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North Queensland Tour

At the behest of Charles Page and promoted by the Queensland Bridge Association with assistance from the Australian Bridge Federation, Suzie and I ran teaching seminars in Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns at the beginning of April.

We flew to Mackay on Friday, 7th April, and were met at the airport by Monica Darley.

The two sessions were back to back from 12 noon till 6.00pm and there were quite a few visitors from Bowen and Proserpine. Unfortunately there were reports of road flooding late in the afternoon and the visitors had to leave around 4.30pm.

The topics included Multi-Twos and defence to these, opening leads, suit-preference signals and special signaling situations. This was one of the deals.

Dlr N	♠ KJ76
Vul Both	♥ AKJ65
	♦ 103
	♣ 72
♠ 8	♠ 43
♥ 1097	♥ 432
♦ AK842	♦ QJ97
♣ AQ83	♣ 10954
	♠ AQ10952
	♥ Q8
	♦ 65
	♣ KJ6

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

West is expected to lead a top diamond and East should signal with the DQ. This indicates it is safe for West to continue with a low diamond. East wins the next diamond with the jack and shifts to a club for one down.

If West starts with DA, DK, the contract cannot be defeated. Indeed, if West does not cash the CA at trick 3, declarer can make eleven tricks.

Pam Brewer picked us up at

Rockhampton airport and we had lunch at Pam's before going to the club for an afternoon and an evening session. The topics included Multi-Twos, suit-preference signals, special signaling situations, the part-score zone and eliminations and endplays. Here is a deal where it is essential for declarer to think before playing to the first trick.

Dlr S	♠ 63
Vul EW	♥ 84
	♦ QJ10
	♣ J108643
♠ K98	♠ Q7542
♥ Q76	♥ A1092
♦ K8632	♦ 54
♣ 72	♣ 95
	♠ AJ10
	♥ KJ53
	♦ A97
	♣ AKQ

W	N	E	S
P	3NT	All pass	2NT

West leads the D3 and South must beware of the instinctive play of letting dummy's diamond honour win. With the clubs blocked, declarer needs an entry to dummy after cashing the CA, CK, CQ. The only possible entry is in diamonds.

Therefore win trick 1 with the DA, play off the top clubs and then lead a low diamond. West cannot prevent your reaching dummy. If you do win the first diamond in dummy, the defence can stop you from returning to dummy later.

We were picked up at Townsville airport by Geoff Allan who took us to his home for lunch before an afternoon and an evening session at the club rooms.

The topics covered signaling on partner's lead, opening leads, high-level competitive bidding and the power of shape.

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Dir S	♠ J8732		
Vul NS	♥ K1065		
	♦ 92		
	♣ AJ		
♠ 5		♠ AQ1094	
♥ Q		♥ J93	
♦ 1085		♦ AJ63	
♣ K10976432		♣ 5	
	♠ K6		
	♥ A8742		
	♦ KQ74		
	♣ Q8		

W	N	E	S
4C ¹	4H	All pass	1H

¹ This is enough, even at favourable vulnerability. There are some who would jump straight to 5C but the suit should be strong to do that.

The deal arose in the quarter-finals of the 1999 Bermuda Bowl and at most tables 4H went one or two down. After the S5 to the ace and a spade back, ruffed, a diamond to the ace and another spade, declarer often ruffed high, hoping for West to have started with HQ J bare. This meant two down.

When Indonesia was East-West:

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

A basic rule is that after you pre-empt, any double by partner is for penalties. That makes 5C by West a strange decision. That cost 500 and 12 IMPs.

When Italy was East-West:

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

East was short in partner's suit and therefore should not be competing. That cost 800 and 14 IMPs. It is comforting to see the top players blunder from time to time. We were back to the airport very early on Monday for the flight to Cairns, where we were met by Helen Thompson.

We had a morning and afternoon session at the Cairns Bridge Club with a break for lunch at the club. The topics were splinters, Roman Key Card Blackwood and subsequent asking bids, world championship slams, winning tips on opening leads and advanced defensive play.

This was one of the tough slam hands from the 2005 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl.

Dir S	♠ QJ843		
Vul None	♥ A		
	♦ A		
	♣ AQJ1076		
♠ 7		♠ 65	
♥ 53		♥ KJ82	
♦ KQ1087632		♦ J94	
♣ 32		♣ 9854	
	♠ AK1092		
	♥ Q109764		
	♦ 5		
	♣ K		

W	N	E	S
4D	X ¹	P	1H
P	4NT ²	P	4S
P	6C ⁴	P	5H ³
P	7S	All pass	6S ⁵

¹ Double = takeout

² 4NT = RKCB

³ 5H = Two key cards for spades, no SQ

⁴ 6C = Asking bid in clubs (answers go in order: no Q, no K, Q only, K only, both K and Q).

⁵ 6S = King only

Without knowing whether partner has the CK, North should judge the grand slam to be risky.

Another successful auction:

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

¹ With a weak hand, some chose 1S.

² Two key cards for spades, no SQ

³ Asking for specific kings

⁴ Shows the CK

Not so successful:

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

¹ Asking for kings

² One king but North cannot tell which one it is.

2005 world championship results:

Bermuda Bowl: 4/22 bid 7NT, 13 in 7S, 4 in 6S, 1 in 4S. Venice Cup 3 in 7NT, 7 in 7S, 7 in 6S, 3 in 6C, 1 in 5S, 1 in 4C. Seniors Bowl: 2/22 in 7NT, 11 in 7S, 6 in 6S, 2 in 6C, 1 in 7H two down.

Thanks to Charles Page and Kim Ellaway for all the organization and to all those club members who made our time with you so pleasant.

■ Ron Klinger

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Double Whammy

WHO needs slam hands to make teams bridge exciting? Whilst it's not uncommon to find NS and EW playing and making the same low-level contract, often 1NT, I think that finding both pairs in a team playing the same doubled contract is a rarity.

This happened to our team playing in the recent Gympie Teams Congress. In our team both pairs were playing Precision.

Dir E	♠ K976		
Vul Both	♥ AK104		
	♦ K532		
	♣ 10		
♠ AJ8		♠ 10532	
♥ 97		♥ J832	
♦ A104		♦ J96	
♣ A8743		♣ J2	
	♠ Q4		
	♥ Q65		
	♦ Q87		
	♣ KQ965		

W	N	E	S
2C	X	All pass	1D

The result was 1100 to NS.

At the other table:

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

The result was 180 to NS.

Understandably, our team-mates were upset at the result at their table until we scored up.

■ Wayne Choy Show

Position Becoming Vacant

The Australian Bridge Federation produces a Newsletter, 6 editions a year. The position of Editor(s) has become available and expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified, or enthusiastic, persons to take on this challenging role. A generous Honorarium is offered.

The Editor is responsible for the production, printing and distribution of the Newsletter and may secure paid articles from Bridge journalists.

BBC Easter Congress

FOR all of my sins during the year I play over Easter with the "Grumpy Old Man" (G.O.M.) Bill Hunt for two days. This is my 4th year doing this and we have been successful at either the pairs or the teams each year so we feel obliged to return!

In the pairs this year we finished badly and a lot of muttering was heard from (G.O.M.) which made me look forward to the teams next day (NOT).

We teamed up with Rosa Lachman and Pele Rankin on the Monday hoping (G.O.M.) would be pleasant (Ha, ha!) for a few hands at least.

Dir W	♠ AK4		
Vul Both	♥ AK3		
	♦ AJ		
	♣ Q9753		
♠ J3		♠ 1076	
♥ 9762		♥ QJ854	
♦ 109632		♦ Q54	
♣ 109		♣ 82	
	♠ Q9852		
	♥ 10		
	♦ K87		
	♣ AKJ4		

Three Grands are available on this board.

- 1) Poor 7S - if spades don't break there is no play.
- 2) Average 7NT - the diamond finesse is available if the spades don't break.
- 3) Great 7C - almost 100 %.

7NT was played at our table for a flat board. The results ranged from 3NT to 7NT but did not hear of any 7C which I should have bid - rumbling from (G.O.M.)

Whilst the position requires dedication, the benefits of editorial freedom combined with the challenge of the job would suit would be or established Bridge Journalists. The current editor is resigning later on this year, however will assist in the hand over to the successful applicant. Applications to: The Secretary, ABF secretary@abf.com.au

Dir N	♠ Q10853		
Vul Both	♥ 104		
	♦ A986		
	♣ K10		
♠ 762		♠ KJ	
♥ J		♥ A9872	
♦ 10542		♦ K73	
♣ Q5432		♣ J87	
	♠ A94		
	♥ KQ653		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ A96		

W	N	E	S
P	P	1H	1NT
P	2H	P	2S
P	3NT	P	?

Do I bid 4S or pass 3NT?

I was worried about a heart ruff against 4S so chose to pass with fear and trepidation. Can you imagine if 3NT went off and 4S made - most partners would say, "Unlucky", but (G.O.M.) would not be so kind. As expected a heart ruff beat 4S and 3NT made - no dramas and 4S at the other table gave us + 13 IMPs!

Here is a hand to show that the (G.O.M.) is still as good a player as ever.

How would you feel holding:

♠ KQ10864 ♥ 107 ♦ A4 ♣ 1086

and your LHO (G.O.M.) opened 2S, double by partner and pass by RHO.

Surely you would think you were in bridge heaven! The thought of getting (G.O.M.) for double figures had West at our table drooling! But alas after writing in -470 you know it is not your day.

Here is the hand; see if you can beat 2SX by North:

Dir N	♠ AJ9732		
Vul None	♥ 842		
	♦ J108		
	♣ 3		
♠ KQ10864		♠ —	
♥ 107		♥ AQ963	
♦ A4		♦ Q52	
♣ 1086		♣ QJ752	
	♠ 5		
	♥ KJ5		
	♦ K9763		
	♣ AK94		

Thanks to three scores of 25 on the last three matches we ended up winning the teams so it will be back for more pleasure? (torture) with (G.O.M.) next year.

P.S. No, you cannot beat 2SX by North.

■ Neville Francis

25 Years Ago

suit is first to run the SJ, catering for singleton eight or nine, but not queen, with East. When West covers you can re-enter hand with the SK to play the S6 which you will overtake with the S7 to run the suit. On the actual layout, the spade blockage means just another cold contract down the tube if you played on clubs first.

Oh ! What a Lovely Hand

♠ 10532 ♥ 106 ♦ KQ ♣ J10764	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ KQ984 ♥ J32 ♦ 862 ♣ A5 ♠ AJ76 ♥ KQ987 ♦ 53 ♣ 98 ♠ — ♥ A54 ♦ AJ10974 ♣ KQ32
N	E					
W	S					

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

West led the H10. After the (mis)play of the hand I (North) was subjected to the usual indignities from partner. What was your 3H bid? he said. What would you bid? I replied. I would pass 3D, he said, knowing that my spade honours were wasted. Well let me reply to you, dear reader. His 3D bid is, presumably, forward going, I have 10 points where I might have 5, I have 3-card diamond support where I might have a doubleton, I have an ace in his second suit, I have a good 5-card spade suit for which my partner may still hold 3-card support or honour doubleton

and I hold half a stopper in hearts, should partner wish to essay 3NT. Further I am not clairvoyant, only my partner can see his void in my suit. He actually did well not to bid 3NT, it is certainly where you would want to play seeing only our hands and I must acknowledge that it is cold from my side because the opponent holding the king and the queen of hearts is on lead. Had partner's holding been A10 or even A9 it is vital that he plays no trumps.

The play. Partner did well to duck the H10 lead and win the continuation but it was then that he embarked on what can reasonably be described as a no-play line. He played off the top 3 clubs, discarding a heart from dummy. His hash was quickly settled when this was ruffed with another defensive trump trick to come. For this line to succeed not only did 3 rounds of clubs have to stand up but so also did a fourth round club ruff and a third round heart ruff, that is the defenders must not be permitted to take the DK and DQ separately.

Two superior lines both succeed. The simple one is to take the lead at face value, as a doubleton, win the second round and play ace and another diamond. In the fullness of time the SA can be ruffed out and the losing heart discarded.

The more complicated line is to win the heart, enter dummy with the CA and ruff out the SA. Dummy is re-entered with a third round club ruff, with the D8 for the heart discard and only then, ace and another diamond played. Lucky perhaps that the D8 holds but this line succeeds whenever the clubs are 4-3 and the trumps are 2-2 or there's a singleton honour in either hand.

Clearly the third line is the best one but even line two is superior to my man's effort. ■

George's continuation of his 1 H/S - 1NT system is on page 13 of the web version.

ONLY ten pairs entered each section of the trials for the Open and Women's Queensland Teams. Despite this, the Open was one of the strongest fields entered for some years, although most of the top players were gambling on relatively untried partnerships.

As a contrast, the Women's section had decreased in both size and quality from that of 1980 but fortunately there is a greater depth of talent in Women's bridge as compared with the Open so that there are still enough sufficiently experienced pairs to ensure a good team and also a challenging event.

Both sections played the same boards but the Butler averages were calculated separately.

The Open

Dir W Vul Both ♠ 76 ♥ A72 ♦ Q10752 ♣ Q84	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ AQ ♥ 1084 ♦ KJ ♣ AJ7652 ♠ 1085 ♥ KJ95 ♦ A943 ♣ 109 ♠ KJ9432 ♥ Q63 ♦ 86 ♣ K3
N	E					
W	S					

Imagine you are East defending a contract of 4S played by South in the opening round of the trials. Cover the West and South hands as your partner leads the D5 to dummy's jack, your ace and declarer's six. As that club suit is looking particularly ominous it is clearly time to switch to hearts and followers of Terence Reese's 'The Expert Game' will recognize the importance of leading the HJ at trick two. Notice how any other return gives declarer the contract.

Similar situations arise in these cases where the object is to win the most tricks possible.

A J 3	
Q 10 7 2	K 8 4
9 6 5	
West leads the 10 to hold declarer to 1 trick.	
K 6 5	
A Q 10 2	8 7 3
J 9 4	

As long as partner has an entry, West establishes 3 tricks in no trumps by leading the queen.



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So much for the expert game. Back to earth with an extraordinary bid justified by an optimistic line of declarer play.

Dlr W	♠ 94		
Vul Both	♥ 975		
	♦ A643		
	♣ A1052		
♠ AKQ632		♠ 10875	
♥ Q86		♥ K103	
♦ J2		♦ 87	
♣ 98		♣ KJ64	
	♠ J		
	♥ AJ42		
	♦ KQ1095		
	♣ Q73		

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

Perhaps North was encouraged by the superb quality of his trump holding.

The defence was uninspired, excused partially because of the expectation of a slightly longer heart suit with North.

West won the spade lead and fearing a ruff and discard, switched to a club. East won and returned a club to North's ten. Declarer now ran the H9, East not covering (!), to West's queen and the diamond return allowed declarer to successfully finesse and draw trumps making 10 tricks.

Isn't it humiliating when the scorers come over to check that you really did allow 4H to make?

The team of Richard Wallis-David Lee, George Cuppaidge-Simon Andrews and Tony Jackman-Denis Priest is arguably the best team Queensland can produce and, temperament permitting, is capable of reaching the finals at the Melbourne ANC.

■ Richard Ward

The Women's

THE Women's Trials this year were full of interest until the play of the last card. This was mainly due to the freaky distributions which abounded, and became more marked as the days progressed. Several people remarked to me that a thorough shuffling of the cards at some stage would have ensured better and fairer boards for a selection event such as this. Personally, I felt that the really strange hands were not frequent enough overall to be a problem. Certainly, it was preferable to an event in which I recently played to select the Australian Women's Team where the majority of deals had about 10 points in each hand with the result that 3 or 4 boards a match were passed in.

These were some of the wild hands which had us muttering and drinking large quantities of gin into the night. Not vulnerable against vulnerable, I picked up this hand as West, the dealer.

♠AQ1076 ♥KQ9743 ♦6 ♣J

Anticipating a juicy major game, I opened 1H. The bidding proceeded

W	N	E	S
1H	X	2H ¹	3D
4H ²	5D	P	P
5H ³	P	P	6D
6H ⁴	7D	P	P
X ⁵	All pass		

¹ Showing hearts and fewer than 5 points.

² Trying to talk them out of 5D which looks fairly good. I wonder who's got the clubs and the rest of the spades?

³ Well, I'd better make the obvious non-vulnerable sacrifice.

⁴ Why did I ever bid over 3D? 'No bid' would have been surely a wonderful spot.

⁵ Here goes nothing. Surely my spade ace will hold a trick.

Dlr W	♠ K42		
Vul NS	♥ 10		
	♦ AK10975		
	♣ AK3		
♠ AQ1076		♠ J9853	
♥ KQ9763		♥ 8542	
♦ 6		♦ —	
♣ J		♣ 9875	
	♠ —		
	♥ AJ		
	♦ QJ8432		
	♣ Q10642		

The spade hit the table; so did dummy; so did my chin.

Here is the complete deal.

As declarer ruffed my ace, her partner asked in awed tones, 'Having no spades?' The words engraved themselves in my memory as I recorded the dreaded -2330. I hope I never have to write it again in the years to come, but something tells me ...

It was some small comfort to discover that two other foolish Wests had bid themselves into the same dilemma.

Before finishing, I would like to pay tribute to Tess Young and Joan McPheat who slaved over the 3 days doing all the hard work, and especially thanks to Reg Busch as tournament director who made all the difficult decisions and kept the event running smoothly.

■ Lindy Vincent

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Senior Trials

FIRSTLY, congratulations to the three top Gold Coast pairs for winning the selection trials to represent Queensland in the A.N.C Senior Teams in Adelaide in July. Well done.

In the trials Jenny Han and I spent a horror weekend the first weekend sitting on the wrong side of all the slams with the exception of the only one we came across where to succeed meant taking one of two finesses and sadly I didn't give it enough thought and took the wrong one. That weekend quite a few of the top players were uphappy by the inequity of sitting against the luck of the hands. C'est la vie!

The very first match we sat against Tony Berger and Roman Morawiecki and on the very first board they were the only pair to bid this slam.

Dir W	♠ 75		
Vul EW	♥ K732		
	♦ K75		
	♣ Q87		
♠ AKQJ62		♠ 62	
♥ —		♥ 64	
♦ AQJ62		♦ 10943	
♣ J95		♣ AK1032	
	♠ J1043		
	♥ AQJ10985		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 4		

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

I was sitting South and I have no excuse that my bidding boots weren't on. I should have bid 4H to disrupt their bidding sequence but my only excuse was my 4 spades (or it was too early in the morning?) but they had a clear run. We lost to them badly.

Our only small crumb of comfort was that we managed to beat the other two top pairs in our matches but we certainly did not play to our potential overall.

Sad were the withdrawals from the play by Denis Croft and Richard Touton through ill health. We wish them a safe recovery.

Tom Strong and Danny Osmund are to be congratulated on their performance as they were a last minute entry without much practice play together.

Good luck and good bridging to all the team members for July in Adelaide.

■ Margaret Drake

Women's Trials

AHAND from this year's trials for the Womens and Open Team could be titled "How high to pre-empt."

Dir E	♠ AKJ962		
Vul None	♥ 6		
	♦ 872		
	♣ J102		
♠ Q7		♠ 108543	
♥ A85		♥ K2	
♦ AQJ64		♦ K1053	
♣ Q64		♣ A8	
	♠ —		
	♥ QJ109743		
	♦ 9		
	♣ K9753		

Assuming East passes as dealer, South must decide how best to describe this gem. The old refrain, "I only have 6 points" is obviously irrelevant. The question "How many playing tricks do I have?" is nearer the mark, and a confident bidder may assess the total as 7 tricks, with 5 hearts and hopefully 2 clubs.

The overall aim, however, should be to pre-empt East-West out of the auction, and to this end 2 of the 5 Souths in the Womens event opened with a bid of 4H.

As EW's only making game was 3NT, this had the desired effect. It turned out that 2 EW pairs were allowed to play in 3NT, and the undoubled 4H was the optimum result for NS.

Which Slam?

A spectacular hand from the trials allowed several pairs to conduct a friendly contest along the lines of "my suit is better than yours."

Dir N	♠ J9732		
Vul None	♥ 10		
	♦ Q102		
	♣ 10432		
♠ AQ10854		♠ K6	
♥ 7		♥ AKQJ985	
♦ AKJ83		♦ 7	
♣ K		♣ Q86	
	♠ —		
	♥ 6432		
	♦ 9654		
	♣ AJ975		

With NS silent, the bidding would proceed with 1H - 1S. The re-bid of 3H or 4H obviously gladdened the hearts of the West players, with the immediate sniff of a slam, possibly a grand. When the Blackwood sequence revealed two keycards (most likely the AK of hearts) plus the HQ, several Wests advanced with 6D, offering partner the choice of slams.

At 2 tables, East clung stubbornly to bidding her hearts, and was rewarded with the ice-cold 6H contract. (Only, of course, if played by East.) At my table, East gave preference to 6S, doubled by North. A momentary consideration of 6NT was dismissed, owing to the fragile nature of the holding in clubs, so that a disappointing -100 was recorded for this very attractive hand.

■ Pat Back

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Gold Coast Congress Teams



Richard Wallis

THE Gold Coast Congress continues to grow and hit another record entry in 2006. It is hoped that the move to the Broadbeach Convention Centre for 2007 will be welcomed by all players as it will allow everyone to play at the same venue for the first time in many years. The format for next year has not been finalized, but it is unlikely to alter the current format for the Pairs.

The event attracts players from far and wide, and as well as the large contingent from New Zealand and the rest of Australia, teams from the UK, Indonesia, and Rumania took part. Some of the overseas visitors have been before, and a team consisting of 4 English players, 1 Irishman and 1 Australian/Kiwi won the Teams, which is the same winning team as 2005, except for the addition of the Irishman.

As usual, I played with Tony Jackman, Meta Goodman, Wynne Webber and Therese Tully, with Sue Lusk making the trip from Adelaide to make up the 6. After a good start but without large wins we were progressing nicely, until we were rocked in match 7 by a 25-5 loss that put us back in the pack. However, 25s in matches 8 and 9, including a 25-5 win against team 1 (Indonesia), put us in with a chance of qualifying with a big win in the last match.

Looking at the board I could see that our maximum score was 193, which did not appear to be enough to get to 2nd, but David Beauchamp expressed the view that 193 could well be plenty, and how right he was! We at least improved our chances, when we drew the leaders, a team of mostly Rumanians/Germans, and we needed a 21-9 win to overtake them and then see how the other results went. Tony and I played with Wynne and Meta, and while we had a good match, our 17-13 win was not quite good enough and the Rumanian team held on to first place with the Wyer team (which we had also beaten 16-14) in second place. We finished the qualifying in 5th place, but 2 losses on the next day dropped us down to 22nd overall. Both of the teams from our pool lost their semi-final.

Having not played the first match, due to our 6-man team, board 15 of match 2 was our first of the event.

M 2	♠ 3		
Bd 15	♥ AQ1063		
Dlr S	♦ AK103		
Vul NS	♣ A87		
♠ A52		♠ KJ1097	
♥ J97		♥ K42	
♦ 9542		♦ J7	
♣ 953		♣ J64	
	♠ Q864		
	♥ 86		
	♦ Q86		
	♣ KQ102		

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

Some players overcall just because they can, and others overcall to suggest a lead. I am not sure what category the East player falls into, but his partner did not lead his suit, so you can make up your own mind. However, West may have been hoping that East could gain the lead early and lead a spade through my hand.

My 1NT response showed 5-8 (or 9+) and a stop, and I had nowhere to go over 3H so I bid the obvious 3NT and West led the C5.

With everything friendly, the lead did not matter as declarer always has 4 clubs, 4 diamonds and a heart. As it turned out, if West did lead spades and I won a trick with the SQ (ducking the SJ from East), that would have been 10 tricks.

At the other table NS played in their 5-2 fit, and have 11 tricks on top. When a spade was not cashed early on, that became 12 tricks and we lost 2 IMPs. ■

The complete article is available on the QBA website at www.qldbridge.com

News from the Manager's Desk

ANC 2006

Open Team - Jim Wallis, Siggie Konig, Janeen Solomon, Peter Evans, Neville Francis and Magnus Moren - Captain, Kamal Sanmugarasa

Women's Team - Margaret Millar, Greer Tucker, Pat Larsen, Eva Berger, Marion Cooke and Kim Ellaway - Captain, Jill Broad

Seniors - Roman Morawiecki, Tony Berger, Robert and Helen Milward, Tom Strong, Danny Osmund - Captain, Ian Afflick.

A youth team will be representing Qld - the names in next bulletin.

Ron Klinger's Tour to North Queensland was extremely successful.

Thanks to all clubs who participated in the Bridge for Brain Research Charity Week - results of money raised and results of event will appear in the QBA Bulletin.

QBA Senior Pairs November 18-19 QCBC

DID YOU KNOW?

When there are a number of options available to correct an irregularity, a non-offender is entitled to choose the one most advantageous to his side.

QBA Individual December 17th - QCBC



**2007 Gold Coast Congress
February 17-24**

Club News

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

Stanthorpe

The club contributed to the local community by donating \$500.00 to both the Blue Car and Carramar Nursing Homes. A charity day for the Royal Flying Doctor Service will be held shortly.

Toowong

The 40th Anniversary was held in late 05 - everyone enjoyed the birthday cake.

QCBC

Thanks to the Community Benefit Fund for the \$18,000 to purchase new chairs. The club has received a resumption notice - I will keep you updated via this column. Over \$600 was raised in a raffle for the Cyclone Fund.

Toowoomba

Has been very busy organising their new building.

Surfers

The club's financial position is good. Surfers members take the Amro Morgans best Regional SE Queensland/Northern NSW prizes in the Open, Seniors and Restricted Teams at the Gold Coast Congress.

Arana

A new committee has been appointed. \$2,500 was raised at a Bring and Buy.

Bowen

Ten members from Bowen made the trip to Mackay to participate in Ron Klinger's tutorial. The Club hired a coach and paid the attendance fee for those participating. Everyone agreed that it was very worthwhile. It was a long and exciting trip. Heavy rain the night before didn't deter them from leaving Bowen at 9 a.m. to be there a little before 12 noon (starting time). Unfortunately, at the commencement of Ron's final session, the coach driver came in to advise that the road was likely to be cut just south of Proserpine because of continuing heavy rain, so we all left in a hurry. The coach got through safely arriving back into Bowen at around 9 pm but the trip was made even more of an adventure when the windscreen wipers on the coach failed. You can't say our club members aren't devoted to their bridge - rain, hail or shine nothing shall deter them.

BAWA

The dates for the 2007 ANC in Perth has been set as 6th July to 21st July.

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Coming Events

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| June 3-4 | Arana Swiss Pairs & Teams |
| 4 | Redlands Novice Pairs |
| 9-12 | QBA Barrier Reef Congress - Cairns |
| 11-12 | QCBC Pairs & Teams - Restricted Section |
| 17-18 | Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams & Butler Prs |
| 18 | Toowong Swiss Pairs - Restricted Section |
| 24 | QBA Club Directors' Exam |
| 24-25 | Gold Coast Swiss Teams |
| | Bowen Pairs |
| 25 | BBC Novice Pairs (<75 MPs) |
| July 2 | QBA Graded Pairs (QCBC) |
| 8 | Colin Stone Teams Rd 3 (Toowong) |
| | Caloundra Novice Pairs |
| 9 | Lockyer Pairs |
| | Noosa Teams |
| 15 | Colin Stone Teams Rd 4 (Toowong) |
| 15-16 | Bundaberg Pairs |
| 16 | Ipswich Novice Pairs |
| | Broadwater Swiss Teams |
| 21-22 | Cairns Pairs & Teams |
| 21-Aug 5 | ANC Adelaide |
| 22-23 | Goondoowindi Swiss Pairs |
| 23 | BBC Graded Swiss Teams |
| 29 | Mackay Novice Pairs |
| 29-30 | Moreton-Bribie Pairs & teams |
| 30 | Toowoomba Swiss Teams |

Teacher's Corner



**Joan
Butts**

YOU think you know how it is, and then it all changes! That's bridge for you! I'm talking about whether to open 1NT with a five-card major. It **used** to be a no-no, and teachers purposely avoided using those hands for lessons on opening 1NT.

Slowly but surely, a few years ago, American (and other) teachers started to convert to opening these hands 1NT rather than 1H/1S. Here in Oz, we are now doing it too. Ron Klinger's recent book on the subject advances this theory, and really offers good reasons for the change. Here are some:

(1) Opening 1NT can keep the bidding lower.

♠ KQ	♠ A73
♥ A9732	♥ 64
♦ AK4	♦ Q642
♣ J63	♣ 8752

(2) Opening 1NT gives less info to the opponents. If you open 1h or 1S and end up in no trumps, the opponents won't lead your suit. If the bidding goes 1NT - 3NT they will often make a friendly lead.

(3). If you open with your major, and no major fit exists, partner will often respond 1NT. Opening 1NT will allow the strong hand to be declarer.

(4). Opening 1NT allows partner to make a transfer bid. If you open 1H or 1S,

partner will pass if weak. If you open 1NT, partner is actually encouraged to bid with a weak hand and a long suit.

(5). When you open 1NT you reveal your strength, and may reach a game that is missed when you open in a major.

(6). Opening 1NT eliminates rebid problems and simplifies your system.

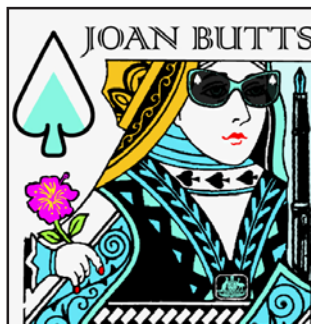
(7) Even if a major fit does exist, opening 1NT can keep you lower.

If the bidding starts 1H - 2H and you have the same values as a strong 1NT, you'll invite game, and may get too high.

(8) If you do have enough for a strong 1NT, but you open with 1H or 1S, you will rarely be allowed to play in 2 of a major.

(9) Even when a major suit fit exists, it can be safer to play in 3NT than 4 of a major by averting the risk of a ruff.

You do need a five-card Major Stayman, but it's not hard to adapt your basic system to that. Read all about it in Ron's book: "Five-Card Major Stayman". I have copies available (0413 772 650), or call Ron Klinger direct on 02 9958 5589. ■



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1.00-4.00 Hyatt Teams
6.00 Victory Dinner
7.30 Goodbye Pairs

Friday 23

9.30, & 11.00 Lessons
1.00 Romney Pairs 1
7.30 Romney Pairs 2.

Sunday 25

9.30 & 11.00 Lessons
1.00-4.00 Duplicate
7.30 Duplicate

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Results

Toowoomba Novice Pairs March 19

- 1 R Brilliant I Jesner
- 2 M Josey J Murtagh
- 3 H Holmes C Hutton

Plate

- 1 R Fulton L Sutton
- 2 H Ferrier A Gibson
- 3 P Lutton F Short

Consolation

- 1 B Wippell B Wippell
- 2 F Wilson M Wilson
- 3 C Leicht M Leicht

Surfers Graded Teams March 19

- 1 J Pritchard B Barden
A Tuxworth N Tuxworth
- 2 H Milward R Milward
W Carvill L Melchior
- 3 B Hunt M Pemberton
J Summerhayes A Gianazza

0 - 399 MPs

- 1 B Hunt D Hatcher
G Roberts K Dean
- 2 N deMestre M deMestre
F McLaughlin S Wismer
- 3 K Trad K Knobel
M Anderson J Anderson

0 - 99 MPs

- 1 K Donaldson J Palm
B Wilson B Duncan
- 2 L Crookall P Pratt
L Kwok A Chan
- 3 R Sayers I Sayers
M Bullivant J Tucker

Coolool Teams March 26

- 1 M Dyer M Ryan
L Fredericks G Wardrop
- 2 T Walford W Hiddins
D Smith J Keim
- 3 I Halford S Brookes
M Radke V Brookes

B Section

- 1 D Jones A Finney
J Czekanski B Gibson
- 2 D Beil D Austin
J Fields G Olsen

C Section

- 1 J McPheat P Busch
B Slaughter P Terrace
- 2 C McDonald J Bell
I Dawes T Townend

Northern Suburbs Swiss Pairs April 2

- 1 D Croft G Rusher
- 2= B Hunt R Ward

- 2= G Olsen Y Kilvert
- 4 M Robson B Lee

Plate

- 1 P Schoen E Meldrum
- 2 S Solo H Kruse
- 3 J Gough P Wells

Muriel Goodman Memorial Trophy

- R Mclauchlan H Mclauchlan

Qld Team Trials

Open

- 1 R Parker P Hainsworth
- 2 S Konig J Wallis
- 3 J Solomon P Evans
- 4 J Summerhayes A Gianazza

Women

- 1 M Millar G Tucker
- 2 E Berger P Larsen
- 3 K Ellaway M Cooke
- 4 L Vincent S Mabin

Senior

- 1 H Milward R Milward
- 2 T Berger R Morawiecki
- 3 T Strong D Osmund
- 4 I Afflick P Collins

Redlands Novice Teams April 9

- 1 J Swanson G Yates
K Homik M Williamson
- 2 D Bessell G Chasling
M Morgan M Thom
- 3 T Treloar K Read
P Bugler S Pandya

Proserpine/Whitsunday Teams March 25-26

- 1 A Pini M Lange
V Carroll J Spencer
 - 2 M Saunders S Dwarshus
M Allen E Whyte
 - 3 A Brown F Brown
B Baldry J Robinson
- Best under National -**
F Raiteri J Sander
B Gage B-A Wright

BBC Easter Congress April 16-17

Pairs

- 1 A Pryde D Appleton
- 2 J & I Luck
- 3 J Evans L Moses

Plate

- 1 P Wells M Fox
- 2 J Leung J Solomon

Restricted

- 1 B Wilson B Duncan
- 2 W Harvey P Thomson
- 3 T Treloar P Evans

Teams

- 1 B Hunt N Francis
R Lachman P Rankin

- 2 A Pryde D Appleton
J Leung J Solomon
- 3=C & C Woolley
J & M Millar
- 3=J Summerhayes A Gianazza
F Landy L Sanderson

Plate

- 1=K Moschner S Sender
J Fields G Olsen

- 1=A Stitt L Barua

- L Newnham T Newnham

Toowoomba Congress April 29-May 1

Pairs

- 1 N Francis M Moren
- 2 G Wardrop P Lang
- 3 D Breadsell M Nicholas

Plate

- 1 J Kenyon L Kenyon
- 2 L Eaves J Baker
- 3 N Rowland J O'Connor

Consolation

- 1 J Erlandson W Higgins
- 2 J Todd C Evans
- 3 I Jesser R Brilliant

Teams

- 1 N Francis M Moren
D Appleton G Malinas
- 2 R Wallis T Tully
T Jackman M Goodman
- 3 I Afflick B Healy
H Milward R Milward

Plate

- 1 G Clift L Hore
V Buchanan P Penberthy
- 2 J Whitmee B Whitmee
B Bonnell N Bonnell

Mackay Congress April 28-May 1

Pairs

- 1 J Spencer V Carroll
- 2 H & G Walsh
- 3 R & R Taylor

Teams

- 1 R Lorraway J Dooner
M Saunders S Dwaeshuis
- 2 R Taylor R Taylor
P Collins S O'Brien
- 3 L Bonnick A Bonnick
R Palmer J Buckley

BBC Graded Swiss Pairs May 7

- 1 R Parker N Francis
- 2 M Pemberton D Maggs
- 3 I Luck D Levin

Plate

- 1 S Solo H Kruse
- 2 J Evans D Mcadam

Restricted

- 1 K Homik J Swanson
- 2 M Elkington K Pope
- 3 R Steinhardt G Taylor

Director's Corner

HOW often have you heard the wail that NS or EW had all the cards and that, "something should be done about it?" What could be more boring than sitting down for a session of bridge knowing that "things" were going to be equal?

If you could play enough bridge, using properly shuffled decks, then the average number of points, voids, singleton kings offside whatever would get very close to equal. It would be outstandingly unusual for all these things to be equal over a mere 30 or so boards.

There is a misconception that points are what matter in duplicate bridge. Great joy can come from defeating a contract holding a Yarborough. Having an easy 16 tricks in a 7NT contract, that everyone finds, is just an average score.

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge require hands to be dealt from a thoroughly shuffled pack. The amount of shuffling required to reach random is debatable, as it also depends on the type of shuffling. There seems to be enough documented evidence that poorly shuffled used cards produce flatter hands than computer dealt ones. This is not the computer's fault.

How many elements of randomness does a computer need? Lots. I have a paper by Hans van Staveren on file for anyone interested in the nitty-gritty.

Although the Laws of Bridge don't permit the fudging of deals, there is world-wide acceptance of certain events designed to use previously played hands of particular interest or especially prepared hands. Our own Queensland Wide Pairs to be held this year from 18th to 26th November is one such special event.

The first option after many infringements during the auction is for the LHO to be permitted to accept the infraction. Too often the offender rushes to fix things up after attention is drawn to an infringement and before the director is called, or the director fails to offer acceptance as an option.

Before making a choice, LHO needs to be advised of all options available. When a player is offered a number of options after an opponent's infringement, it is entirely appropriate to select the one most advantageous to one's own side. There is no obligation whatsoever to be kind or nice.

You're sitting there seething because you suspect RHO's call is based on her

partner's sighs, squirms or hesitant double. When do you call the director? Law 16A2 says, "When a player has substantial reason to believe that an opponent who had a logical alternative has chosen an action that could have been suggested by such information."

DID YOU KNOW?

Revoke penalties are not applied to subsequent revokes in the same suit by the same player. However, the director is required to restore equity if further damage has been caused.

This will usually be after the hand has been played or perhaps when the dummy is displayed. Who knows, RHO may have discovered another ace or had mis-sorted her hand or simply had a hand that makes her call clear cut.

It also may turn out that you were not damaged, perhaps even that you got a good score regardless of whether RHO did base her call on the UI.

Law 16A1 permits you to mark an action that may have provided unauthorised information that could damage your side. Opponents will usually agree that there was some irregularity. If not, call the director straight away. There's nothing the director can do until the hand is played out because it isn't until then that damage, if any, is apparent.

■ Jan Peach

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Continuing: Auctions beginning One-of-a-major – 1NT

Auctions beginning with 1H (Auctions beginning with 1S are in the March-April Bulletin)

AFTER an opening bid of 1H, similar methods are adopted, the only additional ground rule is that 1S over 1H promises five so a 1NT response to 1H may contain four spades. (This is a useful philosophy to adopt, I give just two simple examples where it is clearly wrong to show a 4-card spade suit. If you hold 3-card heart support and get a 3-card raise to your 1S response, you are in trouble. Even with a doubleton heart and four spades, the 5-2 is likely to play better than the 4-3. If you hold four spades and a long minor and show the spades first, you can never show the minor without implying longer spades.) A passed hand should, however, freely show a 4-card spade suit, not forcing, over 1H.

Holding four spades, but without reversing values, opener passes 1NT; with reversing values, he bids 2S, forcing. Responder raises with four, bids three of a long minor, sign-off, or bids 2NT forcing. Opener, over 2NT, bids a 3-card minor suit fragment with a 4-5-3-1 (or 4-5-4-0) shape, bids 3NT with 4-5-2-2, 3H with 4-6-1-2, 4-6-0-3 or 4-7-0-2 and 3S with 4-6-2-1, 4-6-3-0 or 4720. (H=C, S=D). The luxury, to be able to show all these shapes, flows from the fact that an opening 1H, in the recommended style, denies the possession of five or more spades.

With game going values but without four spades, opener jump bids in a minor with 5-5 or bids 2NT with a balanced shape, a 5-4-3-1, a 5-4-2-2 or any game force with long hearts.

3H from responder now shows three hearts; 5-9.

3S shows balanced or 4-1-4-4, with 4-4, 4-3 or 3-4 minors as maximum two hearts

3C shows four diamonds, long clubs

3D shows five or more diamonds possibly clubs too.

3NT shows five or more clubs without four diamonds.

Over 3H opener bids a passable 3NT or 4H.

Over 3S opener bids 3NT, 4H to play. 4C/D are natural and forcing.

Over 3C opener bids 3D to set diamonds, bids 3H – waiting – allowing responder to bid **3S** with extra club length, bids **3S** to set clubs, 3NT is terminal.

Over 3D opener raises, bids 3H – waiting – allowing responder to bid **3S** with 5-5 minors, bids **3S** with four clubs, or bids a terminal 3NT or 4H.

Again, after each of these continuations, **3S** by either partner shows clubs.

x	Ax
AKxxxx	x
Kx	Axxx
AKx	QJxxxx

1H	1NT
2NT	3C (long clubs and four diamonds)
3H	3S (an extra club)
4C	4D
4H	4S
5NT	6D (one top club honour)

7C

xx	Axx
AKxxx	x
Ax	KQxx
AQxx	Jxxxx

1H	1NT
2NT	3C
3S sets clubs	4S (denying DA or HA)
4NT	5D (DK)
5NT	6C (0 high honours in clubs)

AKxx	xx
KQxxx	x
x	QJxxx
Axx	Kxxxx

1H	1NT
2S	2NT
3C	pass

AKxx	xx
KQxxx	x
xx	QJxxx
Ax	Kxxxx

1H	1NT
2S	2NT
3NT	sorry partner, we have overbid.

x	xx
KJ9xxxx	—
AK	QJxxx
AKx	Qxxxx

1H	1NT
2NT	3D
3H	3S five clubs, since opener has denied four
4C	5C

Commonwealth Nations

THIS deal is from the England (Hackett) v Queensland match and features decisions in both bidding and play.

Dir E	♠ Q96
Vul NS	♥ J97
	♦ K9
	♣ AJ952
♠ K108754	♠ 2
♥ K	♥ 10527
♦ 7	♦ AQJ8654
♣ K8763	♣ Q10
	♠ AJ3
	♥ AQ8643
	♦ 1032
	♣ 4

W	N	E	S
Parker	Armstrong	Hainsworth	Callaghan
		3D	3H
P	4H	All pass	

W	N	E	S
Bach	Robson	Cornell	Lee
		3D	3H
3S	4H	All pass	

The North hand has a decision to make when 3D is opened on the left and partner overcalls three hearts. Should North raise to 4H, the obvious call, or try 3NT to protect the diamond position?

Certainly, on this deal a diamond lead would allow 3NT to make, while 4H is always beatable. In the event, both Mike Robson and John Armstrong raised to 4H, which is probably the long-term winner.

At both tables, the opening lead was the singleton diamond to the queen. Both Easts cashed the DA and both switched to the singleton spade. Both declarers correctly went up with the SA but now their paths divided. Betty Lee crossed to the CA to take a heart finesse. When that lost, Ashley Bach played king and another spade for two down; –200.

At the other table, Brian Callaghan laid down the HA, not believing that there would be a guarded king on his right along with such a good diamond suit. When the king fell his good play was rewarded. He could draw the trumps and give up a spade; +620 and 13 IMPs to Hackett.

■ Brian Senior

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