



# NEWSLETTER

**AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION INC.**

**EDITORS: David & Sue Lusk**

**NO. 90 JULY 2001**

Approved for Print Post S65001/00163

ABN 70 053 651 666

## Opinion

The success of the Australian Junior Team at the 2001 PABF Championships in Singapore was a result all Australian bridge players can celebrate. It also typifies the roller-coaster of junior bridge administration.

One of the many briefs of the ABF Youth Committee has been to facilitate the improvement of the standard of junior players. Examination of the performance of current juniors at Open level already confirms that this has been happening but an international event with the prestige of the PABFC is certainly the sort of proof that we are keen to see.

Another brief was to increase participation levels of junior players of all standards. The participation rate of Australian juniors at the National Championships in January is testimony to some success on this front but the ANC Junior Teams is something that just won't go right.

After mustering a representative team from seven of the eight states and territories in 2000, the number will have dropped to five at the upcoming ANC in Canberra. This is not a criticism of the two states missing from the 2000 list but it is an illustration of the frustrations which go with providing support to junior bridge across eight states and territories. Despite this, the junior teams at the ANC will be a titanic struggle between the five representative teams with some very high standard bridge in the offing.

After two years of restructuring we have come quite a way but the continued support of state bodies, club administrators and the general bridge playing population is essential to future success.

*David Lusk*

## Australian Youth Triumph

### SUCCESS AT THE PACIFIC ASIA

The Australian Youth Team scored an exciting victory in this year's PABF Championships which were held in Singapore last month.

The team of Paul Brayshaw, Simon Brayshaw, Greg Du Pont, Matt Raisin (all from WA), Nic Croft and Luke Matthews (SA), with Peter Smith (WA) non-playing captain, made the most of a good start (not always customary for Australian teams) to hold out the strong Chinese team in the end. Third place went to Thailand.

It's only the third time Australia has won the title, the previous occasions being 1990 and 1993, both also in Singapore. By the way, the team has a theory about why Australian Youth have done so well in Singapore – it may have something to do with the high cost of alcohol! Youth players, typically impoverished, have little choice but to stay on the straight and narrow once the duty free runs out.

However the real key to the team's success was to perform steadily throughout the tournament. The record of eleven wins, two draws and just three losses out of sixteen matches is a fine performance. Importantly too, we were able to score heavily against the weaker teams, another area where Australian teams have traditionally struggled in international competition. The previous experience of all team members was a telling factor in bringing all of this about. Unfortunately, as is the way in the Youth Section, four of this year's team will exceed the age limit of 26 next year, so it is always vital for a steady stream of new players to be emerging through the Youth ranks.

We had just a few loose team rules. Firstly, look after your teammates. This was no problem in such a harmonious team. Secondly, look after yourself. This was also no problem – see above: "high cost of alcohol". Thirdly, be committed to the team 100%+.

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

**Copy Deadline**

For Issue No 91, September 2001

**August 25, 2001**

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥   ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

This meant not letting teammates down by any actions, behaviour etc. that could be detrimental and again was no problem. And lastly, maintain focus, minimise distractions. As part of this I threw the team a challenge not to look at the leader board during the tournament. In other words don't get involved in what everyone else is doing, just concentrate on what you're there to do – play good bridge. All members approached this with interest and discipline and soon saw the positive impact. They were feeling less pressure and reaping the benefits and saw that just concentrating firmly on their own tasks was all that mattered.

The team did well in all areas of the game. Aggressive bidding meant that very few contracts were missed. Good declarer play meant that tight contracts were made regularly. And sharp defence was employed to set many opposition contracts. You will see reports of many of these hands elsewhere, but on top of all of the good bridge it's always pleasing to see some out-and-out swindles.

Luke Matthews opened 1♦ as South (although many would treat the hand as a 5-5 and open 1♥). After a natural 3NT response by Nic Croft, North, Luke's rebid was a "practical" 6♦, which was doubled by East. Poor West thought long and hard about the lead as his partner waited nervously. When it finally came, the Thai East was delighted to see a black card but, on closer inspection it was not the suit he wanted! West can hardly be blamed for the club lead as he may have expected a void for East's "Lightner" double. There was no mistake in the replay where North was declarer, also in 6♦, and Simon Brayshaw had no trouble cashing his three winners for a 17 IMP swing to Australia.

A different type of swindle came about in the play of the following board. It also revolved around the defence being able to play the right black suit.

|             |              |             |  |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Dealer: S   | <b>North</b> |             |  |
| Vul: All    | ♠ 986        |             |  |
|             | ♥ Q52        |             |  |
|             | ♦ QJ76       |             |  |
|             | ♣ AK7        | <b>East</b> |  |
| <b>West</b> |              | ♠ AK1072    |  |
| ♠ Q43       |              | ♥ 94        |  |
| ♥ 1086      |              | ♦ A         |  |
| ♦ 104       |              | ♣ Q10943    |  |
| ♣ J8652     | <b>South</b> |             |  |
|             | ♠ J5         |             |  |
|             | ♥ AKJ73      |             |  |
|             | ♦ K98532     |             |  |
|             | ♣ —          |             |  |

|           |              |             |             |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dealer: E | <b>North</b> |             |             |
| Vul: EW   | ♠ KJ3        |             |             |
|           | ♥ A1043      |             |             |
|           | ♦ 52         | <b>West</b> |             |
|           | ♣ A752       | ♠ Q107      | <b>East</b> |
|           |              | ♥ 72        | ♠ A986      |
|           |              | ♦ KQ1064    | ♥ Q9        |
|           |              | ♣ KQJ       | ♦ AJ73      |
|           | <b>South</b> |             | ♣ 863       |
|           | ♠ 542        |             |             |
|           | ♥ KJ865      |             |             |
|           | ♦ 98         |             |             |
|           | ♣ 1094       |             |             |

After two passes Nic Croft, West, opened an Acol 1NT. North overcalled 2♥, showing hearts and a minor, and Luke Matthews bid 3♥: Lebensohl, four spades but no heart stopper. After a pass from South,

## Index

### Articles Of Interest & Information

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| ABF Calendar                     | 15 |
| ABF Councillors                  | 10 |
| ABF Website                      | 13 |
| Bridge Teaching                  | 14 |
| Contact Details                  | 13 |
| Copy Deadline                    | 1  |
| Country Congress Calendar        | 11 |
| McCutcheon Trophy Standings      | 22 |
| Other Office Bearers             | 10 |
| State Governments Support Bridge | 12 |
| Youth News                       | 17 |

### Major Tournament Reports & Results

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Australian Youth Triumph      | 1  |
| Pacific Asia Ladies Teams     | 3  |
| Seniors Zone 7 Playoff        | 8  |
| The McCance Trophy            | 5  |
| Tournament Results            | 12 |
| <b>Regular Features</b>       |    |
| Bidding into the 21st Century | 17 |
| Book & Software Reviews       | 18 |
| Coaching Cathy at Contract    | 15 |
| Letter to the Editors         | 16 |
| Opinion                       | 1  |
| The Director's Chair          | 20 |

Croft now bid 3♠, hoping to play it there, but Matthews raised to four. At least the Australian pair had avoided 3NT that was declared at many other tables, failing on a heart lead, but 4♠ doesn't look to have a prayer does it? So how did Nic Croft make an overtrick?!

The Japanese North started with a diamond, taken in hand by the king. Croft now ran the ten of spades, winning. In even tempo declarer now led the queen of clubs, covered by North's king of spades! Whoops, that was the queen of trumps you led next wasn't it? Oh no! So poor North, after correcting the revoke card, was put on lead with the ace of clubs and had to lead the spade king (penalty card) allowing declarer to wrap up eleven tricks. The "colour coup".

In a long tournament lapses in concentration do happen but full marks to Nic Croft for maximising his opponents' margin for error. Full marks also to the whole team for staying focused and avoiding similar lapses.

*Peter Smith*

## The Pacific Asia Ladies Teams

The 40th Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Championships were held in Singapore in June. Our Women's Team (I don't even try to refer to us as a "Ladies" Team) consisted of Barbara Travis – Elizabeth Havas, Jan Cormack – Deborah Moir, Marilyn Chadwick – Alida Clark, and Denis Howard as non-playing captain.

Our main rival was China who had won six of the last seven championships and who seem to be feared by many of the other Asian teams. Since there was no final between first and second in the round robin, we needed to be in the lead at the end of the double round robin of 20-board matches. This was not to be – China amassed a substantial first round robin total (8 large wins and 2 draws) to be leading on 212 VPs to our second-placed 182.75 VPs. We were pegging back their lead during the second round robin until we lost to the two lowest placed teams, ending our run for first place. The Chinese women averaged a sensational 20 VPs per match throughout the event, for a well-deserved win.

The reason that there was no final this year was that the Pacific Asia zone then held their zonal playoff. The four leading teams entered this stage, with the

two qualifying teams being China and Japan. Indonesia, as host country, also has a place in the Venice Cup.

And now to some hands:

Our match against Indonesia produced our one double game swing. Alida and Marilyn played in 4♥, making 450. Until the end of the auction I had no idea who was actually saving!

Board: 14

Dealer: E

Vul: Nil

|             |              |             |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|             | <b>North</b> |             |
|             | ♠ A9         |             |
|             | ♥ AK73       |             |
|             | ♦ 73         |             |
| <b>West</b> | ♣ AQ732      | <b>East</b> |
| ♠ KJ853     |              | ♠ Q10764    |
| ♥ —         |              | ♥ 1095      |
| ♦ AKQ82     |              | ♦ 64        |
| ♣ KJ9       | <b>South</b> | ♣ 1064      |
|             | ♠ 2          |             |
|             | ♥ QJ8642     |             |
|             | ♦ J1095      |             |
|             | ♣ 85         |             |

|                 |                |                   |              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b>     | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>       | <b>South</b> |
| <i>Travis</i>   |                | <i>Havas</i>      |              |
|                 |                | Pass              | 2♥           |
| 3♥ <sup>1</sup> | 4♥             | 4♠                | Pass         |
| Pass            | 5♥             | Pass <sup>2</sup> | Pass         |
| 5♠              | X <sup>3</sup> | All Pass          |              |

- (1) 2-suited
- (2) allowing me to double if I wanted
- (3) revealing to me that I was making the save!

## Bridge Baron 11

**The world's most popular bridge game.**

For Windows 95/98/NT, it has over 2 billion random bridge hands. You can bid with Standard American, Acol or 2/1 Game Force. Lots of Conventions, and many other features.

**Available for: \$109.95** (includes postage anywhere in Australia)

**From: Dennis Yovich**

PO Box 70

Leederville

WA 6007

Ph: (08) 9420 2458

Fax: (08) 9341 4547

Email: dyovich@inet.net.au

4♠ by West is, in fact, cold since the long diamond can be established for a second club discard. Thankfully, rather than a club (two off), South led the ♦J so Elizabeth could draw trumps then set up the diamonds for the same result - +650.

I was really impressed with Elizabeth's lead on the following hand against Japan:

Board: 11

Dealer: S

Vul: Nil

|             |  |              |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|
|             |  | <b>North</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ J109       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ 10964      |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ 742        |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ 742        |  |  |  |
| <b>West</b> |  | <b>East</b>  |  |  |  |
| ♠ 8542      |  | ♠ KQ7        |  |  |  |
| ♥ AK752     |  | ♥ QJ83       |  |  |  |
| ♦ K6        |  | ♦ Q          |  |  |  |
| ♣ Q9        |  | ♣ KJ865      |  |  |  |
|             |  | <b>South</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ A63        |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ —          |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ AJ109853   |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ A103       |  |  |  |

West finished up in 4♥ after I'd bid diamonds at the one- and four-levels but Elizabeth led a devastating ♠J, creating two spade winners to go with the minor aces. On a diamond lead South must persist with ruffs and sluffs whenever she obtains the lead to cause any discomfort to declarer. It all depends on which high heart declarer initially leads – it's definitely a hand on which you should establish your side suit (clubs) first!

Against Jan, the defence started with two rounds of diamonds and, since she led the ♥Q from dummy, it seems the defence can prevail via ruffs and sluffs. However, South cashed out when on lead with the ♣A, so we gained the game swing.



Our team featured on Vugraph three times: our first match, which was against China (a 15-15 draw), against Singapore (15-15 again) and our second round robin match against New Zealand (20-10 win). The match against New Zealand featured some really interesting hands but this hand was dastardly:

Board: 10

Dealer: E

Vul: All

|             |  |              |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|
|             |  | <b>North</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ KJ10643    |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ A543       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ AQ6        |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ —          |  |  |  |
| <b>West</b> |  | <b>East</b>  |  |  |  |
| ♠ 5         |  | ♠ AQ9872     |  |  |  |
| ♥ Q7        |  | ♥ K982       |  |  |  |
| ♦ K97       |  | ♦ J4         |  |  |  |
| ♣ AKJ8652   |  | ♣ 9          |  |  |  |
|             |  | <b>South</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ —          |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ J106       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ 108532     |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ Q10743     |  |  |  |

Elizabeth and I were sitting East-West and were quickly in 3NT by East. On a heart lead and friendly defence Elizabeth was making if the diamond ace was onside. When she played to make her contract, the result was three light. There was more action with Jan Cormack as North. The opponents bid to 4♠ – luckily we were using bidding boxes so nobody could tell how 'loudly' she doubled! When West ran to 5♣ she was just as happy to double – for 1100! I really like gaining 13 IMPs when we've gone three off.

Our final match was against China. At this point they were locked into first and we couldn't be caught for second place. The Chinese women played a very steady game, using Precision, so I am at a loss as to why North did not open on this next hand:

Board: 4

Dealer: W

Vul: All

|             |  |              |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|
|             |  | <b>North</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ AQ62       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ K1065      |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ 975        |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ K3         |  |  |  |
| <b>West</b> |  | <b>East</b>  |  |  |  |
| ♠ J9543     |  | ♠ K108       |  |  |  |
| ♥ Q74       |  | ♥ J8         |  |  |  |
| ♦ Q         |  | ♦ AK1064     |  |  |  |
| ♣ 9754      |  | ♣ Q82        |  |  |  |
|             |  | <b>South</b> |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♠ 7          |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♥ A932       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♦ J832       |  |  |  |
|             |  | ♣ AJ106      |  |  |  |



Our auction was:

| West | North        | East     | South           |
|------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
|      | <i>Havas</i> |          | <i>Travis</i>   |
| Pass | 1♥           | X        | 3♠ <sup>1</sup> |
| Pass | 4♥           | All Pass |                 |

(1) Splinter

After the ♦A (dropping partner's queen), ♦K and diamond ruff the hand was over for the defence. However, on a non-diamond lead, declarer simply finesses the clubs through the doubler for diamond discards.

At the other table, North passed so Alida opened 1♦ third in hand, sensibly passing Marilyn's 1♠ response. South did not feel compelled to reopen, given North's initial pass. This contract also made, for +80.

Our team, having gained the experience together playing in this competition, is very much looking forward to pitting our skills against "the best" at the World Championships in Bali in October.

*Barbara Travis*

## The McCance Trophy

The inaugural McCance Trophy for Seniors was played on the Thursday and Friday before the Victor Champion Cup in Melbourne.

My team of John and Juliet Pettitt, Ray Anderson and Jim Dunston won after leading most of the way only to be caught with one round to go by the Muntz team of Victor Muntz, Henri deJong, Sam Arber and Boris Tencer. We had played each other in an earlier round and therefore had to get a better result against our respective opponents.

We ended up winning our match 19-11 while Muntz could only manage 16-14.

For the whole of the competition none of our team seemed to do anything that was brilliant, but on the other hand we did not make too many silly mistakes either. We only conceded one 800 and that was against a game, put pressure on the opposition at the right time and usually found the winning defence. I compared our results against the datums and we were +102 IMPS, roughly 50-50 for each pair. So it was a good all round team performance.

## Q-Plus Bridge

### Version 6

(available now)

***EASY TO PLAY — HARD TO BEAT.***

Features of Version 6:

(some of the many new features shown in bold italics)

- \* Plays Acol (basic, intermediate, advanced), Precision, Standard American (basic, advanced), Kaplan Sheinwold
- \* ***Stronger overall standard of bidding and play***
- \* ***Over 150 conventions you can configure in the system you select to play, via an integrated convention editor***
- \* Deal filters to find the specific hands you want (e.g. play only the strong hands)
- \* Duplicate and/or Rubber scoring
- \* 5 levels of difficulty in play and bidding
- \* Select your favourite lead and signalling options
- \* ***Tournament mode, where the program knows only one hand***
- \* Explains bids and alerts, with context sensitive help on all bids. ***Help on bids also***
- \* Full log of hands, including bidding and play for later analysis
- \* ***Hundreds of hands from various International tournaments for you to test your play against the world's experts.***
- \* IBM computer required (486 or better) 4M RAM, 4M memory
- \* Can be played by two people over a TCP/IP internet or modem connection
- \* ***More deals formats available, so files can be downloaded from the Internet***

Available on CD for Win 3.1/95/98/NT/2000. CD allows user to play in English, French or German.

If you are upgrading from version 4 (recommended) the price is \$67.95, or from version 5 or 5.5 (your choice) the price is \$53.95.

**Price:** \$89.95 (postage and GST included).

**Contact:** Dennis Yovich,  
PO Box 70  
Leederville WA 6007  
**Ph:** (08) 9420 2458  
**Fax:** (08) 9341 4547  
**Email:** dyovich@inet.net.au

Now for a couple of hands. First, from an early match, is the following:

Dealer: E  
Vul: NS

|              |              |             |  |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| <b>North</b> |              |             |  |
| ♠ KQ98765    |              |             |  |
| ♥ 8          |              |             |  |
| ♦ A          |              |             |  |
| <b>West</b>  | ♣ QJ72       | <b>East</b> |  |
| ♠ —          |              | ♠ 32        |  |
| ♥ AK1097     |              | ♥ Q53       |  |
| ♦ 6542       |              | ♦ KQJ10973  |  |
| ♣ K985       | <b>South</b> | ♣ 4         |  |
|              | ♠ AJ104      |             |  |
|              | ♥ J642       |             |  |
|              | ♦ 8          |             |  |
|              | ♣ A1063      |             |  |

| West        | North | East          | South |
|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| <i>John</i> |       | <i>Juliet</i> |       |
|             |       | 3♦            | X     |
| 4♥          | 4♠    | 5♥            | X     |
| All Pass    |       |               |       |

Juliet opened 3♦ and, over South's double, I bid a fit-showing 4♥. Over North's 4♠, Juliet decided to bid 5♥ rather than 5♦. I am not sure if she did this because she thought it better that I go off rather than she, or maybe she knew that we were unlikely to buy the contract in 5♦. Whatever her reason, the bid worked since, with 4 hearts, South thought that defending 5♥X was the better option rather than taking the push to 5♠.

North led the ♦A and both North and South were looking forward to getting a diamond ruff. Of course this did not happen and I was able to draw trumps and pitch 3 clubs on the diamonds and concede a club at the end. At the other table 5♦ was bid over the double and then over 5♠ by North, the 6♦ save was taken for the obvious 1 off, but 12 imps to us. If spades are led and then continued when North is in with the ace of diamonds then 5♥ will fail. However if declarer plays carefully then he should get out for one off, which is the par result. I think that Juliet is on to something with her treatment of this hand. I therefore propose Juliet's Law "when saving, save in your side's second best fit to tempt the opposition into doubling you rather than bidding on". I am sure this law is valid, but knowing when to apply it is another thing.

The following hand was the second last hand of the final match. If we had not bid the slam then we

would have tied for first place and who knows what would have happened then, tie break or play-off.

Dealer: N  
Vul: EW

|              |              |             |  |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| <b>North</b> |              |             |  |
| ♠ QT85       |              |             |  |
| ♥ 10654      |              |             |  |
| ♦ 96         |              |             |  |
| <b>West</b>  | ♣ QJ2        | <b>East</b> |  |
| ♠ 962        |              | ♠ AKJ7      |  |
| ♥ —          |              | ♥ Q72       |  |
| ♦ QJ108732   |              | ♦ AK        |  |
| ♣ K43        | <b>South</b> | ♣ A1087     |  |
|              | ♠ 43         |             |  |
|              | ♥ AKJ983     |             |  |
|              | ♦ 54         |             |  |
|              | ♣ 965        |             |  |

| West        | North | East          | South    |
|-------------|-------|---------------|----------|
| <i>John</i> |       | <i>Juliet</i> |          |
|             | Pass  | 2NT           | Pass     |
| 4♣          | Pass  | 4NT           | Pass     |
| 5♦          | Pass  | 6♦            | All Pass |

At the other table East-West bid to 5♦. After 2NT from Juliet, 4♣ from me showed a 6+ diamond suit, forcing to game and looking for slam. Juliet now should have bid 4♦ so that I could cue my heart void. This would have made it easy for her to bid the slam.

However, although we had discussed the 4♣ bid, we had not discussed the follow-up bids, and she did not bid 4♦ but 4NT. I then bid 5♦ and she recovered well by deciding that if I was looking for slam then her hand was probably better than it might have been, so she bid 6♦. The play was no problem. After the 8 of spades lead I drew trumps and attempted to set up the clubs. If this had not worked I was going to take the spade finesse. It was a bit lucky maybe that my spades weren't my hearts, but a bit of luck never goes astray, does it?.

The organisation of the event was first class, as was the venue. All of our opponents were very pleasant and I don't think that there was a cross word said by anyone in the whole event. Derrick Davis was once again a very generous sponsor, and we received a Cobb & Co. clock each for winning, as well as the ABF medallions and the McCance Trophy to keep for a year. We all look forward to defending it next year.

*John Pettitt*

## **Bridge Holidays**

with

# **RON & SUZIE KLINGER**

### **In Australia:**

#### **TANGALOOMA WILD DOLPHIN RESORT**

(off Brisbane)

18th – 24th August: Booked out

25th - 31st August: Spaces still available



#### **THE SHOAL BAY COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL, NSW**

4th - 9th November

### **In New Zealand:**

#### **WAIRAKEI RESORT, near Taupo**

10th -15th March, 2002

### **Other:**

#### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

28th November - 5th December



Details, enquiries, brochures from

**HOLIDAY BRIDGE,**

**P.O. Box 140, Northbridge,**

**NSW 1560 Australia**

Telephone (02) 9958 5589, Fax (02) 9958 6382

Email [suzieklinger@mail.com](mailto:suzieklinger@mail.com)

# Seniors Zone 7 Playoff

## BID BETTER, MUCH BETTER

### AFTER AN OPENING 1NT

'Bid Better, Much Better' advocates using 1NT : 2♣ as a puppet to 2♦. Then a rebid of 2♥ or 2♠ is invitational while 2NT forces to game and asks for opener's shape. A number of hands from the Seniors playoff and the match against New Zealand might have been bid better using these methods.

### Exhibit #1:

Partner opens 1NT, 15-18. How would you plan the auction with: ♠1053 ♥AK942 ♦K9 ♣Q64.

|           |             |              |             |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Dealer: S |             | <b>North</b> |             |
| Vul: EW   |             | ♠ KJ84       |             |
|           |             | ♥ 10         |             |
|           |             | ♦ 106432     |             |
|           | <b>West</b> | ♣ 532        | <b>East</b> |
|           | ♠ AQ2       |              | ♠ 1053      |
|           | ♥ 7653      |              | ♥ AK942     |
|           | ♦ AQ5       |              | ♦ K9        |
|           | ♣ A87       | <b>South</b> | ♣ Q64       |
|           |             | ♠ 976        |             |
|           |             | ♥ QJ8        |             |
|           |             | ♦ J87        |             |
|           |             | ♣ KJ109      |             |

Both pairs in the Seniors final reached 4♥, one after a 1♣ opening by West, the other after 1NT : 2♦ transfer. At one table the contract made after a favorable spade lead, at the other a diamond lead left declarer to lose one trick in trumps and three in the black suits.

However, the contract you want to reach is 3NT which is unbeatable on any lead. How about this sequence:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>West</b>     | <b>East</b>      |
| 1NT             | 2♣ <sup>1</sup>  |
| 2♦ <sup>2</sup> | 2NT <sup>3</sup> |
| 3♦ <sup>4</sup> | 3NT <sup>5</sup> |
| Pass            |                  |

- (1) Puppet to 2♦
- (2) Forced
- (3) Forcing to game, asks for opener's shape
- (4) It's some 4-3-3-3
- (5) Mission accomplished. East loses interest in playing in hearts since the 5-3-3-2 opposite a 4-3-3-3 usually makes the same number of tricks in no-trumps as in the trump fit.

This came from the match against New Zealand:

Partner opens 1NT, 15-18. How would you plan the auction with:

|           |              |              |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Dealer: W | <b>North</b> |              |
| Vul: All  | ♠ 732        |              |
|           | ♥ A4         |              |
|           | ♦ 94         |              |
|           | ♣ KQ7643     | <b>East</b>  |
|           |              | ♠ K95        |
|           | <b>West</b>  | ♥ KQ73       |
|           | ♠ J64        | ♦ AQ6        |
|           | ♥ J952       | ♣ J108       |
|           | ♦ KJ2        |              |
|           | ♣ A52        | <b>South</b> |
|           |              | ♠ AQ108      |
|           |              | ♥ 1086       |
|           |              | ♦ 108753     |
|           |              | ♣ 9          |

The NZ East opened 1NT on a lower range and West did not move. +90. At our table, I raised to 3NT on the West cards. Again seven tricks was the outcome, -200 and 7 IMPs away.

Puppet 2♣ would have stopped lower:

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>West</b>     | <b>East</b> |
| Pass            | 1NT         |
| 2♣ <sup>1</sup> | 2♦          |
| 2♥ <sup>2</sup> | Pass        |

- (1) Puppet forcing opener to bid 2♦
- (2) Invites game with hearts

2♥ always makes as long as declarer takes the first round of clubs.

'Bid Better Much Better' recommends opening 1NT with 5-3-3-2 patterns including a 5-card major. This led to a gain on this deal from the match against New Zealand:

|           |             |              |             |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Dealer: S |             | <b>North</b> |             |
| Vul: EW   |             | ♠ 843        |             |
|           |             | ♥ AK765      |             |
|           |             | ♦ A2         |             |
|           | <b>West</b> | ♣ K52        | <b>East</b> |
|           | ♠ A7        |              | ♠ KQJ52     |
|           | ♥ J84       |              | ♥ 2         |
|           | ♦ Q8764     |              | ♦ 95        |
|           | ♣ Q86       | <b>South</b> | ♣ A10973    |
|           |             | ♠ 1096       |             |
|           |             | ♥ Q1093      |             |
|           |             | ♦ KJ103      |             |
|           |             | ♣ J4         |             |

|              |                  |                   |              |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b>  | <b>North</b>     | <b>East</b>       | <b>South</b> |
| <i>Green</i> | <i>Klinger</i>   | <i>McLean</i>     | <i>Seres</i> |
| Pass         | 1NT <sup>1</sup> | Pass <sup>2</sup> | Pass         |
| Pass         |                  |                   | Pass         |

- (1) Notionally 15-18
- (2) Happy to defend against 1NT

The ♠K was led to the ace and spade returned. Exactly seven tricks made, +90.



At the other table:

| West     | North     | East   | South  |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Lorentz  | Woodfield | Lester | Knight |
| Pass     | 1♥        | 1♠     | Pass   |
| All Pass |           |        | 3♥     |

One of the reasons opening 1NT is recommended is that even if a major suit fit exists, you will not be allowed to play the hand in 2-Major. Modern competitive style (The Law of Total Tricks) will push you to the three-level. Given the choice of 3-Major and 9 tricks or 1NT and 7 tricks, the latter is more attractive.

So it proved here when declarer had three spades and two clubs to lose. One down and 4 Imps to Australia.

This hand from the Session 1 of the Seniors Playoff was too tough for both sides.

|           |          |        |  |
|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| Dealer: N | North    |        |  |
| Vul: NS   | ♠ K62    |        |  |
|           | ♥ J87643 |        |  |
|           | ♦ Q84    |        |  |
|           | ♣ 7      | East   |  |
| West      |          | ♠ A94  |  |
| ♠ 1087    |          | ♥ AQ92 |  |
| ♥ K       |          | ♦ 32   |  |
| ♦ AK1095  |          | ♣ KQ95 |  |
| ♣ A843    | South    |        |  |
|           | ♠ QJ53   |        |  |
|           | ♥ 105    |        |  |
|           | ♦ J76    |        |  |
|           | ♣ J1062  |        |  |

6♣ is a fine slam, making comfortably when clubs are 3-2 and diamonds no worse than 4-2 or if diamonds are 3-3 and clubs 4-1 or on some other club-diamond combinations. Both E-W pairs played in 3NT.

The BBMB structure allows you to show both minors.

| West             | East             |
|------------------|------------------|
|                  | 1NT <sup>1</sup> |
| 2NT <sup>2</sup> | 3♣               |
| 3♦ <sup>3</sup>  | 4♣               |
| 4♦ <sup>4</sup>  | 4♥ <sup>4</sup>  |
| 5♣ <sup>5</sup>  | 6♣ <sup>6</sup>  |

- (1) 15-17 or 15-18
- (2) Transfer to clubs
- (3) Shows at least 5-4 in the minors, either way
- (4) Control bid
- (5) Lacking control in spades
- (6) I have it.

Ron Klinger

## THE DICK CUMMINGS BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

For The Herald Trophy

Featuring

- IMP Pairs: one day qualifying, one day, 4 table final
- Separate N-S & E-W fields for the qualifying rounds
- Playoff qualifying points for top 4 placegetters
- Gold masterpoints
- Free entry to Safilo Swiss Teams for non-finalists
- \$400 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- No evening sessions
- Parking available at \$3 per day

Will be held 15 & 16 September 2001.

As part of the  
**RETIREINVEST SYDNEY FESTIVAL**  
at the Hakoah Club, 61 Hall Street, Bondi.

*Other Festival events will be:*

**SYDNEY SENIORS' SWISS TEAMS**  
13-16 September 2001

- No evening sessions
- 2 days of qualifying rounds begin 13 September
- Semifinals on 15 September and final on 16 September
- Playoff qualifying points for the finalists
- Gold masterpoints
- \$480 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- Sponsored by NSW Department of Sport & Recreation

**SAFILO SWISS TEAMS**  
16 September 2001

- 7 x 8 board matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Gold masterpoints for every win
- Winners Safilo spectacle frames & prizes to 5th place

Conveners: Valerie Cummings (02 9959 4946)  
(e-mail [vcummings@ozemail.com.au](mailto:vcummings@ozemail.com.au))  
and John McIlrath (02 9922 3644)  
(e-mail [johnmcilrath@ozemail.com.au](mailto:johnmcilrath@ozemail.com.au))

## ABF Councillors

### ACT:

Mr. Andrew Struik  
Snowy Bend  
DALGETY NSW 2628  
Tel: (02) 6456 5079 H  
zastruik@snowy.net.au

### NEW SOUTH WALES:

Mr. Terry Brown (Treasurer)  
31 Darnley Street  
GORDON NSW 2072  
Tel: (02) 9498 2296 H  
Fax: (02) 9498 5547  
margotbrown@mail.optusnet.com.au

Mr. John Arkinstall  
26 Blair Street  
BONDI NSW 2026  
Tel: (02) 9300 0720  
Fax: (02) 9300 0702  
nswba@nettrade.com.au

### NORTHERN TERRITORY:

Mr. Helge Pedersen  
GPO Box 2101  
DARWIN NT 0801  
Tel: (08) 8924 4138 W  
Fax: (08) 8924 4053  
helge.pedersen@nt.gov.au

Mrs. Jodi Tutty  
3 Gardenia Street  
NIGHTCLIFF NT 0810  
Tel: (08) 8946 6088 W  
(08) 8985 2642 H  
jodi.tutty@ntu.edu.au

### QUEENSLAND:

Mr. Keith McDonald (President)  
10 Skerry Street  
KENMORE QLD 4069  
Tel: (07) 3378 6168 H  
(07) 3365 2998 W  
Fax: (07) 3365 7579  
keith@bookshop1.bookshop.uq.oz.au

Mr. Tony Jackman  
101/120 Uxbridge Street  
GRANGE QLD 4051  
Tel: (07) 3356 2416 H  
qbagcapj@uq.net.au

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Mr. Phil Gue  
209 Glen Osmond Road  
FREWVILLE SA 5063  
Tel: (08) 9267 2422 W  
Fax: (08) 8379 3558  
adelaidebridge@ozemail.com.au

Mr. David Smyth  
1 Hill Street  
BURNSIDE SA 5066  
Tel: (08) 8331 3146  
david5000@nonags.com

### TASMANIA:

Mrs. Dallas Cooper  
2/20 Alma Street  
BELLERIVE TAS 7018  
Tel: (03) 6244 8860 H  
(03) 6272 4266 W  
Mob: 0427 724 266  
Fax: (03) 6272 1958  
coops@telstra.easymail.com.au

Mr. John Bailey  
3 Lemana Street  
DEVONPORT TAS 7310  
Tel: (03) 6424 6875 H  
(03) 6427 2381 W  
jrbailey@bigpond.com

### VICTORIA:

Mr. Laurie Kelso  
PO Box 164  
PRAHRAN VIC 3181  
Tel: (03) 9585 4893 H  
Fax: (03) 9529 1435  
lskelso@ihug.com.au

Mr. Ken Lee  
c/- VBA  
12 Macquarie Street  
PRAHRAN VIC 3181  
Tel: (03) 9529 5016  
Fax: (03) 9529 1435  
klee@labyrinth.net.au

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Mr. Dennis Yovich (Secretary)  
41 Somerton Road  
KARRINYUP WA 6018  
Tel: (08) 9341 8116 H  
(08) 9420 2458 W  
Fax: (08) 9341 4547  
dyovich@iinet.net.au

Mr. Joe Greenfeld  
PO Box 244  
MIDLAND WA 6056  
Tel: (08) 9444 6070 H  
(08) 9274 5900 W  
Fax: (08) 9274 1762 W  
(08) 9444 6670 H  
joe@midlandgroup.com.au

## Other Office Bearers

### GENERAL COUNSEL:

Prof. Eilis Magner  
36 Crest Road  
ARMIDALE NSW 2350  
Tel: (02) 6771 3408 H  
Mob: 0419 447 696  
esmagner@bigpond.com

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Mrs. Valerie Brockwell  
PO Box 397  
FYSHWICK ACT 2609  
Tel: (02) 6239 2265 W  
Mob: 0417 436 041  
Fax: (02) 6239 1816  
valbrockwell@ozemail.com.au

### ABF NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Sue & David Lusk  
6 Vincent Court  
CAMPBELLTOWN SA 5074  
Tel & Fax: (08) 8336 3954  
newsletter@abf.com.au

### SUPPLEMENTAL COUNCILLORS:

Dr. Eric Ramshaw  
RSD H101 Hayes Drive  
BALLARAT VIC 3351  
Tel & Fax: (03) 5342 5006  
EHR@bigpond.com

Mr. Michael Kent  
2 Willis Court  
ROBINA QLD 4226  
Tel & Fax: (07) 5575 1153  
mkent@winshop.com.au

### ABF MP CENTRE:

Mr. John Hansen  
PO Box 2172  
CHURCHLANDS WA 6018  
Tel: (08) 9204 4085 W  
Fax: (08) 9265 0751  
abfmpc@iinet.net.au

### YOUTH CO-ORDINATORS:

Mr. David Lusk  
6 Vincent Court  
CAMPBELLTOWN SA 5074  
Tel & Fax: (08) 8336 3954  
lusk@chariot.net.au

Mr. Peter Gill  
2/94 Windsor Rd  
DULWICH HILL NSW 2203  
Tel: (02) 9560 2704 H  
GillP@bigpond.com

**GNOT:**

Mr. John Brockwell  
 PO Box 3322  
 MANUKA ACT 2603  
 Tel: (02) 6246 5093 W  
 brockwel@dynamite.com.au

**MCNEIL LIBRARY:**

Mr. Tim Bourke  
 3 Beggs Place  
 MACARTHUR ACT 2904  
 Tel: (02) 6292 1052 H  
 tim.bourke@mail.bigpond.com

**PUBLIC OFFICER:**

Mr. George Jesner  
 134 Dexter Street  
 COOK ACT 2614  
 Tel: (02) 6251 3664  
 gjesner@pcug.org.au

**WEB CONTACT:**

Ms Valerie Cummings  
 2/6 Wyagdon Street  
 NEUTRAL BAY NSW 2059  
 Tel: (02) 9959 4946  
 vcummings@ozemail.com.au

## Country Congress Calendar

| Dates            | Where/Event   | Contact  |
|------------------|---|--|
| <i>August</i>    |   |  |
| 11-12            | <b>Wagga Wagga</b><br>Wagga Leagues B.C.  | Valerie Cook<br>PO Box 863<br>Wagga Wagga 2650                                 |
| 11-12            | <b>Surfers Paradise</b><br>Congress Teams<br>Weekend  | Congress Convenor<br>Surfers Paradise BC<br>Gold Coast Mail Centre<br>QLD 9726 |
| 12               | Ph (07) 5597 0085<br><b>Sunshine Coast</b><br>Novice Pairs<br>Maroochydore Business Centre 4558 | Fax (07) 5597 1172<br>Anne McLeod<br>PO Box 5152<br>(07) 5492 7539             |
| 24-26            | <b>Muswellbrook</b><br>Walk-in Pairs<br>Pairs & Teams   | E. Battista<br>PO Box 558<br>Muswellbrook 2333                                 |
| 25-26            | <b>Dubbo</b><br>Pairs & Teams   | Margaret Redden<br>PO Box M56<br>East Dubbo 2830<br>(02) 6882 9057             |
| <i>September</i> |   |  |
| 1-2              | <b>Warwick</b><br>Spring Pairs  | John Rose<br>(07) 4667 3145<br>Joan McLellan<br>(07) 4661 1136                 |
| 2                | <b>Sunshine Coast</b><br>Swiss Teams<br>Maroochydore Business Centre 4558                       | Anne McLeod<br>PO Box 5152<br>(07) 5492 7539                                   |

| Dates                  | Where/Event  | Contact  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| <i>September cont.</i> |  |  |
| 7-9                    | <b>Orange</b><br>Congress  | Margaret Craig<br>Orange Bridge Club<br>PO Box 1218<br>Orange 2800<br>(02) 6362 0796   |
| 12                     | <b>Surfers Paradise</b><br>Birthday Teams<br>Congress                | Congress Convenor<br>Surfers Paradise BC<br>Gold Coast Mail Centre<br>QLD 9726   |
| 15-16                  | Ph (07) 5597 0085<br><b>Glen Innes</b><br>Open Pairs Congress        | Fax (07) 5597 1172<br>Prue Graham<br>Glen Bridge Club<br>PO Box 188<br>Glen Innes 2370   |
| 23                     | <b>Illawarra</b><br>Restricted Pairs                                 | Illawarra Bridge Assoc<br>11 Princes Hwy<br>Figtree 2525<br>(02) 4227 2799<br>Margaret Spira<br>(02) 4267 3699<br>iba@speedlink.com.au |
| 28-30                  | <b>Broken Hill</b><br>Pairs & Teams                                  | Marise Allen<br>Broken Hill BC<br>PO Box 834<br>Broken Hill 2880   |
| <i>October</i>         |  |  |
| 7                      | <b>Gympie</b><br>Graded Pairs  | Sherree Soanes<br>PO Box 521<br>Gympie 4570<br>(07) 5482 2154  |
| 13-14                  | <b>Cooma</b><br>Pairs & Teams  | Freda Kaufline<br>Monaro Bridge Club<br>PO Box 418<br>Cooma North 2630<br>(02) 6452 1030   |
| 28                     | <b>Maitland</b><br>Teams Congress                                    | Rosemary Pout<br>(02) 4966 5376  |
| <i>November</i>        |  |  |
| 11                     | <b>Surfers Paradise</b><br>Novice Teams Congress                     | Congress Convenor<br>Surfers Paradise BC<br>Gold Coast Mail Centre<br>QLD 9726<br>Ph (07) 5597 0085<br>Fax (07) 5597 1172              |
| 25                     | <b>Tweed Heads</b><br>Birthday Teams                                 | Joy Rennie<br>Tweed Bridge Club<br>PO Box 106<br>Tweed Heads 2485<br>Club (07) 5536 1570<br>Home (02) 6676 1792                        |
| <i>December</i>        |  |  |
| 29-31                  | <b>Atherton Tablelands</b><br>Tableland Bridge Club<br>Pairs & Teams | Michael Suthers<br>(07) 4095 8219 H<br>Julie Wyburn<br>(07) 4091 3512  |

## Tournament Results

### 40TH PABF CHAMPIONSHIPS:

#### OPEN:

|   |                |     |
|---|----------------|-----|
| 1 | Chinese Taipei | 415 |
| 2 | Indonesia      | 391 |
| 3 | China          | 384 |
| 4 | Japan          | 352 |

#### LADIES:

|   |                |        |
|---|----------------|--------|
| 1 | China          | 400    |
| 2 | Australia      | 350.75 |
| 3 | Chinese Taipei | 324    |
| 4 | New Zealand    | 318    |
| 5 | Japan          | 315    |
| 6 | Indonesia      | 310    |

#### YOUTH:

|    |                 |     |
|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1  | Australia       | 286 |
| 2  | China           | 280 |
| 3  | Thailand        | 265 |
| =4 | Chinese Taipei  | 263 |
| =4 | China Hong Kong | 263 |

### ZONE 6 QUALIFYING:

#### STAGE I (1v4, 2v3):

**OPEN:** Chinese Taipei def. China Hong Kong  
Japan def. China

**LADIES:** China def. China Hong Kong  
Chinese Taipei def. Japan

**YOUTH:** China (Q) def. Thailand  
Chinese Taipei (Q) def. China Hong Kong

#### STAGE II (WINNERS V LOSERS):

**OPEN:** Japan (Q) def. Chinese Taipei  
China Hong Kong def. China

**LADIES:** China (Q) def. Chinese Taipei  
Japan def. China Hong Kong

**YOUTH:** Thailand (Q) def. China Hong Kong

#### STAGE III (LOSING WINNER V WINNING LOSER):

**OPEN:** China Hong Kong (Q) def. Chinese Taipei

**LADIES:** Japan (Q) def. Chinese Taipei

#### PABF OPEN PAIRS FINAL:

|   |                              |        |
|---|------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | David Ackerley - Scott Smith | 298.50 |
| 2 | S L Sou - K L Chue           | 289.00 |
| 3 | Edwin - Fong                 | 287.00 |
| 4 | Sandra Russell - Jo Simpson  | 279.50 |
| 5 | Laurace Lo - Flora Wong      | 277.00 |

### BARRIER REEF CONGRESS:

#### SWISS TEAMS:

|   |  |     |
|---|--|-----|
| 1 | Allen, Allen, Smith, Owens             | 160 |
| 2 | Kempthorne, Kempthorne, Strong, Strong | 154 |
| 3 | Feeney, Feeney, O'Callaghan, Bolles    | 149 |

#### ERIC PARSONS SWISS PAIRS:

|   |                             |       |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Joan Egan - Kaye Robertshaw | 63.28 |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|

2 Kim Ellaway - Raymond Ellaway 58.52

3 Barry Kempthorne - Agnes Kempthorne 57.78

### McCANCE TROPHY:

|   |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| 1 | <b>Pettitt</b> | J. Pettitt, J. Pettitt,<br>127 R. Anderson, J. Dunstan |
| 2 | <b>Muntz</b>   | V. Muntz, H. De Jong,<br>124 S. Arber, B. Tencer       |
| 3 | <b>Ali</b>     | H. Ali, B. Krishan,<br>118 B. Thorp, T. Skinner        |

### TELCO INVITATIONAL PAIRS:

|   |                   |      |
|---|-------------------|------|
| 1 | Del'Monte - Bach  | 1309 |
| 2 | Thompson - Jacobs | 871  |
| 3 | Gumby - Lazer     | 497  |

### VICTOR CHAMPION CUP:

|   |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| 1 | <b>Marston</b>  | P. Marston, M. Thomson,<br>204 A. Bach, I Del'Monte                    |
| 2 | <b>Thompson</b> | R. Fruewirth, D. Beauchamp,<br>190 W. Lazer, P Gumby                   |
| 3 | <b>Beech</b>    | L. Beech, M. Bourke,<br>187 T. Bourke, D. Smith,<br>E. Ramshaw, J. Hay |

### AUTUMN NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS:

#### QUALIFYING:

|   |                  |  |
|---|------------------|--|
| 1 | <b>Rothfield</b> | S. Browne, C. Rothfield,<br>166 J. Rothfield, G. Smolanko                |
| 2 | <b>Travis</b>    | K. Dyke, E. Havas,<br>161 R. Klinger, B. Travis                          |
| 3 | <b>Noble</b>     | G. Bilski, T. Brown,<br>156 P. Fordham, P. Gue,<br>B. Noble, M. Prescott |

#### FINAL:

Rothfield 140 def. Travis 99

### AUSTRALIA V NZ COLTS TEST MATCH:

New Zealand defeated Australia by 17.4 IMPs

## State Governments Support Bridge

In NSW, John Watkins MP, Minister for Sport, and Robert Ridley, General Manager of the NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation have recognised bridge as a sport and provided a special grant of \$5,500. Part of this grant is being used to promote the new Sydney Bridge Festival from September 13th to 16th. The Government's assistance was obtained after considerable work by Elisabeth Rasmussen, who has also obtained RetireInvest and Safilo Eyewear as sponsors. The Sydney Bridge Festival will thus have both attractive prizes of Safilo spectacle frames and generous prizemoney thanks to the State Government and another sponsor, The Sydney Morning Herald.

Queensland has been receiving a similar grant from their State Government for some time. If anyone in any of the



other States would like to know the appropriate steps to take in order to receive a grant from their State Government, then if you would like to draw on Elisabeth's experience please phone her at 02 9363 4856 or email at [nswba@nettrade.com.au](mailto:nswba@nettrade.com.au).

When all the States are receiving grants from their respective State Governments, the new ABF Olympic Committee will reapply to the relevant national body so that bridge obtains official recognition in Australia as a sport.

*Peter Gill  
for the (new) ABF Olympic Committee*

## ABF Website

Each month David Beauchamp's selection for the best inquiry he received during the month is posted on the site, [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).

The winner receives a voucher for \$20, funded by the ABF, toward any purchase made at the Bridge Shop.

The best March submission came from **Julian Foster** ([julian\\_foster@deloitte.com.au](mailto:julian_foster@deloitte.com.au)).

**Hand:** ♠ Q7  
♥ AKJ82  
♦ A  
♣ A10854

**Bidding:** At unfavourable vulnerability

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass  | 1♣   | 1♥    |
| Pass | 1♠    | Pass | 2♣    |
| Pass | 2♥    | Pass | ?     |

**Comments:** Opponents are playing standard so 1♣ shows at least 3. 1♠ is not forcing. I meant 2♣ as a general "do something" force.

♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥

### ABF Newsletter Editors' Details

Send contributions and correspondence to:  
**David & Sue Lusk**  
6 Vincent Court, Campbelltown, SA 5074  
Phone/Fax: (08) 8336 3954  
Email: [newsletter@abf.com.au](mailto:newsletter@abf.com.au)

### ABF Secretariat

Val Brockwell,  
PO Box 397, Fyshwick, ACT 2609  
Ph: (02) 6239 2265 Fax: (02) 6239 1816  
Email: [valbrockwell@ozemail.com.au](mailto:valbrockwell@ozemail.com.au)  
Visit the ABF website at:  
<http://www.abf.com.au>

♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥   ♣♦♠♥

I reckoned partner had 5♠s and 2♥s, it would play better in ♠s as there are entries to my ♥s and it seemed wholly unsuitable for NTs. As partner hadn't passed 1♥ I figured she at least held something so I probably wanted to be in game. In the end I just bid 4♠ which had very little play opposite ♠A10xxx ♥10 ♦Qxxxxxx ♣x (although it was as good as anything else really!)


### And David's Response:

Hi Julian,  
I like 2♣ as a forward-going move. If partner rebids spades then I will bid 4♠. If partner bids 2♦, as I would have, I will head for NTs.

Partner cannot have primary support so I would bid 3NT over 2♥. Partner's hand pattern is certainly odd.

By the way, 4♠ looks to be an excellent spot - should come in on a crossruff and might even make on a trump lead.

All the best,  
*David Beauchamp*



## John Hardy

Bridge Books and Software

**Clearance Sale on Books!!!**

5% to 20% off most items until 31/8/01

How about these for bargains?

**Books**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Advanced Bridge Defense, <i>Kantar</i>                | \$28.00 |
| Countdown to Winning Bridge, <i>Bird &amp; Bourke</i> | \$22.00 |
| Judgment at Bridge, <i>Lawrence</i>                   | \$20.00 |

**Software**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Bridge Baron 11                                  | \$118.80 |
| Cavendish 2000 Day 2/3, <i>Kit Woolsey</i>       | \$59.95  |
| 1999 Life Master Pairs Day 3, <i>Larry Cohen</i> | \$59.95  |
| MasterGammon                                     | \$69.30  |

Powerful new backgammon software

If you'd like to receive a printed catalogue or be placed on the mailing list for our free newsletter, please phone.

J.W. & S. Hardy (ABN 63 813 139 759)  
63 Tristan St., Carindale QLD 4152  
Ph. 07-33988898 or 0409-786050  
Email [J.Hardy@uq.net.au](mailto:J.Hardy@uq.net.au)  
Website [www.uq.net.au/~zzjhardy](http://www.uq.net.au/~zzjhardy)



## Bridge Teaching

The Australian Bridge Teachers Association has been a bit quiet in recent years after a decade of activity. The new President Lorraine Harkness (email [harkness@fastlink.com.au](mailto:harkness@fastlink.com.au)), who is the bridge teacher on the Central Coast of NSW, wants the ABTA to become more involved with bridge teaching at the grassroots club level nationwide.

Thus the ABTA has sought, and received, ABF support for a series of seminars to be held in coming years, one in each State, in order to keep clubs, teachers and players throughout Australia aware of the latest developments in bridge teaching. The details of the first seminars, to be held later this year, will be forwarded soon to all 170 ABTA members. We are particularly keen for interested people from outlying States to let us know the best timing and format for a Teaching Seminar in their State. If you are a non-member and would like to be kept informed, please contact the new ABTA Secretary:

Peter Gill email [GillP@bigpond.com](mailto:GillP@bigpond.com)  
2/94 Windsor Rd, Dulwich Hill, NSW, 2203  
Phone: 02 9560 2704 Mobile: 0402 413584

Ron Klinger has agreed to do an “Ask Ron Klinger” section on the ABTA website, to start later this year. The website is accessed via the bottom left of the cover page of [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au) and includes some but not all of Arnold Volframs’ quarterly Bulletins.

The 2002 AGM of the ABTA will return to being in Canberra next January.

Finally, any article on the ABTA should include a few teaching tips. The first three are from Arnold’s May 2001 ABTA Bulletin:


(1) The latest worldwide trend in bridge teaching is “keep it simple”. Basically, the simpler and less theoretical the teaching, the better the results tend to be. In her “Simplify Your Bridge Teaching” seminar at the Gold Coast Congress, Joan Butts from Queensland, who has been invited to give a talk at the upcoming North American Nationals in Toronto, explained more about this trend towards more play and less bidding in beginners’ lessons. Full details are available in the ABTA Bulletin.

(2) If you have four newcomers who want to try out

duplicate, then there is a simple way to have them share boards with a table during a duplicate session, without creating any problems of players waiting for boards from the slow table of beginners. Laurie Kelso explained the procedure during an ABTA talk at the Gold Coast Congress. For more details, contact the ABTA.

- (3) If any of your friends want to teach themselves bridge online, the most highly recommended free online software is Fred Gitelman’s “Learn To Play Bridge”, downloadable for free from [www.acbl.org/notices/ltpb.stm](http://www.acbl.org/notices/ltpb.stm)
- (4) Easybridge seems to have replaced Audrey’s Grant’s books as the preferred teaching method in America, with good results. To read about Easybridge, go to [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org). An article about Easybridge will be in an upcoming edition of the ABTA Bulletin.

*Peter Gill*



**Dupli-  
mate**

Duplimate\* is not just a best selling dealing machine, it is a whole range of top class products: Boards, cards, computer software, etc. Duplimate is in fact the duplicators’ best mate. No wonder it is so popular!

**Duplimate Australia**

For details please contact John McIlrath  
Phone: (02)99223644 Fax: (02)94122383  
Email: [johnmcilrath@ozemail.com.au](mailto:johnmcilrath@ozemail.com.au)  
or surf to [www.duplimate.com](http://www.duplimate.com)

## ABF Calendar

| Date                  | Event  | Location   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
|                       | Contact  | Telephone  |
| <b>August 2001</b>    |  |  |
| 6-15                  | World Junior Ch'ships<br>Peter Gill                              | Brazil<br>(02) 9560 2704                           |
| <b>September 2001</b> |  |  |
| 13-16                 | Sydney Bridge Festival<br>Valerie Cummings<br>John McIlrath      | Hakoah, Sydney<br>(02) 9959 4946<br>(02) 9922 3644 |
| 28 -                  | Hans Rosendorff Teams  | Perth  |
| 1 Oct                 | Sue Broad  | (08) 9384 3350                                     |
| <b>October 2001</b>   |  |  |
| 13-14                 | Australian Swiss Pairs<br>Barry Kelly<br>kellybg@netspace.net.au | Hobart<br>(03) 6228 5247                           |
| 19 -                  | WBF Championships  | Bali, Indonesia                                    |
| 2 Nov                 | Val Brockwell  | (02) 6239 2265                                     |
| <b>November 2001</b>  |  |  |
| 8-10                  | Spring Nat. Women's Teams<br>Frank Budai                         | Sydney   |
| 12-14                 | Spring Nat. Open Teams<br>Frank Budai                            | Sydney   |
| 16-18                 | GNOT Final<br>John Brockwell                                     | Sydney<br>(02) 6246 5093                           |
| <b>January 2002</b>   |  |  |
| 12-18                 | Youth Championships<br>Peter Gill                                | ANU, Canberra<br>(02) 9560 2704                    |
| 16-28                 | Summer Festival<br>John Scudder                                  | Canberra<br>(02) 9344 5564                         |
| <b>February 2002</b>  |  |  |
| 13-23                 | Gold Coast Congress<br>Kim Ellaway                               | Surfers Paradise<br>(07) 3855 3331                 |
| <b>March 2002</b>     |  |  |
| 16-17                 | ABF AGM<br>Val Brockwell   | Canberra<br>(02) 6239 2265                         |

## Coaching Cathy at Contract

### ROUGH RIDE

*Hi, I'm Back!!*

We have been using the strong redoubles when the opponents use take-out doubles (Did you call this 'Omnibus'?) against our opening bids. If partner opens and RHO doubles, my redouble shows at least 11 points.

This seemed like a good idea but the ride hasn't been as smooth as we had hoped as these abominations might show!

**ROUGH RIDE #1**    ♠ 74  
                           ♥ KJ53  
                           ♦ AQJ73  
                           ♣ J4

|               |            |           |            |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <i>Glenda</i> | <i>RHO</i> | <i>Me</i> | <i>LHO</i> |
| 1♥            | X          | XX        | 2♠         |
| Pass          | 3♠         | 4♥        | 4♠         |
| X             | All Pass   |           |            |

Well, they weren't vulnerable and we were and we only got 300 when most of the pairs got 620 on our hands. I thought that people would be more wary over the redouble.

**ROUGH RIDE #2**    ♠ KJ105  
                           ♥ J3  
                           ♦ AJ9  
                           ♣ Q753

|               |            |           |            |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <i>Glenda</i> | <i>RHO</i> | <i>Me</i> | <i>LHO</i> |
| 1♥            | X          | XX        | Pass       |
| 2♦            | Pass       | 2NT       | All Pass   |

Glenda did make 9 tricks with a bit of help and got an OK score but we would have taken at least 7 tricks against 1♠ or 2♣ for a better result (they were vulnerable). Glenda had ♠A4 ♥KQ964 ♦K754 ♣102.

Should Glenda have bid?

**ROUGH RIDE #3**    ♠ 5  
                           ♥ KQJ875  
                           ♦ A8754  
                           ♣ 8

|           |            |               |            |
|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>Me</i> | <i>LHO</i> | <i>Glenda</i> | <i>RHO</i> |
| 1♥        | X          | XX            | 2♣         |
| Pass      | Pass       | X             | All Pass   |

That made (just) for -180 and we could have made 4♥ quite easily. Do the experts have this sort of trouble?

I would value your comments.

*Luv,  
Cathy*

*Dear Cathy,*

Obviously the Omnibus didn't come with a guarantee with respect to a smooth ride. Let's look at each example and examine why at least one wheel fell off in each case.

#### EXAMPLE #1:

The point of the redouble is to alert your partner to any situation where the opposition may struggle to find a good contract with less than half the high card strength and poor fit prospects.

The problem for you on the first hand is that you have an excellent fit in hearts. This enhances the fit prospects for the opponents (you have a fit, they have a fit) and your defensive power has diminished accordingly.

Most players would look for an immediate strong raise on your cards (often 2NT, showing a value raise to 3♥, at least). This uses up space and reduces the chances that your opponents will find their spade fit. If LHO, who is likely to hold a few spades but very few high cards, is good enough to find 3♠, then so be it, but this is a lot harder unless the hand has exceptional shape. In general, it is unwise to use the redouble when you have a good fit in partner's suit.

#### EXAMPLE #2:

In this case, Glenda has missed the point of the redouble. With a respectable opening hand and nice defensive cards (♠A, ♥KQ and ♦K), she should have been happy to wait for you to double a black suit, or for the opportunity to double them in 2♦. In the event that you could not double 1♠ or 2♣, it would have been right for either of you to bid on with the knowledge that your side held the balance of high card strength.

The principle here is that once they are 'on the hook', let them get themselves off, if they can. Your side can always resume normal transmission if they escape into a playable contract.

#### EXAMPLE #3:

There was no problem with your opening bid but there was a serious problem with your defensive prospects. With light distributional hands, it is best to take the odds position and not give your partner the opportunity to make a penalty double. I would have bid 2♦ on this hand, contrasting with Glenda's poorer choice in example 2. This would serve as a warning to partner that the hand has been opened on distributional features rather than great high card strength.

If your hand were stronger with similar shape, you would have been concerned that the rewards for a doubled contract would have been inadequate and, in such situations, you can wait for partner to double and then bid, providing an important distinction.

The important principle to be drawn from this example is that if you allow partner to double when your opening hand has much more playing strength than is normal for its high card count you will often receive a poor return.

As with all bidding tools, it takes time to make the best use of them.

*Stay aboard,  
David*

*David Lusk*

## Letter to the Editors

*The following letter, received from the Sunnybank Bridge Club, reflects the healthy state of Bridge in Australia.*

### AT LAST A HOME OF THEIR OWN

After 21 years the Sunnybank Bridge Club has a home of their own. After many years of heartbreak and frustration the Club has, at last, moved into their own premises at 69 Nathen Road, Runcorn, thanks to the dedication and hard work by the members and substantial contributions by one family.

Several original Club members will be present at the official opening on Saturday, 21st July. The Club house will be opened jointly by the local Councillor, Ms Gail MacPherson, and the President of the ABF and QBA, Mr. Keith McDonald.

The Club's playing sessions are Monday and Thursday evenings, Tuesday and Friday mornings and Sunday afternoon. All players, young and old, are welcome.

### ACOL BIDDING TRAINER

**\$109.95** (includes postage and GST)

A new interactive CD-Rom for **Acol Bidding with Bernard Magee (Mr Bridge)**. With voice and text explanations, this has to be the future of bridge software. Bernard explains why your bids are wrong or right and then at the end of each auction he gives a detailed account of the bidding. As well as an invaluable tool to practise and learn, you are also able to play the hands.

The program takes you from the very basics of Acol all the way through the maze of bidding technique. The program includes Transfers and Key-card Blackwood as well as all sorts of bidding tactics and tests of judgement.

Any Acol player should take advantage of this superb innovation. You are sure to learn a lot and have a great deal of fun.

Available, with comprehensive instruction manual, from:

**Dennis Yovich**  
**PO Box 70, Leederville, WA 6007**

**Phone:** 08-9420-2458

**Fax:** 08-9341-4547

**email:** dyovich@inet.net.au

Will run on any standard PC under Windows 95/98/NT or 2000.



## Youth News

### SUCCESS IN SINGAPORE

Congratulations to the team of Paul and Simon Brayshaw, Nic Croft, Greg Dupont, Luke Matthews and Matt Raisin for their success in the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Championships in Singapore last month. The team, ably captained by Peter Smith, brought home the trophy for the first time since 1993. The same team will compete at the World Junior Championships in Brazil next month.

### AUSTRALIAN COLTS IN HAMILTON

The Australian colts team of Michael Delivera, Daniel Krochmalik, Arian Lasocki and Robin Stevenson tilted at the New Zealand Junior team in June. They also competed in the New Zealand Inter-Provincial event. Test Result: NZ 176.4 - Australia 159.

### AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR PAIR HEADS TO POLAND

David Wiltshire and Joshua Wyner have departed for Poland to compete in the World Junior Pairs. It is terrific that Australia is represented by a quality junior pair for this event, given that there was relatively short notice and that the event abuts the ANC. David and Joshua took out the 2000 Australian Youth Pairs title and should have a productive tournament

## Bidding Into The 21st Century

### TEST YOUR RESPONSE TO PARTNER'S 3♣ OPENING

How would you continue after the following sequence at pairs, nil vulnerable?

3♣ (Pass) ?

- 1) ♠KJ76 ♥KQ102 ♦KJ2 ♣Q3
- 2) ♠AQJ75 ♥K4 ♦A65 ♣Q86
- 3) ♠J10953 ♥2 ♦KJ5 ♣J875
- 4) ♠KJ8542 ♥A8 ♦AKQ ♣J2
- 5) ♠AKQ62 ♥AJ86 ♦— ♣Q952
- 6) ♠872 ♥J76 ♦43 ♣Q8754
- 7) ♠9872 ♥87 ♦QJ82 ♣Q72
- 8) ♠AQJ8732 ♥Q6 ♦K52 ♣4
- 9) ♠AK108 ♥K875 ♦KQ102 ♣4
- 10) ♠AK754 ♥AK74 ♦5 ♣K82

- 1) Pass. The primary purpose of preempting is to give the opponents a problem, so the preempter's partner normally chooses to stay on the sidelines. On this hand, if your LHO enters the auction after you pass, you will double the final contract and doubles, after partner preempts, are strictly for penalties.

The opponents have been put to the guess, and if they guess to come in, they should pay the price.

On the other hand 3NT is a poor choice, with your lack of aces. A preempt in a minor is often a chunky six card suit, but even if partner produces a brilliant AK-seven times clubs in dummy, there are three aces to lose and both diamonds and spades offer a point of attack for the defence.

- 2) 3NT. Your club fit offers an immediate source of tricks and you should comfortably make at least nine tricks in notrump. Minor suit preempts are typically short in one or both majors, so don't even think of mentioning your spades.
- 3) 5♣. Competitive bidding is largely a matter of time and space and a leap to 5♣ takes up a chunk of space in super quick time. You don't know whether the opponents should double you or bid on to 5♥ or 6♥, but you do know they will need to make a number of good decisions, at a high level, to get this right.
- 4) 3♠. You have a big hand and either 4♠, 3NT, or even 5♣ could be the winning spot. Your 3♠ bid is forcing and typically shows a very strong five card suit, or a six card suit. The 3♣ opener is not expected to have stoppers in the unbid suits so will either support spades or bid 3NT with a singleton spade.
- 5) 5NT. The grand slam force, asking partner to bid seven with two of the top three trump honours. A boring hand.
- 6) 5♣. Opponents can write their own ticket on this one. It is likely they can make slam, or even grand slam, in three suits. You are hoping to strike the opponents in a careful mood, or catch them off guard, with your jump to the five-level, and see them stop below slam.
- 7) 4♣. A jump to 5♣ looks a bit rich with only three card support but you should still increase the preempt one level. The major effect is that you take away the opponent's cue bid of 4♣. Not willing to risk going to the five-level, they may well decide to settle for 4♥ or 4♠. This mild preempt is not as ineffectual as you might imagine but partnerships need to discuss whether the 3♣ opener is allowed to save in 5♣ with a seven card suit, when responder bids 4♣. I suggest not.
- 8) Pass. This is precisely the wrong type of hand on which to bid. Firstly 3♠ is forcing, so you can't finish in 3♠ if you bid it now. Secondly it's odds on that the 3♣ opener has a singleton or void in spades. The opponents haven't made a bid yet, though they probably will, because they have a big heart fit. Let them find their fit. Your likely misfit with partner indicates you have fine prospects in defence. On a good day you will crossruff the first four or five tricks in defence.

9) Pass. Yes, you have a great hand, especially in defence. If you are awake in these situations and pass in tempo, the rewards can be gratifying. Consider the player sitting after you, in the pass out seat. With a close decision, your LHO will think back to when you passed. If you gave some thought to bidding, then LHO will not risk entering the auction. But if you showed no interest, then LHO might just take a chance and take a bid.

10) 4NT. Preempts in a minor do have a constructive side, typically showing a very good six card or reasonable seven card suit. Armed with this, slam looks a sure thing and the next step is to check on aces. A preempter will rarely (never ?) have two aces but may have none.

*Paul Lavings*

## Book & Software Reviews

### CAVENDISH 2000 DAY 2/3

This latest offering in the over-your-shoulder software by Kit Woolsey is another excellent, in-depth analysis of hands from the Cavendish Invitational Pairs, based on IMP scoring. This CD is even better value than the many similar products on the market as it has 86 hands to work through.

Comparing this series with, say, the Larry Cohen Life Master Pairs CDs, the analysis is much more detailed, aimed at the advanced player. Each hand could well occupy the user for ten to fifteen minutes to think about the facts presented and the problems posed.

An example gives an idea of how thoroughly Woolsey analyses the deals, although it is impossible to show here all the detailed thinking, even on this one deal.

You, South, deal (N-S Vul.) and see the following:

♠A865 ♥Q ♦K1087 ♣KQ95

The auction proceeded as follows:

| West            | North           | East | South            |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|------------------|
|                 |                 |      | 1♦               |
| 2♥ <sup>1</sup> | 3♥ <sup>2</sup> | Pass | 3♠               |
| Pass            | 4♣ <sup>3</sup> | Pass | 4♦               |
| Pass            | 4♥ <sup>3</sup> | Pass | 4NT <sup>4</sup> |
| Pass            | 5♥ <sup>5</sup> | Pass | 6♦               |
| All Pass        |                 |      |                  |

1. Weak jump overcall
2. Good diamond raise
3. Cue bid showing control
4. RKCB
5. 2 key cards, no trump Queen

The discussion and decision making in the auction covered the choice of opening suit, the use of temporising bids to try for the best contract and the concept of what is a forcing auction and, as an aside, there was an explanation of the Roman Keycard Blackwood convention. Please note that I am skimming over the many decisions that the reader makes along the way for the sake of brevity.

West led the ♠10, and dummy went down.

♠— ♥A832 ♦J95432 ♣A84

The initial analysis shows that the key to success is to play the trump suit for one loser. Planning to be in the right hand at the right time was also discussed in detail. The percentage play in the trump suit is to run the ♦J if East plays low on the trick and, accordingly, the opening lead was ruffed in dummy to preserve entries and fluidity. When West showed out on the first trump lead, this created a new problem in that dummy's losing hearts could no longer be ruffed out while also picking up East's three trumps. East won the second trump lead and played a low heart to the Q, K, A. A new strategy was therefore analysed at this point. It will be necessary to watch the discards carefully and keep in mind the played cards so we know which are winners. A squeeze may be possible.

Play two top clubs, the ♠A (discarding a heart), and a spade ruff to reduce to a three card ending. Then the information gained by the various discards is analysed. When playing against strong defenders, the information will be minimal, so declarer must draw on the best possible inferences. In the end position, the choice comes down to finessing a club into West, or playing for the drop. The Principle of Restricted Choice is applied to the problem, but proves inconclusive, so an analysis of the bidding is performed, and – lo and behold – we play for the drop in clubs, the suit breaks, and we make our thin slam. Well done!

This proves to be an excellent IMP result when the field analysis is reviewed, due to some pairs going down in slam, and others not bidding it. Failure would have been disastrous in the IMP scoring, so the analysis performed was worthwhile.

This CD will prove invaluable to the serious player, and may be incomprehensible to the dilettante.

*John Hardy*

### STANDARD BRIDGE BIDDING FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY BY MAX HARDY (SQUEEZE BOOKS, NEW YORK 2000)

Max Hardy's latest book is large size, solid and attractive, and contains everything you might want to know about two-over-one game force.

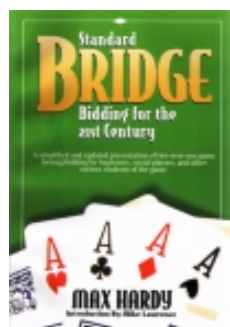


# PAUL LAVINGS POSTFREE BRIDGE BOOKS

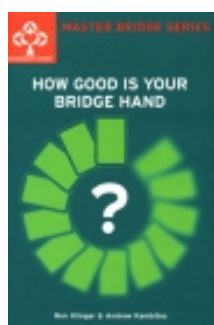


PO Box 807, Double Bay NSW 1360  
Tel. (02) 9388-8861  
Fax (02) 9363-1610  
Email: [plavings@accsoft.com.au](mailto:plavings@accsoft.com.au)  
Visit our website:  
[www.postfree.cc](http://www.postfree.cc)

## NEW BOOKS



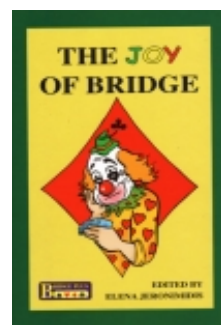
**Standard Bridge  
Bidding for the  
21st Century**  
*Max Hardy*  
**\$39.95**  
All about 2/1 GF



**How good is your  
bridge hand?**  
*Klinger & Kambites*  
**\$20.95**  
On judgement and  
valuation



**Maastricht 2000 -  
Complete World  
Championships**  
**\$55.00**  
Large size and  
excellent



**The Joy of Bridge  
from Bridge Plus**  
**\$29.95**  
Top articles and  
cartoons. Hard cover

### POSTFREE \$15 each SPECIALS

A New Approach to Play & Defense - Vol 1  
A New Approach to Play & Defense - Vol 2  
*by Eddie Kantar*  
*(The same deals are presented as declarer &  
defensive problems. \$15 each)*

Bridge Zia and Me  
*by Michael Rosenberg*

Bridge the Silver Way  
*by Bourke and Silver*

How to Play Bridge with Your Spouse  
*by Roslyn Teukolsky*

Tops & Bottoms  
*by The Granovettiers*

Blocking & Unblock/Safety Plays  
*by Reese & Trezel - 2 books in one*

### GREAT DEALS ON PLAYING CARDS

Gift pack of double Piatniks featuring paintings  
by the Great Masters. **\$12.95**  
*(Comparable to items on sale for \$26.95 in  
major retail stores)*

Millennium Pack - the 53 most famous people  
of the last millennium. **\$19.95**

FOR BRIDGE CLUBS - Best value - EBA 100%  
plastic, my recommendation as the best value  
card for bridge club use. Quantity discounts.  
Sample cards mailed on request. Also Piatnik  
and Kem.

We stock the full range of Paul Marston's books  
and cheat sheets. Quantity discounts.

*The world's largest website of quality second  
hand bridge books is at [www.postfree.cc](http://www.postfree.cc)*

*15% discount to bridge club libraries.*

***All mail order is postfree ! Save an average of 10% on your order.***

After each of the 12 chapters there is a quiz, of up to 40 questions, reinforcing some areas and introducing extra features and ideas. For instance, Hardy recommends a practical INT opening, 15-17, on a chunky 14-count with a six card suit, and packed with tenaces: ♠Q107 ♥K4 ♦K109874 ♣AQ.

The author covers the important areas of two-bids, strong, weak, or multi, when double is for takeout (virtually always), conventions surrounding 1NT, Stayman and transfers in depth, Lebensohl, two-suited overcalls such as Michaels and the Unusual 2NT, and slam bidding conventions. For completeness a further group of conventions including Drury, Fourth Suit Forcing, Inverted Minors and stopper-showing bids follow.

There are a number of changes for current two-over-one adherents to note. For instance, a jump rebid in a major after a two-over-one previously showed a solid suit. Now after an opening of 1♠ and a response of 2♣, opener should jump to 3♠ on both:

♠AKQJ92 ♥KJ2 ♦K84 ♣6 and  
♠AQJ1093 ♥KQ2 ♦A54 ♣6

The weaknesses of two-over-one are freely discussed, as well as the strengths. Even though you may not like some areas of two-over-one, the effort of learning and co-ordinating a new system, will spur a partnership to put more time and discussion into their game and produce a corresponding boost in performance.

Squeeze Books claims it will produce cheaper bridge books with new print-on-demand technology and they have certainly begun well.

#### **HOW GOOD IS YOUR BRIDGE HAND BY RON KLINGER AND ANDREW KAMBITES (VICTOR GOLLANCZ, LONDON, 2000)**

This slim volume discusses judgement and valuation, as opener and as the auction develops. The Losing Trick Count and the Law of Total Tricks have a chapter each and modern slam and competitive treatments are dissected in clear language, and with many examples.

#### **2000 WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, MAASTRICHT EDITED BY BRIAN SENIOR (WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION, 2000)**

A 317 page look at the last Olympiad, with articles by numerous authors analysing hundreds of deals from the half-dozen or so events. An excellent way to gain an at-the-table view of bridge at the top, especially as the same hands are played across the field, and the auctions and actions of up to 10 tables are regularly lined up for comparison.

*Paul Lavings  
postfree books*

## **The Director's Chair**

### **APPEALS COMMITTEE: CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Code of Practice was published and promulgated in 1999 by the World Bridge Federation. The main objective is to give guidance for the composition and decision-making process of appeals committees. The WBF is anxious to receive comments, both for and against, together with information gained through the implementation of the recommendations. I would be happy to pass on any comments readers may have.

The code is geared towards the perfect world wherein committees can be formed using expert players with at least one member conversant with law and an experienced Chief Director to ensure that the relevant law is being considered and to give guidance on any finer points of the law that may need interpretation in the given circumstances. The code recognises that The Law (93A) permits appeals committees of just one person but suggests that this should be avoided in serious tournaments. Ideally a committee should comprise a Chairman and between two and four other members. All should be unbiased with little or no prior knowledge of the subject matter.

One function of the Appeals Committee is ensuring that all the players feel comfortable with the process and do not feel intimidated. Committee members should be careful not to involve themselves in direct exchanges of opinion, maintaining a pleasant and courteous manner. The players are also required to respect their opponents and to refrain from head to head exchanges. The procedures of the hearing vary according to regulations. Generally, the Director gives the facts as he saw them with the basis of the decision, quoting the applicable laws. After an agreement that the Director's statements reflect the facts, the appellants then state their case without interruption, with the other side then given an opportunity to counter on any aspect or fact. Committee members are encouraged to question all concerned regarding clarification of the facts and submissions.

In Law, it is worth noting that, for an appeal to be accepted, both members of a pair's partnership must concur. In teams events, the Captain has the total authority.

The Committee maintains all powers that law prescribes. Should a point of law or regulation be the issue, the Chief Director becomes the first point of reconsideration with his decision only appealable to the Committee. Whilst the Committee may disagree, only once the Chief Director reconsiders, can the appeal be successful.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is resultant on a majority opinion, with the Chairman having the additional casting vote in the event of a tie. The decision

should be considered on the basis that the Director's ruling is correct and remains unaltered unless there is an agreement to change it. This attitude represents an important change as Committees in the past considered the facts and submissions and came to an independent decision. This change means that any decision by the Director is considered to be correct unless the facts or considerations of bridge judgment suggest otherwise. Law 93C allows for arrangements whereby appeals can be made to the National Authority who have the power to set some limitations on matters that it will hear.

On the awarding of score adjustments, Law 12C2 is appropriate when an innocent side is damaged through violation of law. However, in considering judgment, any damage has to be as a result of the infraction, not just because the innocent side gets a bad score. As the code puts it "Damage exists when, in consequence of the infraction, an innocent side obtains a table result less than would have been the expectation in the instant prior to the infraction". If the innocent side takes a wild or gambling action, the director may consider the bad score as self-inflicted. In other words, it is not a case of "Heads I win, tails I win".

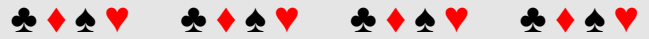
To clarify an interesting position: if the innocent side revokes subsequent to an infraction, it will affect its score but not that of the infractor.

Law 12C3: This section of the Laws is in force unless Zonal Authorities elect otherwise. In our zone, 12C3 is operational. The usage of 12C3 applies when the Committee considers that the mechanical application of 12C2 fails to produce equity for one or both of the sides involved. The Law states that "An appeals committee may vary an adjusted score in order to achieve equity".

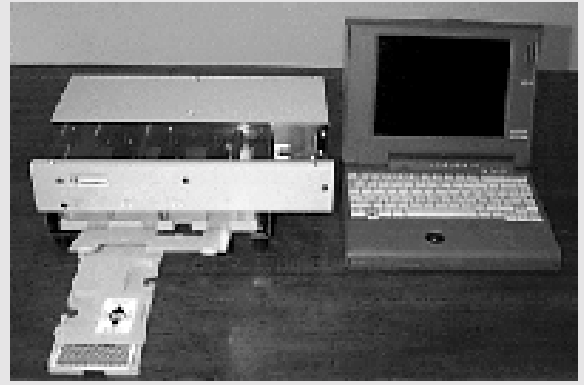
The function of the director is to make judgmental rulings with, if available, consultation with other directors and expert players. Gone are the days of an automatic ruling in favour of the non-offending side when the director is in no doubt that a judgement ruling is appropriate. He is bound by law 12C2 in cases of adjustment, leaving any suggestion of 12C3 to the appeals committee.

There is a recommendation that the authority for the implementation of 12C3 be given to the Chief Director. This was effected at the World Championships in Bermuda and Maastricht.

*Richard Grenside*



## DEALING MACHINE



Automatically deal your board sets for club sessions, congresses and teaching classes. Can deal flushed decks or use bar-coded cards available from us. Deals a hand in 8 seconds. Deals can be randomly generated or you can specify hand types.

**LATEST NEWS: A new option on our current dealing machine will allow you to deal your ordinary cards. No bar codes needed. For information and pricing please contact EBA.**

### BRIDGE BOARDS FOR SALE

Available in sets of 1-32 or 1-36  
Top quality unbreakable plastic in:  
White, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Dark Green,  
Light Green, Black, Yellow, Maroon,  
Bright Red and Orange

\$2-90 each or \$80 for a set of 32  
or \$90 for a set of 36 (plus postage)

Can be used with dealing machine as cards  
can be dealt directly into the board.

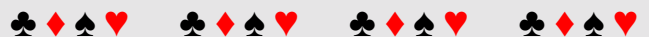
### CARDS

NEW - Plastic Cards (bar coded) \$4.50 a deck.  
Discount for larger quantities.  
Quality plastic coated cards available for \$3.50 a deck.  
Can be used in the dealing machine.  
High quality plastic cards (not bar-coded)  
\$4.00 per deck (plus postage).  
Discount for quantities above 100.

For information and ordering contact:

|                |        |                     |
|----------------|--------|---------------------|
| Dennis Yovich  | Ph:    | (08) 9420 2458      |
|                | Fax:   | (08) 9341 4547      |
|                | Email: | dyovich@inet.net.au |
| Martin Willcox | Ph:    | (041) 9380 392      |
|                | Fax:   | (03) 9753 2022      |
|                | Email: | rissole@bigpond.com |

Electronic Bridge Accessories Pty Ltd.  
PO Box 70, Leederville, WA 6007



# McCutcheon Trophy Standings - 30th April 2001

## Best Performing: Of all Masters

|                      |     |        |
|----------------------|-----|--------|
| DEL'MONTE, Ishmael   | NSW | 282.96 |
| CHUA, Cathy          | VIC | 216.04 |
| HINGE, Simon         | VIC | 213.80 |
| RICHMAN, Bob         | NSW | 192.00 |
| DYKE, Kieran         | NSW | 190.31 |
| NUNN, Tony           | NSW | 188.27 |
| KLOFA, Stan          | VIC | 165.06 |
| GOLD, Leigh          | VIC | 162.50 |
| GASPAR, George       | VIC | 159.81 |
| SCHWABEGGER, Charlie | VIC | 158.25 |

## Best Performing: Silver Grand Masters

|                      |     |        |
|----------------------|-----|--------|
| DEL'MONTE, Ishmael   | NSW | 282.96 |
| CHUA, Cathy          | VIC | 216.04 |
| HINGE, Simon         | VIC | 213.80 |
| RICHMAN, Bob         | NSW | 192.00 |
| SCHWABEGGER, Charlie | VIC | 158.25 |
| KLINGER, Ron         | NSW | 156.76 |
| WESTWOOD, William    | NSW | 152.12 |
| HAVAS, Elizabeth     | ACT | 151.88 |
| MILL, Andrew         | VIC | 147.33 |
| BOURKE, Margaret     | ACT | 138.57 |

## Best Performing: Grand Masters

|                    |     |        |
|--------------------|-----|--------|
| DYKE, Kieran       | NSW | 190.31 |
| NUNN, Tony         | NSW | 188.27 |
| KLOFA, Stan        | VIC | 165.06 |
| GOLD, Leigh        | VIC | 162.50 |
| GASPAR, George     | VIC | 159.81 |
| COLLINS, Jeannette | VIC | 152.91 |
| PARKER, Ralph      | QLD | 150.50 |
| PEAKE, Andrew      | NSW | 140.13 |
| MARKEY, Philip     | SA  | 140.01 |
| EBERY, Jamie       | VIC | 134.41 |

## Best Performing: Gold Life Masters

|                   |     |        |
|-------------------|-----|--------|
| DAVIS, Derrick    | VIC | 154.38 |
| BACH, Ashley      | QLD | 147.83 |
| MOIR, Deborah     | NSW | 130.95 |
| WATTS, Marlene    | NSW | 113.28 |
| DE RAVIN, John    | NSW | 104.63 |
| BRAYSHAW, Paul    | WA  | 102.66 |
| DE LUCA, Chas     | SA  | 99.42  |
| DE LUCA, Attilio  | SA  | 97.36  |
| MILL, Cathy       | VIC | 93.86  |
| PRESCOTT, Michael | NSW | 88.45  |

## Best Performing: Silver Life Masters

|                    |     |        |
|--------------------|-----|--------|
| BAKER, Colin       | NSW | 123.68 |
| SMALL, Anne        | NSW | 89.80  |
| WILKINSON, Michael | NSW | 87.09  |
| WILLIAMS, Heather  | WA  | 85.06  |
| CROFT, Denis       | QLD | 83.66  |
| MALACZYNSKI, Wally | NSW | 81.96  |
| WOODS, Meredith    | VIC | 81.93  |
| LINDSAY, Jack      | NSW | 79.87  |
| YANG, Kathy        | VIC | 79.14  |
| CORMACK, Jan       | NSW | 75.66  |

## Best Performing: Bronze Life Masters

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| HAY, Jillian    | ACT | 91.05 |
| LYONS, Frances  | NSW | 70.61 |
| EUSTACE, Greg   | NSW | 63.84 |
| GRAEBNER, David | SA  | 57.81 |
| GRUND, Rosemary | SA  | 57.63 |
| HALMOS, Andrew  | VIC | 56.62 |
| DALLY, Gordon   | VIC | 55.50 |
| LAWFORD, Prue   | NSW | 54.60 |
| HARRIS, Anne    | SA  | 54.03 |
| COLLINS, Terry  | WA  | 53.12 |

## Best Performing: Life Masters

|                      |     |       |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| ABRAHAM, Mark        | ACT | 97.18 |
| COWAN, Richard       | NSW | 92.57 |
| LEACH, Jane          | VIC | 75.91 |
| STRICKLAND, Trevor   | QLD | 70.21 |
| ATKINSON, Graham     | VIC | 67.86 |
| ATKINSON, Jenny      | VIC | 67.72 |
| LOVELOCK, Lynn       | NSW | 67.24 |
| HART, Geoffrey       | NSW | 63.50 |
| SKINNER, Tony        | NSW | 62.93 |
| BEDFORD-BROWN, Linda | WA  | 59.63 |

## Best Performing: \*\*National Masters

|                   |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| TALLY, Jim        | WA  | 52.00 |
| MORAWIECKI, Roman | QLD | 51.69 |
| PAK POY, Patricia | SA  | 51.05 |
| LINDH, Eric       | QLD | 50.80 |
| FOSTER, Margaret  | QLD | 44.10 |
| STONEMAN, Mac     | QLD | 42.57 |
| HECKER, Robert    | SA  | 39.37 |
| FRANCO, Jackie    | SA  | 38.12 |
| BARNETT, Philippa | QLD | 38.01 |
| PRICE, Norma      | WA  | 35.13 |

## Best Performing: \*National Masters

|                      |     |        |
|----------------------|-----|--------|
| FOSTER, Julian       | NSW | 121.24 |
| EMERSON, Susan       | SA  | 96.63  |
| CHIRA, Traian        | VIC | 73.22  |
| KO, Kurt             | QLD | 73.07  |
| VAN JOLE, Nathan     | QLD | 68.91  |
| DEAN, Sandy          | QLD | 64.35  |
| RENTON, Heather      | NSW | 60.70  |
| CHARLESWORTH, Thelma | SA  | 60.43  |
| JONSSON, Niclas      | ACT | 59.16  |
| HEAIRFIELD, Ian      | SA  | 58.50  |

## Best Performing: National Masters

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| SQUIRE, Mary    | NSW | 52.37 |
| NASH, Bill      | SA  | 51.83 |
| HAVLICEK, Peter | VIC | 51.29 |
| LOWRY, Helen    | NSW | 41.93 |
| KOWALCZYK, Eva  | NSW | 39.18 |
| DAKIN, Keith    | QLD | 37.58 |
| WAGNER, Norman  | VIC | 37.34 |
| DOLAND, Ian     | NSW | 36.49 |
| KROST, Barbara  | NSW | 35.79 |
| DUKE, Lois      | SA  | 35.75 |



**Best Performing: \*State Masters**

|                      |     |        |
|----------------------|-----|--------|
| HANS, Sartaj         | NSW | 122.56 |
| WILTSHIRE, David     | SA  | 65.76  |
| WOODHEAD, Damon      | NSW | 61.82  |
| ALLEN, Pat           | QLD | 53.62  |
| FOREMAN, Carole      | SA  | 52.44  |
| SUITOR, Patricia     | QLD | 50.84  |
| GUARINO-WATSON, Adam | TAS | 50.49  |
| WALFORD, Tony        | QLD | 48.46  |
| HICKS, John          | QLD | 47.71  |
| WILKINSON, Ann       | TAS | 46.97  |

**Best Performing: State Masters**

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| NEUMANN, Dagmar | NSW | 68.22 |
| WOOD, Kerry     | QLD | 61.10 |
| MEERBACH, Ferdi | SA  | 54.22 |
| GEDDES, Steve   | SA  | 53.31 |
| BADENOCH, Gwen  | SA  | 53.11 |
| THORN, Margaret | NSW | 45.58 |
| REGAN, Sandra   | QLD | 44.87 |
| ROBERTS, Roy    | SA  | 41.92 |
| ZHANG, Gao Yang | NSW | 41.45 |
| MANTON, John    | NSW | 40.59 |

**Best Performing: \*Regional Masters**

|                     |     |       |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| STRAW, June         | NSW | 28.23 |
| EVANS, Glyn         | SA  | 26.92 |
| PILKINGTON, Leon    | SA  | 26.19 |
| WAIT, Marie         | SA  | 20.56 |
| MALEY, Jenny        | WA  | 18.17 |
| HUGHES, Iris        | SA  | 18.07 |
| LEVY, Magda         | VIC | 17.78 |
| LUKACS, George      | SA  | 16.99 |
| DI GIACOMO, Maureen | QLD | 16.83 |
| MIKECZ, Else        | QLD | 16.73 |

**Best Performing: Regional Masters**

|                  |     |       |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| HARRIS, David    | QLD | 38.35 |
| SFREDDO, Edi     | SA  | 29.99 |
| McGINTY, Hugh    | NSW | 28.32 |
| KENNEDY, Peter   | NSW | 26.55 |
| WING, Barbara    | SA  | 25.62 |
| FORREST, Don     | NSW | 23.21 |
| NORMAN, Daphne   | WA  | 22.76 |
| NORMAN, Neville  | WA  | 22.76 |
| AXFORD, Stan     | WA  | 21.77 |
| BOLDEMAN, George | QLD | 21.54 |

**Best Performing: \*\*Local Masters**

|                    |     |       |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| PORTER, Matthew    | SA  | 60.12 |
| GREENWOOD, Allan   | TAS | 50.02 |
| STEGGLES, Alan     | NSW | 36.47 |
| AZZOPARDI, Paul    | SA  | 33.09 |
| GEROMBOUX, Daniel  | ACT | 31.25 |
| MANDERSON, Desmond | NSW | 31.08 |
| HOOD, Jill         | VIC | 29.43 |
| LEUNG, Julia       | QLD | 27.36 |
| HOFFMANN, Hanna    | QLD | 25.22 |
| TOTTERDELL, Val    | NSW | 24.48 |

**Best Performing: \*Local Masters**

|                    |     |       |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| OSMUND, James      | QLD | 41.75 |
| MOIR, Shelley      | NSW | 36.69 |
| HURD, Anthony      | NSW | 35.15 |
| GINSBERG, Monica   | NSW | 34.51 |
| CORLIS, Peter      | NSW | 33.50 |
| FRANKLIN, Deirdre  | NSW | 28.87 |
| MOLIERE, Robert    | SA  | 28.21 |
| ADCOCK, Jacqueline | NSW | 26.87 |
| CLIFTON, John      | NSW | 22.75 |
| MITCHELL, Doug     | VIC | 20.83 |

**Best Performing: Local Masters**

|                |     |       |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| MILLAR, John   | QLD | 21.86 |
| DALY, John     | ACT | 20.91 |
| ARORA, Santosh | NSW | 20.69 |
| LINES, Susan   | VIC | 19.98 |
| EVANS, Val     | NSW | 17.47 |
| WINDOWS, Alex  | NSW | 15.34 |
| SENDER, Sylvia | QLD | 14.70 |
| BEATON, Colin  | ACT | 14.30 |
| KRUSS, Cecile  | VIC | 13.77 |
| CHAO, Tom      | VIC | 13.43 |

**Best Performing: Club Masters**

|                   |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| MILLER, Don       | NSW | 31.81 |
| BARNES, Edward    | NSW | 30.96 |
| MORGAN-KING, Pam  | SA  | 29.90 |
| KERI, Joseph      | QLD | 25.23 |
| WISMER, Stuart    | QLD | 22.06 |
| HU, Alan          | VIC | 21.12 |
| BRIFMAN, Maryanne | NSW | 19.99 |
| SHAMEEM, Joseph   | SA  | 17.10 |
| RUDERMAN, Lita    | QLD | 14.28 |
| GERBER, Wolfgang  | VIC | 14.08 |

**Best Performing: Graduate Masters**

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| LOPATA, Bessie  | NSW | 20.23 |
| HAUER, Heidi    | NSW | 17.73 |
| HILL, Richard   | ACT | 14.41 |
| THOMAS, Jim     | NSW | 13.15 |
| ASPINALL, Una   | SA  | 10.92 |
| SAMUELS, Tamara | NSW | 10.65 |
| BEILBY, Peter   | VIC | 10.60 |
| SINDEL, Jeanne  | QLD | 10.25 |
| BARNES, Fred    | WA  | 9.50  |
| BORZI, Dawn     | QLD | 9.00  |

**Best Performing: Nil Masters**

|                   |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| LI, Jin           | NSW | 30.21 |
| EDWARDS, John     | SA  | 28.49 |
| JANZEKOVIC, Darko | QLD | 25.03 |
| EDWARDS, Margaret | SA  | 21.37 |
| KNOWLES, Malcolm  | SA  | 19.42 |
| KNOWLES, Julie    | SA  | 19.36 |
| YU, Frank         | VIC | 15.01 |
| GULLAN, Kate      | ACT | 12.24 |
| HODKINSON, Arran  | QLD | 10.00 |

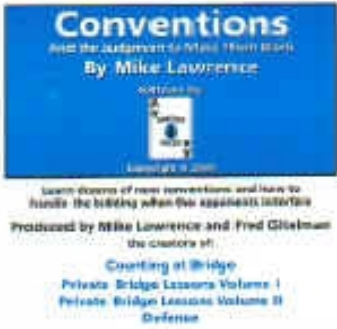




# THE BRIDGE SHOP

614 Willoughby Road WILLOUGHBY 2068 PO BOX 429  
 Tel: (02) 9967 0644 Fax: (02) 9967 0444  
 e-mail: [bridge@bridgeshop.com.au](mailto:bridge@bridgeshop.com.au)  
 web: [www.bridgeshop.com.au](http://www.bridgeshop.com.au)

*The best spot for your bridge supplies*



## CONVENTIONS by Mike Lawrence

Bid hundreds of interactive hands with Mike Lawrence.

**\$115.00**

Provides insight into dozens of conventions found on the typical convention card. Shows you both how to use them and the importance of bidding judgement when you do.

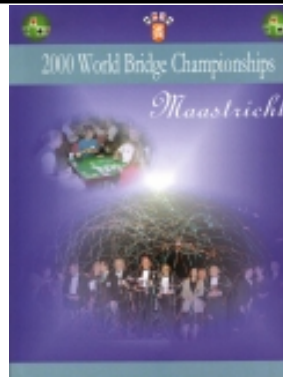
**NEW BOOKS NEW BOOKS NEW BOOKS**



### Winning Bridge in the Menagerie by Victor Mollo and Robert King

Mollo's classic card-play book is given a new dimension by the use of our favourite Menagerie characters – The Hideous Hog, the Rueful Rabbit and all their friends and adversaries.

**\$29.95**



### World Bridge Championships 2000 - Maastricht

Follow the fortunes of our Open teams to the finals as well as a comprehensive coverage of the Women's, Senior's and Transnational series. 100's of instructional hands – a must for the serious player.

**\$55.00**

**July - August Special**

**10% off**  
 all orders made over our web-site  
<http://www.bridgeshop.com.au>

**Secure**  
  
**Shopping**

*Like a free catalogue?* Call us on (02) 9967 0644 or email [bridge@bridgeshop.com.au](mailto:bridge@bridgeshop.com.au)