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## Queensland Open Trials

**T**HE trials for the Qld Open and Women's teams to go to Darwin were completed in March, and the successful pairs are:

Open: Therese Tully-Richard Wallis, Stephen Lester-David Appleton & Janeen Solomon-Neville Francis. (Lester-Appleton have been replaced by Mike Robson-Betty Lee. Ed.)

Women: Toni Bardon-Sandra Johnson, Margaret Walters-Lyn Farnden & Margaret Millar-Robyn Clayton

Stage 1 of the trials consisted of 14-board matches to reduce the fields to 10 pairs, and stage 2 was a 10-pair round-robin of 20 board matches.

Therese and I started slowly, but did better on the Sunday to finish the weekend in first place by a small margin. 3 matches to go and we continued our good form against the 3 pairs who finished in the top 5 to claim first place by 24 IMPs. However, with plus and minus 30 available on each match (after 30 IMPs any additional IMPs are divided by 10), margins changed dramatically after almost every round.

On board 16 of match 1 Therese was not sure what was making but decided to take out insurance since the vulnerable East had bid to 5D on his own.

M 1	♠ J642
Bd 16	♥ 5
Dlr W	♦ 105
Vul EW	♣ AK10962
♠ A	♠ 1053
♥ 108732	♥ KQ9
♦ 8762	♦ AKQJ943
♣ 873	♣ —
	♠ KQ987
	♥ AJ64
	♦ —
	♣ QJ54

I opened 3C as North and East bid 4D, over which Therese bid 5C. However, when East came again with 5D, she decided to believe him (5D is cold and one table played in 5DX), so bid 6C, which West doubled for no good reason except

possibly because it looked like a sacrifice. 6C was of course cold, and we gained 12 IMPs.

This board was one of the best of the first weekend.

M 3	♠ 64
Bd 18	♥ 8642
Dlr E	♦ J109762
Vul NS	♣ 6
♠ AK97	♠ 2
♥ Q5	♥ J1073
♦ AKQ54	♦ 83
♣ Q4	♣ AJ9875
	♠ QJ10853
	♥ AK9
	♦ —
	♣ K1032

Therese, sitting East, passed, South opened 1S and I doubled as I was too strong for a direct 1NT. North passed and

Therese bid 2C, South rebid 2S, I showed my hand with 2NT, and rebid 3NT over Therese's 3H, closing the auction.

In spite of South bidding her suit twice, North decided to lead his surprise suit, and he got the surprise! South was already squeezed by the DJ lead discarding a spade, won my CQ at trick 2 (probably better to duck) and led the SQ. To keep an entry back to my hand I could not afford any more diamonds at this stage, so to set up the 8<sup>th</sup> trick I led the HQ, which South won and exited with the SJ, won with my king (discarding a heart from dummy) to lead another heart which South won. She exited with a heart to sit back and wait for the club and spade tricks, but when I led the diamond back to hand she was squeezed out of another spade on the third top diamond and since her hand was counted as 6-3-0-4 from the play of the cards, it was a simple matter to throw her in on the 4<sup>th</sup> spade to lead into dummy's clubs for the 9<sup>th</sup> trick.

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This board was a modest pick-up for us, but it could have been much better if I had not been complacent and taken the chance offered.

M 4	♠ —	♠ AQ1087432
Bd 1	♥ AJ4	♥ Q
Dlr N	♦ KQJ54	♦ 2
Vul None	♣ QJ1096	♣ 832
♠ 965		
♥ K983		
♦ A963		
♣ 74		
		♠ KJ
		♥ 107652
		♦ 1087
		♣ AK5

I opened 1D as North and East bid 4S, passed back to me. I now bid 5C and Therese's 5D preference closed out the auction. 4S is 1 off, but at 2 tables, North ducked the small heart off the table and wrote down -590.

East led the HQ and it looked like 1 off unless East had only 1 trump, so I led the trump to dummy expecting the HK and another for East to ruff. When the S6 came back instead, I should have realized that West knew East had only 1 trump and taken my only chance by discarding the H4 on the spade. Then I can draw all of the trumps and discard the other heart on the SK for +400. Of course, if West cashes the HK before leading the spade, I am always home.

On board 11 West demonstrated fine technique that gained 4 IMPs, but was apparently missed at all of the other tables, as I was the only declarer to make only 11 tricks.

M 4	♠ K10943	♠ 85
Bd 11	♥ KQ942	♥ J86
Dlr S	♦ 10	♦ Q982
Vul None	♣ 102	♣ J976
♠ J62		
♥ A1053		
♦ KJ53		
♣ Q8		
		♠ AQ7
		♥ 7
		♦ A764
		♣ AK543

I played in 4S as North after suggesting 5-5 in the majors, and East led the S8. However, when I led the H7 off the table, West ducked, and now I could only make 11! At one table, NS bid and made 6S.

I had the opportunity on board 15 to make a blocking play to make 4H, but misread the position and went 1 off.

M 4	♠ K3	♠ QJ75
Bd 15	♥ AKJ3	♥ 62
Dlr S	♦ Q1032	♦ AK974
Vul NS	♣ K96	♣ 53
♠ 10964		
♥ 84		
♦ J8		
♣ AJ1087		
		♠ A82
		♥ Q10975
		♦ 65
		♣ Q42

After 2 passes I opened 1H as North, East bid 2D, and Therese bid 4H, as we nearly always do holding 5-card support.

East led the DA and switched to the C5 without cashing the second diamond. I naively thought that he had led away from the CA, so I ducked and won with the CK over the CT. After drawing trumps I led a diamond and East won to push another club through for 1 off. The blocking play works since if I play the CQ and West ducks, I have 2 club tricks, and if West wins, East has no club to play after winning the DK and I can discard my loser on my winning diamond.

On the next board desperate measures by South and the wrong guess by North gave us 12 tricks instead of 9!

M 5	♠ A10	♠ 532
Bd 8	♥ 765	♥ A104
Dlr W	♦ 76432	♦ AKJ95
Vul None	♣ 1063	♣ K4
♠ J97		
♥ KQJ32		
♦ Q108		
♣ A2		
		♠ KQ864
		♥ 98
		♦ —
		♣ QJ9875

Therese, West, opened 1H, I bid 2D, South bid 2S, Therese and North passed, and I closed the auction with 4H. North led the SA, and South in a desperate attempt to get a diamond switch, played a discouraging S4, but North switched to a club - 12 tricks. South has 2 ways to suggest a diamond lead, one more certain than the other. Firstly play the SK at trick 1 (an unnecessary high card), and secondly play an encouraging S8 at trick 1, win trick 2 with the SQ, and return the S6 for North to ruff and return a diamond. North should be watching the pips to work out that South has a lower spade.

On board 17 of match 6 Therese made good use of the lead and inferences from the switch at trick 2 to land 4S as South.

M 6	♠ J943	♠ Q865
Bd 17	♥ Q1092	♥ J74
Dlr N	♦ AKJ2	♦ 854
Vul None	♣ 3	♣ KJ6
♠ A		
♥ K653		
♦ 1073		
♣ A10982		
		♠ K1072
		♥ A8
		♦ Q96
		♣ Q754

Sitting North I opened 1H, Therese bid 1S and West 2C. 2S from me, 3C from East, and Therese closed the auction with 4S. West led the SA followed by the CA and a diamond. When dummy's singleton club did not prompt another trump, Therese correctly concluded that the SA was singleton, and finessed against East's trumps losing just the black aces and the HK.

M 7	♠ KQ72	♠ 1083
Bd 2	♥ K93	♥ Q1084
Dlr E	♦ 3	♦ KQ98
Vul NS	♣ KQ654	♣ 93
♠ 9654		
♥ J6		
♦ A10752		
♣ J8		
		♠ AJ
		♥ A752
		♦ J64
		♣ A1072

Sitting NS we floundered in 3NT after I toyed with 4H on the 4-3 fit, and lost 6 IMPs. Unluckily for Therese, we had a perfect bit of system that would have pin-pointed the diamond weakness, but I forgot. Therese, South, opened 1NT (12-14), and I should have responded 3D, to show game values and a singleton diamond! This would have got us to the making 4H or 5C, or with all of our values outside of the diamond suit, even possibly to the cold 6C!

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## Cuppaidge's Column



**George  
Cuppaidge**

### Trump Control

**T**HE hands presented in this column deal with the often delicate question of trump control.

A critical guess

♠ Q984  
♥ 54  
♦ J1098  
♣ J102

♠ A10632  
♥ KQJ10862  
♦ 5  
♣ —

As is your custom you open the South hand 1S. West bids 1NT, partner passes and East, playing "system on\*," bids 3C, strong.

\* 2C would be Stayman and 2S a transfer to 3C for a take-out into either minor.

You bid 4H, West doubles and partner adds a little piquancy to the auction by converting to 4S and redoubling when West doubles again.

West leads the CA, you consider pitching your diamond but decide to ruff. What now? With undertricks at 400 a time (yes, you are vulnerable) you had better get it right. You have three certain losers, the SK, the HA and a diamond.

It all hinges on just how many trumps West holds. You must guess correctly now or you fail. If West holds just two you play ace and another quickly otherwise you will lose the SK and a heart ruff too. If West holds three you must play precisely one round and then play and continue to play hearts. If West holds four, you must not touch trumps. If you do you will lose control and at least 3 down will be your lot.

What are the clues? Well, West, who obviously has a club fit, elected to double 4H and then 4S. Would he do this with just SKx and HAx(x)(x)? Almost certainly not, so it really becomes a question of does he hold three or four spades. The advantage of playing West for four, apart from the satisfaction of making your redoubled contract and knowing that the opponents are cold for 6C (so much for

North's redouble) is that your losses will be limited to "just" 400 when East is surprised to get a ruff with his singleton trump as you play out your hearts.

Dir S	♠ Q984
Vul NS	♥ 54
	♦ J1098
	♣ J102
♠ KJ75	♠ —
♥ A7	♥ 93
♦ AQ3	♦ K7642
♣ A653	♣ KQ9874
	♠ A10632
	♥ KQJ10862
	♦ 5
	♣ —

West will be limited to just the winners he came in with as long as you keep playing hearts from your hand and over-ruffing in dummy whenever you can.

Take care of your partner

The next hand, while being a further example of a struggle for trump control, is not intended as an example of how to bid.

Dir N	♠ AK
Vul None	♥ K1032
	♦ 32
	♣ QJ1032
♠ 76543	♠ 2
♥ J8	♥ A54
♦ 1064	♦ AQ987
♣ A98	♣ K754
	♠ QJ1098
	♥ Q976
	♦ KJ5
	♣ 6

The actual bidding

W	N	E	S
P	1C	1D	1S
2D	2C <sup>1</sup>	P	P <sup>2</sup>
X	2S <sup>3</sup>	3D	4S <sup>4</sup>
	All pass		

<sup>1</sup> Not an attractive rebid but too weak for 2H and lacking a diamond stopper, 1NT is out.

<sup>2</sup> 10 points and a misfit suggest conservatism.

<sup>3</sup> Surely pass is the correct move here, partner will be no keener than you to sell out in 2D.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps South should offer hearts as an alternative but he is confident that partner holds three spades. This is not the type of hand where the 4-4 will play better than the 5-3 in fact with the opponents suit doubly stopped, just the reverse.

West led a diamond and South won the diamond return with the jack. The ace and king of trumps revealed the position. Declarer now played a heart to the queen, winning, and hoping for a defensive error played just two more rounds of trumps followed by a heart back to the jack, king and ace. Which card should East play now?

Its easy seeing all four hands but it is still amazing just how "wooden" some players are. Instilled with the maxim "don't lead away from a king" East, ugh, played a diamond. Declarer won, drew the outstanding trump, and claimed. A heart or a club back would have ensured one off but the card a thinking player would have found is the CK, followed by another club. This ensures two down whatever declarer does. Assume he discards, West will win and put declarer in dummy. He will be unable to draw the last trump. Surely partner holds the CA. To make partner ruff a heart with his precious fifth trump is not good play but to lead a low club to partner's ace and have your own CK ruffed out when partner of necessity returns one is just as bad.

An ugly break

Sitting North, with both sides vulnerable, holding

♠KQ ♥KQ2 ♦AKJ2 ♣AJ102

you open 2C.

You hear 3C on your left and 3S from an unknown partner. RHO passes, what do you bid?

With serious slam interest, I tried 4S rather than 3NT. South, who really lacked the values for a "standard" positive response, passed it out.

Dir N	♠ KQ
Vul Both	♥ KQ2
	♦ AKJ2
	♣ AJ102
♠ 1087654	♠ —
♥ AJ87	♥ 1093
♦ 987	♦ Q3
♣ —	♣ KQ987653
	♠ AJ932
	♥ 654
	♦ 10654
	♣ 4

West leads the D9, which you take with DA and test trumps revealing the 6-0 break. All is far from lost. With little option you continue by unblocking the SQ then playing the DK dropping East's queen doubleton; what now?

The wining line is quite obscure, you must cash just one diamond, then exit(!) with the CA.

West will ruff and exit with a low heart to dummy's HQ. You return to hand with a

high club ruff and lead another heart. This will be the position.

—	
K2	
2	
J10	
1087	
AJ	irrelevant
—	
—	
	J9
	65
	10
	—

West takes his ace and exits with his heart. Now you can exit with that diamond winner.

A curious hand, you exit with two "winners" but you must do so in the correct order.

I happily acknowledge that this analysis is by courtesy of "Deep Finesse."

This amazing piece of software was designed by Bill Bailey more or less as a hobby. He is not a serious bridge player but a brilliant computer person generally. To run the interesting hands through Deep Finesse after a session of bridge adds a completely new dimension to the enjoyment of the game.

■ George Cuppaidge

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## Northern Suburbs

ON March 30 Northern Suburbs held their 1-day Swiss pairs, directed by Reg and Joan who did their usual excellent job.

It was a capacity crowd with 82 pairs turning up to enjoy the hospitality and friendliness of the club. Several pairs held the lead during the day, with Andrew Pryde and young Paul Gosney taking the lead about round 8 and staying there to win comfortably.

Grand slams are always fun and this one was bid by my partner Mike Corner and me. Mike, sitting West, got excited after my opening 1NT.

Dir N	♠ 7543			
Vul Both	♥ 109654			
	♦ 765			
	♣ 7			
♠ AKJ1082		♠ Q9		
♥ KQ		♥ A832		
♦ —		♦ AJ10		
♣ AQ1096		♣ KJ52		
	♠ 6			
	♥ J7			
	♦ KQ98432			
	♣ 843			

	W	N	E	S
		P	1NT	P
	2H <sup>1</sup>	P	2S	P
	4NT <sup>2</sup>	P	5S <sup>3</sup>	P
	5NT <sup>2</sup>	P	6D <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>
	7NT	All pass		

<sup>1</sup> Transfer to spades

<sup>2</sup> RKCB

<sup>3</sup> 2 aces + the SQ

<sup>4</sup> 1 king

<sup>5</sup> Lead-directing

South's lead-directing double backfired as it told Mike which king I held and this let him bid the cold grand slam in NTs.

■ Jim Evans

## Sunshine Coast

ARNOLD Remedios and I drove up to Buderim to play in the Sunshine Coast Swiss Pairs on 9 March. The drive up was useful. We had almost an hour to discuss our bidding. This was important as we had not played together for a couple of years. The discussion included: What suit raises mean after opponents interference? Do we play system on after doubles? Are we playing

feature ask after a weak 2 opening? Arnold had a whole list!

One thing not on the list was: What to do after the opponents redouble? Fortunately it was not a problem for us, but it was for our opponents.

Dir S	♠ AJ92			
Vul Both	♥ Q105			
	♦ K109			
	♣ AK5			
♠ Q106		♠ K7		
♥ AJ8742		♥ K6		
♦ 7		♦ AQ852		
♣ 742		♣ QJ98		
	♠ 8543			
	♥ 93			
	♦ J643			
	♣ 1063			

	W	N	E	S
	2H	X	XX	All pass

Arnold, West, opened the bidding with a weak 2H. We had discussed this so I knew that we played feature ask after the weak opening. With my 15-count, including good heart support, I was all set to bid 2NT when North doubled. I could still bid 2NT but would it have the same meaning after the double? That hadn't made it to Arnold's discussion list! Redouble looked like a better option.

South understandably didn't want to bid at all and decided to pass believing North would now bid their best suit. North explained that South's pass suggested that 2H would not make. What would you and your partner do in this situation? For the curious, 2HXX making 9 tricks gives you a score of +1240.

With 5 good rounds in the morning we took a handy lead and despite an ordinary session in the afternoon we held on to the lead to the finish.

■ Margaret Walters

## Senior Trials

PARTNER'S and my efforts in the Senior Pairs Trials are best forgotten but I thought readers might enjoy my story of being on the wrong end of a Grand slam bid by Roger and Barbara Weathered; the only pair to reach that contract. Would you and your partner have found it?

Dir N	♠ Q103			
Vul Both	♥ 1087			
	♦ 532			
	♣ Q984			
♠ 75		♠ AKJ		
♥ KQJ63		♥ A9542		
♦ KQJ84		♦ A7		
♣ J		♣ A72		
	♠ 98642			
	♥ —			
	♦ 1096			
	♣ K10653			

	W	N	E	S
		P	2C	P
	2H	P	3H	P
	4NT	P	5C	P
	7H	All pass		

Partner and I would have bid as follows

	W	N	E	S
		P	2D <sup>1</sup>	P
	2H <sup>2</sup>	P	2NT <sup>3</sup>	P
	3C <sup>4</sup>	P	3H	P
	4NT <sup>5</sup>	P	5D <sup>6</sup>	P
	5NT <sup>5</sup>	P	6D <sup>7</sup>	P
	7H	All pass		

<sup>1</sup> Multi-2; weak 6-card major or 20-22.

<sup>2</sup> Pass or correct

<sup>3</sup> 20-22

<sup>4</sup> 5-card major enquiry

<sup>5</sup> RKCB

<sup>6</sup> 1 or 4 keycards

<sup>7</sup> 1 king

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Responder knows opener has 4 aces and either black king will make the Grand a certainty.

The question is how did no other pair in the field not find the Grand slam?

When speaking to Roger about it he told me that when playing in the NOT in January he and Barbara played the NZ Braithwaite star team (and incidentally won 23-7). On one board Roger opened 2C (game force) Barbara responded 2NT showing 3 controls and he bid 7NT, while at the other table the bidding took up every space on the pad to reach 7NT. All paths lead to home.

■ Margaret Drake

## How Would You Rule?

**P**LAYING at the Gold Coast Congress in the Senior teams this hand in Match 9 (one round before the cut off for the finals) was encountered.

Dir E	♠ 1097		
Vul Both	♥ J107632		
	♦ Q53		
	♣ 5		
♠ A65		♠ KQ842	
♥ 4		♥ 5	
♦ AKJ8		♦ 1097642	
♣ K10987		♣ 2	
	♠ J3		
	♥ AKQ98		
	♦ —		
	♣ AQJ643		

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

<sup>1</sup> Either a weak or strong hand with 5+ clubs and 5+ hearts, or 5+ diamonds and 5+ spades. South requested explanation of the alerted bid.

<sup>2</sup> Two-suiter alerted. West asked meaning and passed.

<sup>3</sup> When questioned by West later, shows diamonds.

<sup>4</sup> West questioned this bidding at length to try and determine if the 2-suiter was known or unspecified as answer (a heart suit) given was vague.

<sup>5</sup> X by partner is telling me to pass 4HX (partnership understanding) if my hand is 5C and 5H, or bid 4S if my holding is 5S and 5D. Neither North or South at any time in the auction asked the meaning of the double.

The HA was led and when dummy was tabled South called the director on the strength of West's questions during the

auction. The director after hearing the bidding information asked for play to continue and left the table while the hand was played (4S duly made +620). After consultation with the chief director at the venue the ruling was that the score stands.

The double is not alertable. North and South had ample opportunity to ask about the meaning of the double. After my bid of 4S they (especially North with the long heart suit) had ample time to bid 5H but both chose to pass.

Director's ruling was disputed and an appeal was lodged. The appeal was held about 1 hour later.

We all stated the bids and their meanings. EW were asked if they had a written system with the meaning of the double documented. We do, as we have been bridge partners for 7 years and don't like hit and miss situations.

The appeal committee ruled in favour of NS awarding them an adjusted score of 4HX making 11 tricks. (-990 to EW). This changed the result of the match from a win for the team of the EW pair to a loss. It also changed the position of teams at the top of the Leader board at the cutoff point for the finals. (EW's team were not in contention.)

Perhaps the moral of this story is, if you are out-bid and out-played, call the director, and if the ruling is against you, appeal.

■ Ben Ezra

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## Book Review

Bridge: 25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer

Barbara Seagram & David Bird

**T**HE Master Point Press of Canada has published a marvellous series of books under the "25 Ways" banner. This latest effort will prove just as popular as the others, I'm sure. That's because the books are written for the average player, without bogging down in heavy detail and endless exceptions. The publishers claim this one is for the newcomer to intermediate, and certainly there is a good progression of topics here, starting with the simple finesse, ruffing, suit establishment, and getting rid of losers.

Planning the play deserves, and gets, a couple of chapters. You know the old saying, "Fail to plan, and you plan to fail". This is followed by more advanced topics such as hold-up plays and eliminations. The final chapters on counting, and comparing different lines of play round off a very thorough text.

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**Bridge: 25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer** is available from John Hardy for \$33.00 – phone 0409 786 050.

## From the President

**I**t is not too late to join me at the Barrier Reef Congress in Cairns, June 6 - 9. The Convenor, Mary Yeates, would be delighted to accept your entry and Endeavour Travel ([rachel@endeavourtravel.com.au](mailto:rachel@endeavourtravel.com.au)) can arrange your travel. The event will be held at The Tradewinds Esplanade Hotel. You will have time to recover to join our Queensland teams in Darwin at the Australian National Championships, July 11- 25. Please contact Pam Nunn ([convenor@ntba.com.au](mailto:convenor@ntba.com.au)). Side events could include, tours to Kakadu, the Darwin Cup, or the Royal Darwin Show.

I need to remind all clubs of the marketing potential of the Nationwide Pairs. Clubs can enter online at [www.nationwidepairs.com.au](http://www.nationwidepairs.com.au). If you want further information please contact Martin Willcox (0419 380 392). Masterpoints will be within your club and Australia wide.

I urge all clubs to ensure they have a current subscription to the "Directors Bulletin" published by the Australian Bridge Directors' Association. The Editors are Laurie and Sue Kelso. The bulletin is wonderful reading for all players and explains many areas of interest to the average player. Hence I have a personal subscription.

After 17 years as convenor of the Gold Coast Congress Tony Jackman is hopeful of replacement. This is a very important position to the QBA. I would like to hear from anyone interested in the position. Certainly anyone can contact me for a discussion on what the position does or could include.

I am sure the QBA can find a convenor from its 7,000 members? The QBA is one of the best employers to work for in Australia.

■ Keith McDonald

## Arana

**O**N Sunday 11th March Arana held their Swiss teams congress, directed by Jan Peach assisted by Geoff Slack-Smith.

A very nice lunch set off a pleasant day with everybody appreciating the Arana hospitality.

Due to the trials being held the same weekend there was a capacity crowd of 36 tables, as we all thought this was our chance to win something without the big kids there.

Dlr W	♠ KJ97
Vul Both	♥ KJ106
	♦ 7
	♣ KQ94
♠ 83	♠ Q1042
♥ 98432	♥ Q5
♦ Q842	♦ AKJ10653
♣ 75	♣ —
	♠ A65
	♥ A7
	♦ 9
	♣ AJ108632

W	N	E	S
P	1C	1D	6C
All pass			

Board 4 gave the South players something to think about immediately after lunch, with North opening the bidding with 1C and East overcalling 1D. I decided 6C must be a good chance.

East led the DA followed by the HQ which saved declarer any further thought.

Board 26 saw a good sequence of first and second round cue-bids by the opponents,

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Dir E	♠ Q10753		
Vul Both	♥ 8		
	♦ AJ953		
	♣ Q2		
♠ —		♠ KJ2	
♥ QJ92		♥ AK643	
♦ Q108742		♦ —	
♣ A97		♣ K10863	
	♠ A9864		
	♥ 1075		
	♦ K6		
	♣ J54		

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

With first round spade control on my left I thought it best to lead a trump. East won with the ace and carelessly played the HK hoping for a 2-2 trump break. When this didn't eventuate declarer was unable to ruff two spades without losing the S10 and so went down.

This board was an uncontested auction to 4H by East.

Dir W	♠ 1097632		
Vul NS	♥ A8		
	♦ 10653		
	♣ 5		
♠ AK		♠ 5	
♥ Q752		♥ KJ963	
♦ A97		♦ KJ2	
♣ 9843		♣ KQ107	
	♠ QJ84		
	♥ 104		
	♦ Q84		
	♣ AJ62		

Having had success on a trump lead the previous hand I thought it was worth another try. Mike went up with the ace and returned a small club, this felt like a singleton to me so I won the trick and returned a club for a ruff.

Declarer eventually had to lose a diamond and so went 1 off for a nice swing to us.

We needed every point from these swings as the McLaughlan team also had a good round but we managed to hang on to our lead and win by 3 VPs.

A very pleasant day was had by all.

■ Jim Evans

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<b>8-9</b>	<b>QCBC June Congress</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Toowong Graded Pairs</b>
<b>21-22</b>	<b>Sunshine Coast Honeysuckle Pairs</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Cleveland Bay Novice Pairs</b>
<b>28-29</b>	<b>Gold Coast Teams Congress</b>
	<b>Bowen Pairs</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>BBC Novice Pairs</b>
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Mackay Pairs</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Old Graded Pairs (QCBC)</b>
<b>11-18</b>	<b>ANC Butler Pairs Championships (Darwin)</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Caloundra Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Coolum Teams</b>
	<b>Lockyer Pairs</b>
<b>19-20</b>	<b>Noosa Butler Pairs</b>
<b>20-25</b>	<b>ANC Interstate Teams</b>
<b>26-27</b>	<b>Bundaberg Pairs</b>
	<b>Moreton-Bribie Pairs &amp; Teams</b>
<b>Aug 2-3</b>	<b>Reliable Carriers Pairs (Cleveland Bay)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Mackay Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sunnybank Pairs</b>
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James O'Sullivan Awards as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003

<b>Overall Position</b>			EASTMAN	DEWI	35.52
JANZEKOVIC	DARKO	63.40	WOOLLEY	CAROLYNE	33.85
STRONG	TERRY	62.72	<b>*State</b>		
KONIG	SIEGFRIED	57.56	TORELLI	GHADA	49.37
WALLIS	JAMES	57.14	BROWN	FRANCES	29.24
WEATHERED	ROGER	55.82	BROWN	ALAN	29.05
SLOBOM	ROBERT	55.43	KILVERT	YVONNE	22.66
O'DEMPSEY	TERENCE	54.96	CROFT	VIVIENNE	19.76
HAUGHIE	BILL	54.69	<b>State</b>		
HOENIG	MAHA	53.43	SENDER	SYLVIA	40.44
MOREN	MAGNUS	53.01	MOSCHNER	KEN	28.06
<b>Silver Grand</b>			DENNIS	ALFRED	27.67
WALLIS	JAMES	57.14	FEIGE	SIEGFRIED	24.37
HAUGHIE	BILL	54.69	MURTAGH	ROSS	23.21
MILLAR	MARGARET	50.79	<b>*Regional</b>		
JACKMAN	TONY	48.20	CLOUSTON	PATRICIA	13.71
ROBSON	MIKE	38.78	KUBLER	LINDSAY	11.75
<b>Grand</b>			DAWE	KIRSTY	11.73
STRONG	TERRY	62.72	BAARDA	RENK	10.68
KONIG	SIEGFRIE	57.56	DAGNELL	VERA	9.65
WEATHERED	ROGER	55.82	<b>Regional</b>		
SLOBOM	ROBERT	55.43	DYER	GAYLENE	20.67
MOREN	MAGNUS	53.01	BRAGG	CHRISTOPHE	18.77
<b>Gold Life</b>			HECKER	PAUL	13.64
DARLEY	MONICA	46.31	WELLS	PETER	13.16
PARSONS	BARBARA	39.39	VANKAN	ESTELLE	13.02
CHOY-SHOW	WAYNE	39.18	<b>**Local</b>		
MOREY	RICHARD	35.27	FEIGE	RENATE	23.88
WINCH	MARY	32.65	PENLINGTON	PAUL	17.72
<b>Silver Life</b>			TAYLOR	RAY	15.10
MORAWIECKI	ROMAN	48.17	HENNIG	ELAINE	14.61
STRICKLAND	TREVOR	41.54	FOX	MIKE	13.49
AFFLICK	IAN	37.95	<b>*Local</b>		
RYAN	DEL	36.44	HALE	PHIL	42.80
MELCHIOR	LEN	36.32	BARDEN	BIANCA	33.04
<b>Bronze Life</b>			TAYLOR	ROLAND	18.84
CHAUDHRY	ASHRAF	41.34	MELDRUM	ELLEN	11.59
GOSS	BEVERLEY	36.32	HARDY	MARY	10.80
ALLEN	GEOFF	34.84	<b>Local</b>		
CARVILL	WENDI	32.36	KAMALARASA	SANMUGAR	35.98
BARNETT	PHILIPPA	28.74	MCARTHUR	ROBERT	17.72
<b>Life</b>			HORAN	BRIAN	16.70
O'DEMPSEY	TERENCE	54.96	STEFFENSEN	KEVIN	12.24
WALFORD	TONY	36.42	BULLOCK	ANN	12.11
WALTERS	MARGARET	35.01	<b>Club</b>		
DEAN	SANDY	34.73	JAKES	MAUREEN	35.11
SAXBY	ELSPETH	31.08	MCDERMOTT	PETER	11.49
<b>**National</b>			BUTCHER	BRENDA	8.79
GEMMELL	GORDON	34.27	HAWKEN	ANN	8.52
HORSFIELD	SETSUKO	20.38	ADCOCK	CAROLYN	8.28
TROUGHTON	JEAN	17.17	<b>Graduate</b>		
MCPHEAT	JOAN	14.10	SISSON	EDITH	10.46
JOHNSON	JANET	13.63	MURRAY	JOHN	4.43
<b>*National</b>			BRAMELD	CHRISTIN	3.64
JANZEKOVIC	DARKO	63.40	GRALTON	JOHN	3.42
HOENIG	MAHA	53.43	MACKINNON	ELIZABET	3.32
MACLEOD	BRONWYN	52.84	<b>Nil</b>		
HARRIS	DAVID	42.59	TAYLOR	CORA	12.32
CLAYTON	ALAN	37.83	TAYLOR	JIM	8.02
<b>National</b>			LLOYD	ANNE	4.66
WOOD	JAMES	42.42	DUFFY	TRICA	4.37
GIBSON	NEIL	41.73	GODFREY	DENIS	3.66
GIBSON	ELIZABETH	41.03			

## Results

Redland Novice Teams  
13 April

- 
- 1 P Pollett P Wells  
R Pollett P Williams
  - 2 A Smith B Carroll  
G McCarthy J Milliner
  - 3 G Smythe S Dawson  
R & S Gillard

**100-200 MPs (total)**

- 1 B & R Bijker  
C Leeves D Bessel
- 2 G & A Gulley  
G & J Mitchell

**<100 MPs (total)**

- 1 M & B O'Donohue  
E Aitken J Florence
  - 2 P Proud M Fearnside  
E & B Geise
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Northern Suburbs Swiss  
Pairs 30 March

- 
- 1 A Pryde P Gosney
  - 2 R Parker P Hainsworth
  - 3 J Evans M Corner
  - 4 D & R Dick

**Plate**

- 1 J Evans M Corner
- 2 A Currie J Kreczkowski
- 3 I Afflick B Blick

**Consolation**

- 1 P Hale J Wood
  - 2 P Wells P Pollett
  - 3 C & J Taylor
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Toowoomba Novice Pairs  
23 March

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- 1 D Lewis J Sinclair
  - 2=M Alcock G Dawson
  - 2=R Brilliant I Jesser

**Plate**

- 1 M Josey J Murtagh
- 2 E Kane M Lavers
- 3 L Seng D Smith

**Consolation**

- 1 R Kelley U Maffey
  - 2 M Murphy D Temple
  - 3=E Mahoney M York
  - 3=S & T Mason
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Qld Team Trials  
March-April**Open**

- 1 T Tully R Wallis
- 2 D Appleton S Lester
- 3 N Francis J Solomon
- 4 M Robson B Lee

**Women**

- 1 S Johnson T Bardon
- 2 M Walters L Farnden
- 3 M Millar R Clayton
- 4 R Lachman S Mabin

**Senior**

1. L Moses & R Touton
2. T Jackman & D Anderson
3. R Lachman & W Hunt
4. J Kent & M Kent

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**Rockhampton Butler  
Pairs 15-16 March**

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- 1 B Gibbs B Parsons
- 2 B Baldry R Taylor
- 3 J Wallis A Prestidge

**Local-State**

M Leonard P Brewer

**Nil-Local**

P Millar B Hilse

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**Coolum Butler Pairs  
6 April**

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- 1 R Busch J McPheat
- 2 R Clayton A Smith
- 3 S Mabin J Malinas

**B Section**

- 1 L Cheffers M Head
- 2 B & S Stennin

**C Section**

- 1 B Millican P Terrace
- 2 B Peters M Williamson

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**BBC Easter Congress  
20-21 April**

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**Pairs**

- 1 R Parker S Parker
- 2 P Gosney P Hainsworth
- 3 J & M Millar

**Plate**

- 1 A & N Tuxworth
- 2 R Trollope F Wang
- 3 H Hogard G Thomas

**Novice**

- 1 D Rogers B Williams
- 2 J Mills C Steer
- 3 K Lundqvist B Stuthe

**Teams**

- 1 M & J Kent  
D Croft R Touton
- 2 I Afflick C Howard  
A Currie J Kreczkowski
- 3 D Appleton N Francis  
J Solomon J Leung

**Plate**

- 1 P Maddigan S O'Brien  
D & A Harrison
- 2=R & H McLauchlan  
A & N Tuxworth
- 2=R Busch J McPheat  
C Critchley L Jenkins
- 3 M & J Millar  
T Bardon S Johnson

**Consolation**

- 1=K Moschner S Sender  
D Eastman A Corkhill
- 1=P Wells P Pollett  
V Croft J Wood
- 3 L Eaves M Maxwell-Jones  
M Noending F Anderson

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**QCBC Anzac Teams  
27 April**

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- 1 L & S Moses  
J Summerhayes S Stevens
- 2 N & P Francis  
T Strong M Moren
- 3 C Howard K Wood  
L Farnden M Walters
- 4 I Afflick A Slater  
W Healy G Rusher

**Plate**

- 1 C Howard K Wood  
L Farnden M Walters
- 2 P Natrass M Simpson  
M O'Malley M Outridge
- 3 J Hicks M Dyer  
N Horner B Ryan

**Consolation**

- 1 P Hale J Wood  
V Croft J Armstrong
- 2 M Corner J Gardiner  
M & R Graham
- 3=C & C Woolley  
J Peach G Slack-Smith
- 3=J Hay J Campbell  
J Lawrence M Jones

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**Arana Swiss Teams  
Congress 16 March**

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- 1 J Evans M Corner  
B Blick L Shellshear
- 2 R & R McLauchlan  
A & N Tuxworth
- 3 N & E Gibson  
T O'Dempsey B Macleod

**Plate**

- 1 C & J Taylor  
M Kendall N Close
- 2 P & J Cuffe  
G Boddice E Francisco

**Best Novice**

T Agar P Smith  
M Tyas P Whittaker

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**Maryborough Butler  
Pairs 2 March**

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- 1 J Wallace E Watson
- 2 M Fitzpatrick P Rogers
- 3=N & A Madsen
- 3=S Boulter A Dennis

**Plate**

- 1 W Lawrence J Lawrence
- 2=P Skender F Leahy
- 2=P Irving N Potter

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**Toowoomba Congress  
2-5 May**

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**Pairs**

- 1 C & C Woolley
- 2 N Francis J Solomon
- 3 P Dobney N McCay

**Plate**

- 1 E & N Gibson
- 2 R Trollope F Wang

**Consolation**

- 1 B Gil R Stuart
- 2 E & M Josey

**Nancy Penfold Trophy (1st Women's Pair)**

- 1 V Buchanan L Hore

**Teams**

- 1 R Wallis T Tully  
D Appleton P Gosney
- 2 B Hunt R Lachman  
M Moren T Strong
- 3 R Busch J McPheat  
C Critchley L Jenkins

**Plate**

- 1 A McLeod L Cowled  
A O'Callaghan J Bolles
- 2 A Clayton A Nichols  
E & N Gibson

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**Mackay Congress  
2-5 May**

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**Pairs**

- 1 F McKinnon V Carroll
- 2 A Dennis S Boulter
- 3 J Barry L Murray

**Plate**

- 1 L Schofield J Campbell
- 2 J Johnson B Golding
- 3 P & G Allen

**Consolation**

- 1 M Darley D Ryan
- 2 K Poole N Martin
- 3 G Rattenbury P Snelling

**Teams**

- 1 Lorraway Dooner  
Goodsall White
- 2 Darley Ryan  
Poole Martin
- 3 Barry Murray  
Parsons Gibbs

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**Toowoomba Novice Pairs  
23 March**

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- 1 D Lewis J Sinclair
- 2=M Alcock G Dawson
- 2=R Brilliant I Jesser

**Plate**

- 1 M Josey J Murtagh
- 2 E Kane M Lavers

**Consolation**

- 1 R Kelley U Maffey
- 2 M Murphy D Temple

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## Directors' Corner

Pick the real bridge law. A quiz.

1.
  - (a) When four cards have been played to a trick, they are left face up on the table until each player indicates that he has had a jolly good look.
  - (b) When four cards have been played to a trick, each player turns his own card face down near him on the table.
2.
  - (a) When a player thinks an opponent has revoked, he may reach across the table and turn over the opponent's cards.
  - (b) No player shall touch any cards other than his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with Law 45) during or after play except by permission of the director.
3.
  - (a) Players may gloat over an opponent's misfortune, suggest unsolicited superior lines of play and "sink the boot in / kick a man when he's down" whenever possible.
  - (b) A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
4.
  - (a) A player may ask questions about the auction to assist his partner in choosing an opening lead.
  - (b) After the final pass and throughout the play period, either defender at his own turn to play may request an explanation of the opposing auction.
5.
  - (a) Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer.
  - (b) Dummy may pick up an opponent's system card during the play of a hand to let declarer know that something curious has happened.

### Answers:

1. (b) The laws do not mention a pause for inspection before cards are turned over. Law 66A: "So long as his side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the last trick be faced." This doesn't mean that cards are turned over lightning fast and Dummy, make sure that you pick up the named card and face it on the table before turning it over.

2. (b) Leave sorting out revokes to the director. Creating a dog's breakfast before calling the director makes things more difficult. While play is in progress, it is not permitted to face quitted tricks to see if a revoke has been established.
3. (b) Good players do not need to sledge. Players who forget their manners and screech, "It's a top! It's a top!" are simply advertising the fact that top scores for them are a rarity.
4. (b) Law 41 B allows leader's partner to request explanations once the opening lead has been placed face down on the table. Expressing interest in conventional bids before partner has chosen his opening lead might be construed as suggesting a good holding in that suit.
5. (a) At a recent congress, partner made an interesting signal and dummy immediately grabbed our system card. Declarer now said, "Oh, yes. What are your signals?"

Directing recently at a club session, and about to hand out boards for a 7½-table Share & Relay with an EW sit out at table 8, the EW pair at table 7 jumped up and decided they would be NS at table 8. Oh, no you don't. Back you go. After a bit of pouting and foot stamping (by them) I got them back in their cage. KISS movements are best. Keep it simple for the players and easy for the scorer.

Recently I played in a 9½ -Share & Relay with EW 6 the missing pair – a NS sit out. Alarm bells rang but as the movement is technically sound I sat back in my seat. Sure enough, NS 8 hadn't returned to their table after their sit out when South from Table 7 helped himself to the wrong boards. Both tables played the wrong boards in blissful ignorance.

Years ago I took a long time to score a 10-Table Share & Relay. I deduced that Tables 1 to 5 had not been in line with 10 to 6 so that tables 5, 6 & 7 formed a triangle. Although the relay table was correctly positioned between 5 & 6, the players perceived it to be between 6 & 7 at the first move. At the beginning of round 3, with the relay table now being correctly viewed as being between 5 & 6, the boards were found to be out of order. This was rectified, without the director realising the earlier misperception, and a novice pair of EWs scolded for fouling the movement (I don't know why EW got the blame). A set of boards now sat on the relay table for a second round. In addition

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to the obvious averages, when the novice pair got to the director's table, they also met boards they had already played and either didn't notice, or were too frightened to say so.

What is your favourite foul up, when the movement was correctly set up but went horribly wrong?

■ Jan Peach

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