter or items to Kim Ellaway.

#### Arana

Bob Pearce, Past President and Head Director, has taken up a post in China.

Thank you to Queensland Government for the development of Ferny Grove Sports.

#### Maryborough

Twenty-one tables played in the Maryborough Invitation Day - clubs visiting were Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Kingaroy and Rockhampton. Prizes were all Australiana items.

#### Noosa

Twenty beginners started classes in February. Many members attended the GCC and as many attended the recent Canberra event.

#### Gympie

Gympie held its first Red point competition for 2005 on St Valentine's Day - a mixed pairs event. For supper, Adele Harington baked patty cakes, each one iced pink and decorated with a red heart. Delicious!!!

Lee Berger and Peter Coppin, playing in a first-time partnership, were the surprised but delighted winners.

Gympie is installing air conditioning, which will be up and operating for their April congress.

## News from the Manager's Desk

Brisbane and surrounding clubs (if Cairns can be called surrounding) held a charity day for the Tsunami Appeal and over \$14,000 was raised - a big thank you to those clubs who participated and helped on the day and then those clubs who sent in donations after the event.

Selection Trials entry forms for Seniors now available.

The QBA Email Mailing List has been created - if you wish to be on it, contact me via email.

Great News - Funding from Government has been guaranteed for 3 years

The new government Smoking Policy as at 1/1/05 has been sent to all clubs.

Watch the small cards, as they tell the story of the hand

Gabriel Chagas



Continued from page 2

Q 2	♠ 10952
Bd 5	♥ Q943
Dlr N	♦ A94
Vul NS	♣ J8
♠ AQ4	♠ KJ8
♥ 108	♥ A75
♦ 108632	♦ J
♣ 962	♣ KQ10754
	♠ 873
	♥ KJ62
	♦ KQ75
	♣ A3

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

Unfamiliar partnerships are bound to have the occasional disaster, and on this board in the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying John and I had a system foul-up when he doubled 1NT as responsive, and I assumed it was for penalties, and expected a club lead.

If John had led from his longest and strongest suit (H3) it would have had a happy ending, as we then have at least 7 tricks, but unfortunately he led a 'safe' S10, and declarer quickly chalked up 9 tricks for a complete bottom to us.

Q 2	♠ AK
Bd 11	♥ Q98543
Dlr S	♦ 7
Vul None	♣ AK105
♠ QJ4	♠ 8765
♥ 107	♥ AKJ2
♦ KQ965	♦ J82
♣ 643	♣ J8
	♠ 10932
	♥ 6
	♦ A1043
	♣ Q972

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

I have a marginal response of 1S to John's opening bid of 1H, made easier by the system only promising a 4-card heart suit. When John bid 2C, I bailed out quickly, although I probably would have been worth a 3C invite.

After the lead of the HA and a diamond switch he was able to cross-ruff for 11 tricks and +150, which looked like a good score until we looked at the hand layout. It was then obvious that with the top cards well placed, declarers in a heart contract only had to lose 3 heart tricks and score +170.

This board proved difficult for most EW pairs.

Q 2	♠ 85432
Bd 14	♥ 10873
Dlr E	♦ Q932
Vul None	♣ —
♠ 7	♠ QJ106
♥ AJ4	♥ 62
♦ AKJ8	♦ 1064
♣ AK942	♣ QJ76
	♠ AK9
	♥ KQ95
	♦ 75
	♣ 10853

W	N	E	S
		P	1NT
X	XX	P	2C
X	2S	X	All pass

Deep Finesse suggests that even 1S by NS should fail, but many NSs made 2SX, and some even managed an overtrick!

My 1NT was 12-14, and John's redouble showed a single suit. He could have shown both majors by bidding 2H, but that would not have the 5<sup>th</sup> spade. My 2C asked for the suit, and who could blame East for doubling 2S for penalties.

To defeat 2SX, West must duck the HK in dummy to get 2 heart tricks, along with 2 diamond tricks and 2 black suit tricks. East led the SQ, and John won on the table and cashed the other spade before leading the D5 from the table. West rose with the DK and tried to cash a club, and after this was ruffed he took the HA on the first round and led another club but John was able to ruff again and enter dummy to lead the D7, which West ducked in desperation. 8 tricks were now there and we scored up one of the many +470 scores.

On board 12 in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the final (see next column) West got carried away

F 1	♠ —
Bd 12	♥ AJ875
Dlr W	♦ KQ86
Vul NS	♣ K943
♠ AKJ98763	♠ 10
♥ K10	♥ Q9643
♦ 54	♦ AJ972
♣ A	♣ J10
	♠ Q542
	♥ 2
	♦ 103
	♣ Q87652

W	N	E	S
2C	2H	X	P
4C	P	4H	P
5C	P	5D	P
5S	All pass		

with his partner's double of John's 2H overcall, but we did not find out if it was for penalties or just showed a positive response to the 2C opening. 4C was Gerber, as was 5C, but when West bid his suit for the first time at the 5-level, East was not troubled to pass, and 5S became the final contract.

John led the DK, and when declarer did not take a first round spade finesse, I was able to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> spade and get a heart ruff to defeat 5S by 2 tricks for +100.

F 1	♠ AK1065
Bd 13	♥ Q7652
Dlr N	♦ J6
Vul Both	♣ 6
♠ Q7	♠ 43
♥ A93	♥ J104
♦ K102	♦ A98754
♣ QJ1083	♣ 54
	♠ J982
	♥ K8
	♦ Q3
	♣ AK972

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

On the next board John, North, opened 1S and my 2NT was Jacoby, but the 3C response did not improve my hand, so I signed off in 4S.

East led a trump, and John drew trumps and pitched one diamond on the second club and led the HK, won by the HA to lead another club. Since the hearts set up with one ruff, John was now able to pitch both diamonds in dummy on the good hearts and ruff his remaining diamond for 12 tricks and +680.

It is always galling to go down on your good hands, but that is just what befell most declarers on this board.

F 1	♠ K92		
Bd 15	♥ AQ10872		
Dlr S	♦ 82		
Vul NS	♣ 82		
♠ 864		♠ A103	
♥ 4		♥ KJ95	
♦ J96543		♦ 107	
♣ KQ5		♣ 10963	
		♠ QJ75	
		♥ 63	
		♦ AKQ	
		♣ AJ74	

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

Things looked pretty easy when I saw dummy after West's weak jump overcall, as I thought that my diamond stoppers were sufficient. When the heart finesse lost, I was still okay as East had taken my SQ at trick 2, so I had another entry to dummy. However, nothing could save the contract when I next led a heart to dummy and found out about the bad break, and I finished up 1 off along with many others.

4H has no chance, but 3NT can make by the double-dummy line of ducking 2 clubs early on if West continues diamonds, but winning the HA on a heart switch to establish spade tricks before reverting to the club duck once again.

This final hand was one of the few times I have held 13 black cards, and I was disappointed to finish up with a bad score.

F 1	♠ 532		
Bd 18	♥ 875		
Dlr E	♦ K109643		
Vul NS	♣ 8		
♠ J4		♠ A6	
♥ AK932		♥ QJ1064	
♦ AQ82		♦ J75	
♣ 94		♣ K102	
		♠ KQ10987	
		♥ —	
		♦ —	
		♣ AQJ10987	

	W	N	E	S
			1H	2C
	4H	P	P	4S
	5H	5S	P	6S
	All pass			

The bidding was under control up to West's 5H bid, but when John bid 5S in front of me I knew that he must have had 3 spades and short clubs, so I bid the slam. The slam is a reasonable bet if the CK comes down with one ruff, or if North has the SK, or if West has the singleton SJ, but when nothing good happened I was down 1. Many declarers contrived to get doubled in 4S and 5S for good scores.

I ruffed the heart, ruffed a club to dummy, and led a trump off the table hoping for East to duck and West to drop the Jack, but when I next led a club West ruffed in front of dummy. One declarer I spoke to ruffed the first heart and a club in dummy as I did, but then ruffed back to hand to lead another club and West discarded! After setting up the clubs he then led a trump from the table and confidently inserted the ST, losing to the SJ that West could not have and only made 11 tricks also. ■

Whatever you do, you will sometimes be wrong, you can only make the bid which is most likely to work out well. This is the approach, responding to 1C, which I suggest.

- Show a four-card major if you have one, never 1NT.
- Show even four very poor hearts ahead of four good spades
- Do not bypass a 5-card diamond suit in favour of showing a four-card major.

- Generally, do not bypass a 4-card diamond suit in favour of a 4-card major. Unless you plan more than one forward going move on your hand, you may choose to show a 4-card major ahead of four diamonds. (Since you will let the bidding subside in 1NT with as much as a balanced 11, this means 12+) This could go wrong, 2D in a 4-4 fit will often play much better than 1NT, conversely you could play in 1NT and miss two of the major. Suit quality is the best guide, don't bypass a strong holding.

- If partner responds 1D to 1C you should raise it holding four or even AKx etc. with a low doubleton somewhere.
- Making a "waiting bid" of 1D on three is not bridge.

Provided you play, as you should, 2NT always forcing, you will never have a problem following a 1NT rebid.

- To show a second suit shows 5+4+ in the suits you bid. It is forcing only if the second suit is higher ranking.
- To return to 2C is not forward going and does not invite preference back to responder's suit.
- A bid of 2NT asks opener to show, in this order, three-card support for you, four cards in an unbid major, a five-card club suit otherwise bid 3NT which will show four cards in each minor.
- When opener shows 3-card support for responder over 2NT, a bid of a new major by responder shows four cards in that suit. If responder happens to be 5+4 he can explore for both a 5+3 and a 4-4 fit in those suits. Particularly at slam level, it can be vital to play in the right one.

This use of 2NT removes the need for 2C check-back or new minor forcing, both of which come at the cost of an important natural bid. 2NT, invitational, is a dreadful usage for that bid. How much more useful is all this distributional information than whether partner holds twelve points or thirteen points!

Examples:

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Further to the subject of responding to 1C, see the January-February QBA Bulletin article, "**Wolff Revisited.**"

Do you rebid 1NT or show a (new) major at the one-level when you have opened 1C with a minimum balanced hand and heard 1D or 1H from partner?

I advocate the former approach, rebid 1NT with the balanced hand, a rebid in a new suit now shows 5+4 in clubs and that suit. There are two very strong schools of thought here. The "Bid a four-card major, whenever you can" school, certainly solves the problem of always finding your 4-4 major suit fit. That is important, but there is more to bidding than just that, minor suit contracts especially slams have their place too. They will often be

missed if the 1C opener's club length always remains nebulous. The general principle, do not bypass a biddable suit, gives way to ensure that the club suit does not get lost. The rationale is that a 1C opening shows a club suit based opening or a balanced hand, it is useful to establish which type, quickly.

Assuming you do it this way, there can be a problem, as responder, when you hold two or three four-card suits. The extended Wolff sign-off solves the problem when the rebid is 2NT. What about when the rebid is 1NT?

It is generally not good bridge to bypass a biddable suit. Not only may a good contract in that suit be missed but partner will form an inaccurate picture of the hand, often leading to a poor decision later on.

KQ43 J1062  
K76 AQ52  
A42 KQ73  
J54 7

1C 1D  
1NT 2NT  
3D 3H  
3S 4S

This way you get to explore all suits. You will miss many good diamond contracts if you routinely bypass diamonds with a hand like East's.

KQ43 AJ102  
K76 A53  
A42 KQ843  
J54 7

1C 1D  
1NT 2NT  
3D 3S (4+diamonds,  
4 spades)  
4S 4NT (RKCB)  
5S 6S (Wishful  
thinking? Maybe.)

Dear George,

Your article on WSO is impressive indeed. It has been over 40 years since, while playing with the late Oswald Jacoby, he decided to write me up in his bridge column and featured an entire week of hands involving WSO. Since then, not much has happened except some more or less home remedies and treatments that have found their way back to me.

Yours appears the most complete description and integration that I can remember. At this point I have become both too lazy and am already too busy to spend much time analyzing all your nuances, but I have gotten some positive vibes from just reading.

I do always respond three diamonds instead of preferring three of my partner's major. I need to rethink and you may just be the inspiration for it.

Thanks for writing your article and for also contacting me. I have been taking a long time doing my autobiography which should be finished sometimes in 05.

Yes, I will definitely remember you.

Warm regards,

Bobby

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### Summer Festival - Canberra

Our misfortunes were such that when we lost to Jedy & Pepsi who were the number 5 seeds, we were drawn to play against the number 4 seeds Cathy Chua & Simon Hinge. This time we lost a fairly even contest by 3 IMPs.

Dir E	♠ J4		
Vul None	♥ A52		
	♦ AQJ10842		
	♣ 9		
	♠ Q95	♠ A10862	
	♥ J73	♥ 986	
	♦ 9765	♦ K	
	♣ 1042	♣ AJ83	
	♠ K73		
	♥ KQ104		
	♦ 3		
	♣ KQ765		

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

On this deal, sitting East, I opened 2S showing spades and a minor. South doubled and, when North showed a positive hand with diamonds, played in 3NT.

Partner lead the S5, dummy played low and I played the 10. South won with the SK and tried a finesse in diamond. My KD won and we cashed our spades to defeat the contract.

Although the situation was hopeless for declarer after the spade lead, if he had tested two rounds of hearts before the diamond play, he would have established that East can't have more than one (or at most 2) diamond and hence west was holding at-least 3 diamonds. As such even if the finesse in diamond succeeded, he will not be able to run diamonds. For this reason declarer must play the DA hoping to drop a singleton DK with East. Our team-mates were in the safer contract of 4H, making for an 11IMP gain.

On the following deal our opponents put me on the spot forcing me to make a decision at 4-level.

Dir E	♠ Q		
Vul Both	♥ AQ9864		
	♦ 975		
	♣ Q63		
	♠ 8764	♠ AKJ	
	♥ —	♥ K532	
	♦ QJ102	♦ K8	
	♣ A10754	♣ KJ82	
	♠ 109532		
	♥ J107		
	♦ A643		
	♣ 9		

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

\* Precision

I opened a Precision club. After my partner's 1D negative bid, North jumped to 3H. When this was passed around to my partner, he doubled showing 6-7 points and 4 spades.

Holding only one ace I took the view that I won't be able to stop the opponents from cashing out their hearts and therefore, ruled out 3NT. But on the other hand there might be 3 losers in a suit contract and so I opted to play in 4S, rather than trying a minor suit game.

Holding 5 spades South must have felt optimistic in defeating the contract and led the HJ.

I counted my top tricks: 2 in clubs, 3 in diamonds, 2 heart ruffs and possibly all 3 of my spades in hand to give 10 tricks.

So I ruffed the heart in dummy and played a diamond to the king. South covered with the DA and continued hearts, which I ruffed. I didn't want North to ruff my winning diamonds, so I now played a spade and the queen popped up.

All was going to plan, and to ensure the contract I played another heart. When South followed suit I ruffed in dummy and cashed diamonds, discarding my 4<sup>th</sup> heart. The dummy had only 7 HCP, but produced 7 tricks (3 ruffs, 3 diamonds, 1club) to give us +620.

Our opponents on the other table played in a much more comfortable 5C contract making +600. So for me it turned out to be one of the hardest earned 1 IMP in the competition.

The next match was a fiery encounter. The directors were summoned to the table on several occasions. IMPs scored on both sides totalled 100.

It all started on board 1.

Dir N	♠ A		
Vul None	♥ J10983		
	♦ AQJ		
	♣ J532		
♠ K105		♠ 643	
♥ Q6		♥ K754	
♦ 98643		♦ —	
♣ A104		♣ KQ9876	
	♠ QJ9872		
	♥ A2		
	♦ K10752		
	♣ —		

W	N	E	S
4C	1H	3C*	3S
P	P	P	4D
	5D	All pass	

\* Intermediate jump (but in this case a semi-psyche to crowd the bidding)  
The opponents ended up in 5D, instead of a 4S contract which stood a much better chance of making. The contract went 3 down.

In the post-mortem the opponents not only questioned the 3C bid, which did not fit the intermediate jump overall as stated in the convention card, but also looked curiously at my partner for not doubling 5D. Hmm... Yet another bridge lesson folks: opponents are not always grateful when we don't double their contract that goes down. Our team-mates bid and made 4S for +11 IMPs.

A quiet board followed, but the volcanoes erupted again on board 3.

Dir S	♠ 10		
Vul EW	♥ KJ43		
	♦ KJ754		
	♣ K103		
♠ A972		♠ Q854	
♥ Q1085		♥ A	
♦ AQ		♦ 82	
♣ 654		♣ AJ9872	
	♠ KJ63		
	♥ 9762		
	♦ 10963		
	♣ Q		

W	N	E	S
1D*	P	1S	P
2S	X	4S	X
All pass			

\* Precision  
My 4S bid was bit of a stretch after partner showed an 11-13 point hand with his 2S bid. But then I had my reasons: the clubs looked attractive. South doubled and led the CQ. I won with the ace and played the QS, which was covered by the king and gave a club ruff to South. South now switched to a diamond, but it was too late. I went up with the ace and crossed to my hand with the HA. Now I played a club and South was forced to ruff (or else the DQ will be discarded). I over-ruffed and returned to hand with a heart ruff. A club was continued and South surrendered!

It is interesting to note that if North ducked the club on trick 3, South would have ruffed and switched to a diamond to defeat the contract, as the CK was still there to stop my clubs from running.

A few boards later disaster struck us.

Dir W	♠ 10653		
Vul None	♥ 1087		
	♦ A5		
	♣ A984		
♠ KQ942		♠ 7	
♥ AQ953		♥ J42	
♦ Q82		♦ KJ107	
♣ —		♣ 76532	
	♠ AJ8		
	♥ K6		
	♦ 9843		
	♣ KQJ10		

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

My double after being quiet throughout the auction showed about 5 points and a preference for partner's second suit, hearts. If I had 5 points and tolerance for spades I would have raised partner's 1S bid to 2S in the first place!

For this reason partner should lead a heart or anything but spades for that matter. Unfortunately a spade was led and a comedy of errors on discards let the contract through.

Instead of +500 it turned out to be -550. Twenty IMPs changed hands at that moment, from which we never recovered.