2008 ANC, Surfers Paradise

The Australian Butler Pairs and Australian National Championships were hosted by the Gold Coast this year. ABF President Keith McDonald comments on the event:

The ABF congratulates the QBA and Jim Millar on a successful 2008 ANC. Jim was assisted by an excellent committee, dedicated to ensuring the event was a success.

The support from players in all events was excellent, and reflects on the outstanding efforts of the QBA. The Holiday Inn and their able staff contributed to the smooth running of the event. I thank the sponsors for their support, and ask that where they can, our members support the sponsors. The Queensland clubs were marvellous, and donations from individuals were greatly appreciated.

The ABF Tournament Unit, with Dr. Eric Ramshaw at the helm, was its usual efficient team.

My personal thanks to the QBA and all those involved in yet another successful Australian National Championship. I hope I meet you all again in Canberra for the 2009 ANC.

Keith McDonald

First Week's Events

The Butler events are held in the first week. At the end of Stage III in the Open, Bruce Neill - Richard Jedrychowski on 245 emerged as clear victors from Andy Braithwaite - Bill Haughie on 223 and Tony Nunn - Sartaj Hans with 221.

The Women's Butler was won by Therese Tully - Sue Lusk on 225 from Rena Kaplan - Paula Schroor on 222 and Margaret Millar - Greer Tucker with 213.

The Seniors' Butler was won by Bill Hunt - Ruth Lachman on 238 from Barry Noble - George Bilski on 228 and John Ashworth - John Brockwell with 214.

The Restricted Pairs was won by Hanna Hoffmann - Jill Palm from Patrick Bugler - Deirdre Giles and Perelle Scales - Barbara Horton.

The ANC Swiss Pairs was won by Stephen Fischer - Niek van Vucht from Stephen Burgess - Christine Boylson and Catherine Ritter- Nicoletta Giura.



2008 Women's Interstate Champions, Victoria: Tammy Bloom, Cathy Lachman, Helen Snashall, Janina Fleiszig, Laurie Kelso, npc, Paula Schroor and Rena Kaplan

The ANC Youth Pairs was won by Justin Howard - Peter Hollands from Robin Stevenson - Sebastian Yuen and Nathan Howard - Ivan Hu.

The ANC Women's Pairs was won by Lyn Kalmin - Judy Snow from Marion Cooke - Claire Green and Rosemary Mooney - Liz Jeffery.

The ANC Seniors' Pairs was won by Helen & Robert Milward from George Gaspar - Boris Tencer and Peter Kahler - Stephen Mendick.

The ANC Open Pairs was won by Leigh Matheson - Hoi-Ming Chan from Tony & Eva Berger and Andy Hegedus - Andrew Mill.

The ANC Mixed Pairs was won by Anne Powell - Earl Dudley from Paula Schroor - Laurie Kelso and Betty Lee - Mike Robson.

The standings at the end of the qualifying rounds of the Interstate, where top qualifier plays second qualifier in the Final were:

Open:

- I · · · ·	
1. New South Wales	149.1
2. Australian Capital Territory	81
3. Victoria	52.3
4. South Australia	28
5. Western Australia	-35.7
6. Tasmania	-122.5
7. Queensland	-155.5
Women's:	
1. New South Wales	170.6
2. Victoria	91.1

39.1

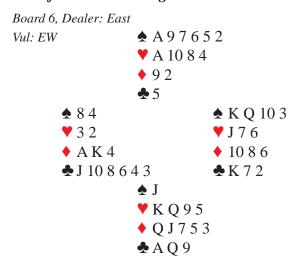
3. Australian Capital Territory

4. Queensland	10.8
5. South Australia	-9.2
6. Western Australia	-85.7
7. Tasmania	-220.1
Youth:	
1. Victoria	289.3
2. New South Wales	103.1
3. Australian Capital Territory	40.6
4. South Australia	-44.7
5. Queensland	-99.6
6. Western Australia	-129
Seniors':	
1. South Australia	107.5
2. Australian Capital Territory	73.1
3. Victoria	41.4
4. New South Wales	23.4
5. Western Australia	8.9
6. Queensland	-10.2
7. Tasmania	-249.6

In the final, the Open was a one-sided affair, with New South Wales, Tony Nunn, Michael Wilkinson, Peter Gill, Nye Griffiths, Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer taking an early lead which they steadily built on. The final scoreline was 152 - 61 IMPs. Their ACT opponents were David Wawn, David Hoffman, Arjuna De Livera, Ian Robinson, Andy Creet and Kim Magann.

The following deal shows the sort of tactics that occur when one team has the upper hand, and the other is trying to reverse that trend:

State of the Match Bridge



West Lazer	North Magann	East Gumby	South Creet	
		Pass	1♦	
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣	
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass		

Both North (the club splinter bid and leap to $6 \checkmark$) and South (reversing into $2 \checkmark$ and cuebidding $5 \clubsuit$) made

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aggressive choices. After Warren Lazer's pedestrian A,K lead (he must have been more than pleased to see two diamonds in dummy), the contract was quickly one down.

The auction was totally different in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
De Livera	Nunn	Robinson	Wilkinson
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	$2^{\bullet 1}$	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

1. Game-forcing Checkback.

Here the auction was more controlled. Wilkinson decided to show a balanced 15-17 with his 1NT rebid, and after Nunn's game-forcing Checkback bid, Wilkinson was not tempted to engage in a cuebidding sequence once Nunn gave heart support.

The lead here was ♣J, and the contract made easily.

Youth Interstate

The charge for the finals in the youth field intensified towards the end of the third round robin, turning into a battle for second place. With Victoria all but locked in, Match 12 saw New South Wales and ACT field their strongest pairs in a last ditch effort to knock the other team out of contention.

ACT won the match by 11 IMPs, courtesy of plays like the following:

West	North	East	South
Bec	Leigh	James	Hoi-Ming
Thornberry	Matheson	Higgins	Chan
	$1NT^1$	Dbl^2	4♥

All Pass

- 1. 11-13.
- 2. Penalty.

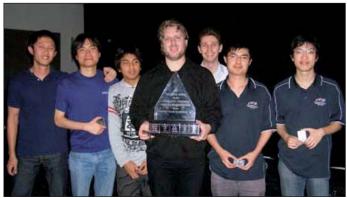
The North hand was upgraded on account of the aces and kings being worth more than the four and three points generally assigned to them. For example, if you replace ♣A with ♣KQ, you now have your bid, but a less useful hand. The takeout double looks reasonable, as does the 4♥ bid.

West, Bec Thornberry made the inspired lead of \mathbf{Q} ! This was allowed to hold the first trick, declarer assuming it to be from a shortage.

♦A was cashed at trick two, followed by a third diamond, ruffed by East with ♥Q and overruffed by declarer with ♥A. Declarer cashed ♥K and ♥J, but West's ♥10 had been promoted to a trick, and with a spade loser as well, 4♥ was one down.

Next time you hear a loud burst of laughter coming from a youth table, you can assume it may be because someone came up with an opening lead like this one.

Leigh Matheson



2008 NSW Youth Team (Interstate runners-up): Michael Weng, Hoi-Ming Chan, Muhammad Naufal, Kieran Dyke, npc, Leigh Matheson, Orlando Wu, Shing Fung Yuen



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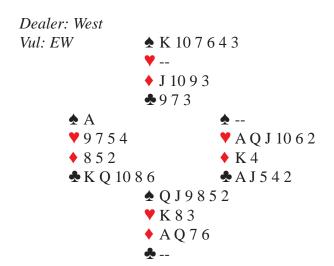
Late submissions will be held over until Issue 135,

South Australia wins Seniors' Interstate

With the exception of the Northern Territory, all states and territories were represented in the 2008 Interstate Seniors' Teams Championship at Surfers Paradise.

South Australia, Robert Bignall - Roger Januszke, Peter Chan - David Lusk, Alison & Gordon Fallon started the event as nominal favourites but, as evidenced by the quality of play from their opponents, this counted for very little.

The campaign for South Australia to defend its 2007 title started with the 2006 winners, ACT, Ross & Pam Crichton, Peter Kahler - Stephen Mendick, Andrew Struik - Brian Thorp. ACT ended +6 on the set. This was not quite how the SA team had planned to start.



West Kahler	North <i>Lusk</i>	East <i>Mendick</i>	South Chan	
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠	
3 ♠ ¹	4♠	5 ♥	5♠	
6 ♥	6♠	Dbl	All Pass	

1. Cue raise.

With voids in each hand and ♠K onside, this 'sacrifice' rolled home. For Chan - Lusk, +1210 looked like a saver on an otherwise disappointing sheet. Not unexpectedly, things unfolded in more or less the same way at the other table and the board was flat.

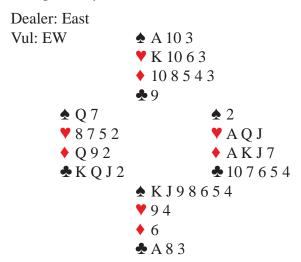
Western Australia, Les Calcraft - Tony Lusk, Susan Clements - Toby Manford, Shira Shilbury - Joan Touyzrested the two male members of their team for Match Two and cleaned up SA's strongest four on paper by 19 IMPs, relegating SA to 6th place for the time being.

After a maximum win against Tasmania and a small win against Victoria, George Gaspar - Boris Tencer, Blaine Howe - Michael Dilks, Henri De Jong - Sam Arber, the ship had been righted somewhat. Queensland had been reduced to a four-person team as a result of



2008 Seniors' Interstate Champions, South Australia: Gordon Fallon, Alison Fallon, Dianne Marler, Manager, Peter Chan, Rob Bignall, David Lusk and Roger Januske

a late withdrawal, but with Butler winners, Bill Hunt - Rosa Lachman teamed with Carolyn Miller - Roman Morawiecki, they posed a threat to any team. This board probably sealed the match in SA's favour:



After 1♣ from East, Peter Chan called 3♠ on the South cards and was raised to 4♠. There was no further opposition bidding and, on a club lead, Chan was able to ruff clubs twice in dummy to make 10 tricks.

At the other table, Alison and Gordon Fallon were much busier and arrived in 5♣, making 11 tricks for a double game swing after South overlooked the singleton lead.

With the battle very intense and no team looking like pulling away, SA managed to finish top after the first round-robin.

This gave them a bye and Tasmania, Ian Callahan - David Wyllie, Dallas Cooper - Sue Wilkinson, Brian O'Rourke - Roger Watts for the first two matches – an apparently soft end to the day.

Nobody told Tasmania, however, and they added a ray of sunshine to an otherwise gloomy week by towelling SA by 21 IMPs. This was followed by a small loss to NSW, Egon Auerbach - Tom Kiss, Peter & Ruth Jamieson, Ross Stuart - Dennis Zines the next day. South Australia had managed to start the second round-robin



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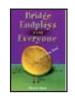
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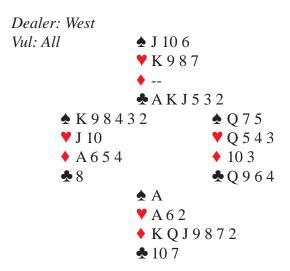
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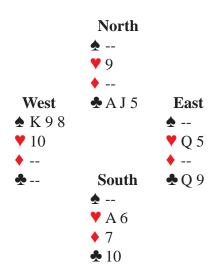
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as they had the first, losing their first two matches. On the last board of the next match, the ACT declarer failed in 6♦, a contract that looked as if it had good chances.

At the other table, Gordon Fallon showed him how, earning 16 priceless IMPs in the process:



Fallon ended in 6♦ after West advertised a weak hand with a six-card spade suit. The ♣8 opening lead was an obvious singleton. Fallon won this in dummy and played a spade to the ace. West ducked the first high diamond and won the second. Fallon was pleased to see the fall of ♦10 at trick two, and took the heart switch in dummy before ruffing a spade in hand. He then ran off all the remaining diamonds to reach this position:



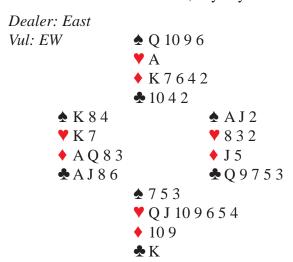
On the last diamond, Fallon threw ♣5 and East was squeezed.

Wins against Victoria and Queensland in the remaining two matches ensured South Australia of a finals berth. Any one of three other teams were in contention for the other spot. It was ACT who emerged as challengers with a 3 IMP deficit on carry-forward.

South Australia had two good sets to start the match and led by 28 IMPs after 20 boards. The ACT were not letting go, however, and picked up 13 IMPs over the next 20 boards. It is misleading to single out one hand. However, with the match in the balance, what would you bid on this hand, vulnerable against not, after a 3♥ opening by dealer on your right?

> **★** K 8 4 **♥** K 7 ♦ A Q 8 3 **♣** A J 8 6

At one table, a takeout double was employed. When partner bid 4♣, the way forward was unclear and 4♣ was passed out for +150. At the other table, the hand was opened by dealer with a Myxo-style two opening and the South Australians had more room to manouevre towards a successful 3NT. Januszke was sure that he would have bid 3NT over 3♥, anyway.



The ACT won the last set of 10 deals, but 8 IMPs was not enough. As is typical of ANCs in general and Seniors' events in particular, the whole championship was played in the best spirit of good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the many people who worked hard to make the 2008 ANC a success. The Gold Coast was a winner as a destination and, at least in the second week, we were favoured with some typically brilliant Queensland weather.

David Lusk

Coming up on page 9: Bridge across the Tasman. Do you know this famous Kiwi bridge personality? This is his trademark look.



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The Australian conveners, Therese Tully and David Stern, are seeking expressions of interest from teams who may wish to participate in the event.

Such expressions may be made by sending an email to David.Stern.Bridge@gmail.com These expressions must include the names of the players who will comprise the team, the nominated captain and the amount of entry fee that the team is prepared to pay to enter the event, expressed in US dollars, with a minimum of \$US10,000.

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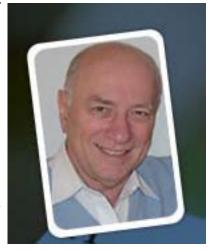
Expressions will close around 30th September, 2008 with acceptances advised soon thereafter.

Therese Tully and David Stern

Have you visited the Klinger website?

At the invitation of the site's Webmaster, Lachlan Jones, I recently visited Ron Klinger's website.

There I found an attractive interactive home page which led me to the great variety of material Ron is so well known for providing his students and readers.



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I was just 21 when my romance with New Zealand first began. In 1938, I boarded the SS Awatea for a trans-Tasman voyage, landing in the capital city, Wellington. Here I hoped to obtain permission to commence manufacture of sewing thread in that country, as I had seen it turn into a good and profitable business in Australia.

I ran into a lovely man who said he could help me acquire the permit, but then he added: "If you really want one?"

"Certainly", I replied.

Two weeks later, triumphantly clutching the permit, I again fronted my new-found friend.

"Who'll be buying your product?" he asked.

"Well, garment manufacturers, of course," I replied.

"But there aren't any in this country."

Kiwis in the Zone

Some 30 years later, as President of the Australian Bridge Federation, I found myself in New Zealand once again. This time it was to celebrate the inauguration of Zone 7 with Les Schneiderman, Sir Joseph Ward and others, so that both our countries could have the opportunity to compete in international bridge competition. When I toured both islands' bridge clubs with Les, Joseph and Fred (time has dimmed my memory of his surname, maybe because every time we stopped, the trio produced a bottle of Scotch).

In the 1960s, New Zealand, with only a fraction of the population of Australia, had twice the registered number of bridge players. The 1960s and 1970s might have been the highest point of creativity in that nation's bridge history, with its innovative experimentation in developing new systems, including Forcing Pass and Symmetric Relay. The latter system was largely the brainchild of Roy Kerr, the New Zealand born genius. He is best known, however, for discovering the famous Kerr vacuum, an exact solution to the Einstein field equation of general relativity, which models the gravitational field outside an uncharged rotating massive object, or even a rotating black hole. Phew!

Kiwis keeping their end up

In those halcyon years of bridge in New Zealand, there were regular trans-Tasman matches between the two countries. Then in the 1980s, the migration of top Kiwi players, eager to make their mark on the Australian bridge scene, commenced in earnest.

Let's look at the Christchurch contingent first.

Paul Marston was one of the first to make a permanent

move, and his success story is legendary. Paul has represented Australia on numerous occasions, and operates the thriving Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Sydney. He is a top-selling author of teaching books, and owns and edits *Australian Bridge*.

Richard Brightling, now a resident of Canberra (Brightling – Marston represented New Zealand together), first took over *The Bridge Shop* in Sydney from George Stephens, then *Australian Bridge* magazine from Joyce Nicholson. He also started up Trumps Bridge Centre in Mosman, a popular North Shore bridge club. Richard is no longer in the bridge business, but is part of the 2008 Australian Open Team.

One of the bridge Hall of Famers, Stephen Burgess, has oscillated from New Zealand to Sydney and back again. He is at present Sydney-based.

Michael Prescott is a longtime Sydney bridge professional, who now operates the popular Double Bay Bridge Centre.

Seamus Browne is perhaps the most successful of the 'guns for hire'; he is a wonderful partner (he certainly gets the best out of me), and he too has represented Australia with great success. He partnered my late wife Carole in taking out the New Zealand Pairs, one of the highlights of her life.

Jillian Hay, who lived in Sydney, and competed successfully on the circuit, brought a little bit of glamour to the Australian scene – her youth and vitality did not go unnoticed.

The North Island also has its representatives. Stephen Lester, from Auckland, has been in Australia off and on for 20 years. He edited *Australian Bridge* from 1990 – 2001, is the current editor of the ABF Newsletter, and manages Borin Bridge Centre in Melbourne.

Jan Cormack, New Zealand's leading lady of bridge, forged a bridge career for herself in Australia, representing Australia in the women's arena with a number of Australian women, including Carole. Jan and Carole had a successful partnership together, playing in a number of events, which led to their selection in the women's team representing Australia at the PABFC in Manila. Jan still maintains a residence in Sydney, but her desire to be with her family means that she is now based in Auckland again.

Malcolm Mayer has long had a fondness for the Australian bridge scene. His first exposure was playing in the Youth Championships in Canberra with Stephen Lester in 1974, when Malcolm was 17. Malcolm at one time tried to effect a move to Australia, maintaining an Australian address, and competing in all the main events, but it never quite happened. His sister, Paula Bryant, however, a New Zealand women's representa-

tive, married Melbourne identity David McLeish, took him back to New Zealand, and the pair played in all the Australasian events. David even represented New Zealand at the PABFC in Seoul. Now Paula and David have retired to the Gold Coast.

The late Linda Stern, ex Auckland, lived for most of her adult life in Sydney, where she met and married David Stern. Linda operated Double Bay Bridge Centre for a number of years, and was an integral part of the Australian bridge scene.

Debbie Moir, another Auckland resident, lived in Sydney for several years, and played for Australia with Jan Cormack. The lure of the homeland, however (and marriage to top Kiwi bridge international Scott Smith) was too much, and she is now back in Auckland.

Ishmael Del'Monte is the proprietor of Kings and Queens at Rose Bay in Sydney. Ish has been an invaluable member of many teams over the years, and most recently was part of my winning VCC team. Ish is one of the characters of Australasian bridge – a tough competitor, and an extremely charismatic figure.

A token New Zealander (ex-Poland) is Richard Jedrychowski, aka Jedi, now a prominent Sydney bridge professional. Richard is also a member of the 2008 Australian Open Team.

Notable retirees to Australia include Merle and Bruce Marr, household bridge names in New Zealand and Andrew Braithwaite, who now live on the Gold Coast. Andrew was well-known by the Tournament Committee at the NOT for his feared (and fearful) T-Rex system, which caused the administrators headaches because of its extremely artificial nature. Just recently, Andrew played with ex-Waikato (south of Auckland) NZ representative Bill Haughie, a longtime member of Australian Seniors' Teams. Bill partnered the late Jim Borin for a number of years, and has been a resident of Queensland for many years.

Let's not forget those who invade our tournaments, albeit as visitors. Our team at the recent Victor Champion Cup in Melbourne was enriched by the inclusion of longtime partners John Wignall, President of Zone 7, and Kris Wooles. Kris came out of bridge retirement for the event – which we managed to win. John Wignall has dedicated a large part of his life to the game in New Zealand, and in his role as President of Zone 7.

At all the major Australian events, there are New Zealand participants; the sheer volume of players makes it impossible to mention them all. But you probably get the gist of this article – New Zealand and Australia are irrevocably united by bridge, with New Zealand providing Australia with extra depth to the talent pool.

Jessel Rothfield

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Stephen,

The July edition of the ABF Newsletter was a wonderful read. I congratulate you on the great job you are doing as Editor. It was a first class production!

The article by David Stern on the Yeh Cup gave me a little background on the outstanding contribution to bridge made by Mr Yeh.

The material on work by Di Brooks and BAWA shows what can be achieved by developing a marketing approach, and this was supported by the article from Des Cain. Nice article, Des.

The Bridge For Brain Research Challenge results in fundraising to give something back to the community. Financial information on the Grand National Pairs from John Brockwell, with the enthusiastic response from clubs set the record straight. John Brockwell and Di Marler have much to be proud of in getting this event under way.

The articles on Thelma Koppi and Peter Gill made interesting reading. I captained that youth team in 1983 in Adelaide, when Thelma played with Therese Tully. The other pair in our four person team was Kim and Ray Ellaway. Yes, 25 years ago.

I enjoyed the thought provoking article from Ray Tomlinson and Ray, the Management Committee will consider your request at its next meeting.

The advertisements for the Sydney Spring Nationals and the Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge have made me review my schedule to see if I can play in both events.

It will be difficult to maintain this high standard of publication, but I am sure Stephen, you are up to the task; well done!

Keith Mc Donald, ABF President

More action out West

As a special guest of Glynn Schragger, of the Rotary Club of Belmont, WA, I was invited to attend their District dinner. I was introduced to the members attending and Glynn thanked BAWA members for their donations of drink can ring pulls and used stamps. These were given to me, for Rotary International projects. Monies raised provide prosthetics and wheelchairs in wartorn countries and ensure the poorer areas have fresh water supplies.

What we consider disposable items, are providing relief to those less fortunate. I urge all BAWA members to support these projects by recycling ring pulls, wine corks, used stamps, foreign coins and prescription glasses.

During the proceedings of the dinner, a special award was made to honour the efforts of a friend to Rotary. "The Paul Harris Fellow" award was presented to one of my bridge students at Nedlands, Diana Cohen.

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Congratulations, Diana.

Di Brooks, BAWA



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Open Teams Winners: Terry Brown, Erwin OTvosi, Jerzy Bilski, Kennett Christensen



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The New Laws

Some of the Changes Affecting Directors

Having discussed how the new Laws affect procedure and player obligations, we now turn our attention to some of the modifications that affect how a Director should rule.



Laurie Kelso

Score Adjustment (Law 12)

The concept of damage has now been defined as existing when "an innocent side obtains a table result less favourable than would have been the expectation had the infraction not occurred."

The Laws thus require the director to determine (to the best of his ability) the likely outcome without any infraction. When adjusting a score the TD strives to award the same equitable result to both sides.

Where there are several reasonable outcomes, he is encouraged to take into account the probabilities of each and where appropriate, award a single weighted score. The Laws now also emphasise the desirability of assigning real bridge scores rather than artificial percentage adjustments.

Insufficient Bid (Law 27)

Law 27B1(a) now uses the word 'artificial' rather than 'conventional'. When both the insufficient bid and the replacement bid in the same denomination at the lowest legal level are both 'natural' then there is no restriction on the partner. This part of the law is essentially unchanged from the previous 1997 version.

The new Law 27B1(b) now allows other calls to be substituted (irrespective of their artificiality) without restriction, providing the replacement call (it may be a bid, double, redouble or pass) has the same meaning (or a more precise meaning) as the insufficient bid.

Insufficient Blackwood, and various insufficient transfer sequences, are some simple examples of situations that will now no longer bar partner. However, there are many more complex ones!

The law has also become more severe towards a player who tries to solve the irregularity himself, i.e. by replacing the call without first summoning the director.

Under the previous Laws, the premature substitution would have been cancelled, and the player was still given all his options before selecting a call. Now, if his LHO does not accept the insufficient bid, the substitution (if legal) stands, and the TD simply has to decide whether this bars his partner or not.

Revokes (Laws 62-64)

Another major change concerns the penalty for a revoke. There is nothing new in respect to what happens if the revoking player wins the trick upon which he revokes (i.e. by ruffing, when able to follow suit). This still costs him the trick he won, plus one subsequent trick (Law 64A1), providing of course his side wins a subsequent trick.

The real change (Law 64A2) is in respect to the situation where the revoker does not win a trick in the act of revoking. Now it only costs his side one trick (provided, of course, that they subsequently win some). No longer does the director have to worry about those situations where the player later wins a trick with a card he could have played (instead of revoking).

A further modification is that no tricks are automatically transferred in the unlikely event that both sides revoke on the same hand.

There will now of course be more occasions where an automatic transfer of tricks is insufficient compensation for the damage created by a revoke. In such situations the Director retains a responsibility to ensure the non-revoking side receives an equitable Law 64C adjustment.

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be at least 4-4 in the majors, and after $1\sqrt[4]{1}$ ($3\frac{4}{5}$) you would still expect double to show the other major.

But when the preempt is to three of a major or higher, negative doubles guarantee little else but high cards.

This bidding problem is from the Master Solvers Club in the August 2007 issue of *New Zealand Bridge*:

Teams	•	J 7 5		
Vul: Nil	Y	K J 6		
	•	AJ86		
	4	A 7 5		
West	North	East	South	
			1♦	
3♠	Dbl	Pass	?	
Bid	Vo	otes	Score	
Pass	1	13		
4♥		60		
3NT		3	60	
4♣		0	30	

That nearly one third of the expert panel chose to bid over the double is mystifying. Even more puzzling is the choice of 3NT.

Those in favour of passing put forward convincing arguments:

Humphries: "Pass. I've had a lot of success with this type of bid. Partner needs to be prepared for such action."

Lofgren: "Pass. Cannot even start to think of an alternative."

Lambardi: "Pass. No clear game available so I'll go for the penalties. The double at this level should show something equivalent to an opening bid. So, even if partner has nothing in spades, declarer may be unable to take two side tricks. Also, he could have only a six card suit."

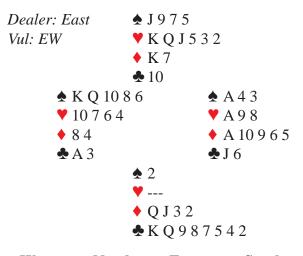
Soloway:"Pass. Take my chances on a plus here. If I knew what we could make, I'd bid it."

The moderator, Stephen Blackstock, agreed with Soloway:

Absolutely. This is now a standard response to a common predicament. You will have the odd disaster in 3♠ doubled, but it will be your best contract far more often than not. Don't waste too much energy looking for an alternative.

When the preempt is at the four- or five-level, the opener's penalty pass of the negative double is even more frequent.

This instructive deal is from France's victory over the USA in the final of the 1997 World Teams Championship:



West	North	East	South
Freeman	Perron	Nickell	Chemla
		1♦	4♣
Dbl	Pass	4♦	All Pass

This hand is typical. 4♣ fails by one trick, losing a spade, two diamonds and a club, but 4♦ failed by five tricks when declarer lost control of trumps. With moderate playing strength, good defence, and no certainty of a fit in any suit, Nickell's best shot was to pass and settle for defeating 4♣ by one or two tricks.

At the other table, the US South, Eric Rodwell, bid 5♣ rather than 4♣ at his first turn. West doubled, and 5♣ went two down for a combined loss of 800, or 13 IMPs.

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Book Reviews

Wielding the Axe -

The Vanishing Art of the Penalty Double

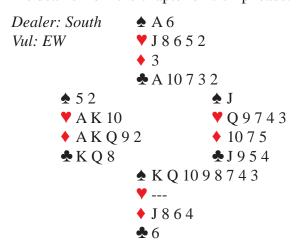
By Augie Boehm - HNB Publishing, New York, USA, 2008, soft cover, 162 pages, \$26.95 postfree

Porget close games and slams, doubling for penalties is the most exciting part of bridge. The adrenaline flows all round the table, and when dummy hits there is joy and despair in every corner. Boehm's fourth book discusses when to double and when not to, in 25 bite-size chapters.

Penalty doubles are back in fashion. In each chapter the author asks you what you would do on one or two hands, and then dissects the deal. Included in the many situations discussed are doubles of Michaels Cuebids, doubles after a 1NT opening, high level forcing auctions when the opponents preempt, and Lightner Doubles. There is much practical advice, even a hand played brilliantly because a defender "thought" for a few seconds about doubling and gave the show away.

The author also makes the point that if you are known to be a doubler, the opponents will temper their bidding, and maybe even become too conservative. Defence against doubled contracts is also discussed at length.

This deal is from the chapter on trump leads:



South opens 44, West doubles, and all pass. Now you have to find a lead as West. Despite your powerhouse, declarer has nine top tricks, and only a trump lead holds declarer to down one. What a nice lead to find!

Enjoy Bridge

Teach Yourself Standard American

By Tim Orr - Poseidon Books, Burleigh Qld, 2006, soft cover, 186 pages, \$22.95 postfree

Tim Orr runs a bridge club in Melbourne. His beginners' book will suit those teachers who prefer to give their students a longer course and a lot of information. Tim teaches the methods the students will

encounter, Standard American with five-card majors, better minor, and 15-17 1NT opening.

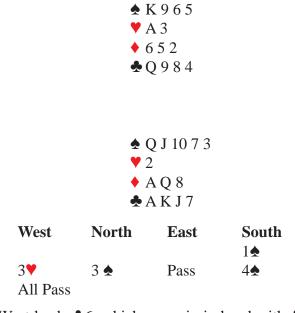
Each of the 10 lessons is clearly explained, with at least four hands to play, with many quizzes and examples. The students will not be stressed by the material, which is simple, and the play hands mostly involve just taking your tricks. Even so, at the end of 10 lessons the students will have a solid understanding of the basics. The book is expensive at \$22.95, but there is a discount for teachers.

Bridge Endplays for Everyone *Yes, Even You!

By David Bird - Master Point Press, Toronto, Canada, 2008, soft cover, 271 pages, \$32.95 postfree

One thing you can guarantee with David Bird is that you get excellent value for your dollar. In partnership with Tim Bourke of Australia, Bird has produced what is basically an encyclopedia of endplays, spread over 14 chapters (each with a quiz) with at least a hand or two on every one of the book's 271 pages.

Would you spot the winning line in this 4♠ contract:



West leads ♣6, which you win in hand with ♣K. At the table, declarer played ♠J at trick two. East won ♠A and gave West a club ruff. When the diamond finesse failed, declarer was down one.

Declarer missed the extra chance. The lead could well be a singleton, so before playing trumps cross to ♥A and ruff a heart. Now when the second club is ruffed, West has only hearts and diamonds remaining, and is endplayed to play into ♠AQ or give a ruff and discard to concede the tenth trick.

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Defensive Plays

Sally Brock, D & B Publishing

Sally Brock is a British international bridge representative and prolific author.

Her new book contains 17 chapters, each containing a lesson of one or more parts, with some problems the readers can try for themselves.

Throughout the book, standard defensive methods are discussed, but covered very thoroughly.

The presentation is excellent, with large, bold topic headings and the main point summarised in a side box.

The arrangement of the problem and answer pages means that the reader cannot see the answers while doing the problems, which is a definite advantage. The diagrams are then repeated on the answer page, so there is no need for that annoying page-turning to check on the card layout.

Although some of the auctions given in the problems may use methods unfamiliar to some readers, this in no way detracts from the book's value as a defensive text.

It is actually surprising how many topics have been covered in the 137 pages, yet there is not a feeling that material has been crammed in.

Signalling, order of plays, the *Rule of Eleven*, discarding – these basics are all covered.

The topics flow quite naturally – active versus passive defence, counting the hand, trump promotions, blocking and unblocking, right up to advanced topics like combatting endplays and squeezes.

Consider this card layout:



When West leads $\clubsuit 6$ against a notrump contract and declarer plays low from dummy, using the *Rule of Eleven*, East can work out that declarer has one card higher than $\clubsuit 6$.

While it is possible that West started with ♠AK862, when five tricks can be cashed immediately, the above layout is more likely.

Playing ♠Q would set up dummy's Jack as a second stopper, so East should put in ♠9.

The book's target is the intermediate player who has never made a complete study of defensive techniques, and is a worthwhile read for that group.

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What Should I Bid?

The best submission for June came from Joe O'Flynn of Black Rock in Melbourne.

North deals, EW vulnerable

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♥ Dbl Pass

?

- **♠** 7
- **♥** K Q 9 5 2
- **♦** KJ6
- ♣ K 10 7 3

Joe asks: "Playing Standard American, what should I bid with the West hand?"

Sartaj's Reply: Hi Joe.

I'm sure we would all feel some sort of an impulse to pass, but with such a trump holding sitting under declarer's suit, I wouldn't recommend that choice, espe-



cially as an auction such as this technically asks partner to lead a trump, even with a singleton.

So that leaves us with 2NT or 3NT. While we do have 12 points, we have too much stuff in their suit. I'd go for 2NT and reserve 3NT for something like

- **★** 74
- **♥** K 10 8 5
- **♦** KJ6
- ♣ A Q 7 3

Cheers, Sartaj Hans







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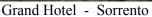
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Paul Gosney - Nye Griffiths

Npc: Cathy Mill. Coach: Adam Sarten

Under 21 World Championships Justin Howard - Peter Hollands

Andrew Morcombe - Nathan Howard

Rhys Cooper - Angus Munro

Npc: Cathy Mill. Coach: Adam Sarten

Thanks to special arrangements by the WBF and Air China, the accommodation and airfares for these teams are free, i.e. no cost to the ABF. The World Championships will be on Bridge Base Online in the first half of October.



Leigh Matheson and Hoi-Ming Chan from New South Wales won the Open Pairs at the 2008 Australian National Championships in Surfers Paradise. They were also members of the NSW Youth team losing the Final to Victoria.

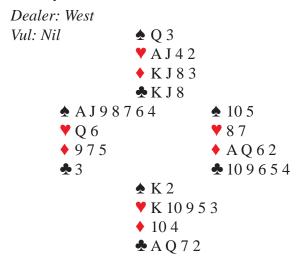
Coaching Cathy at Contract

Context, Context, Context

Revered One,

Once again I plead with you to take pity on me and agree (for once) that I have been unlucky. Here is a hand from a recent duplicate. I thought that I had followed one of the many principles that you have forced me to learn.

See for yourself:



West opened $3 \spadesuit$, Glenda doubled and I bid $4 \heartsuit$. At least that bit was easy!

West led ♣3. I won in dummy and cashed ♥A. In line with the advice I once received from.....guess who(?), I took the trump finesse against the player who didn't preempt, and promptly lost to the Queen. Then they got ♠A as well as two diamonds.

C'mon, that was unlucky, wasn't it? Your niece, Cathy.

Naive One,

Mea culpa. I did once give you advice along the lines you have suggested, but I also tried to teach you to *think* at the bridge table, as I recall.

I hope you stopped to ask yourself what the lead of ♣3 was all about. I would have thought that it was unambiguously a singleton. Now the point about tak-

ing your finesses against the partner of the player who preempts is still valid, but the notion that West has a singleton club restores the position. Unless West has two singletons, a finesse in trumps will lose. There may have even been a slight case for taking it the other way.

So, the principle here is if the player on lead doesn't lead his or her long suit, then there is a good reason. Usually that reason is that he or she is leading a short suit. Other principles must be applied within that context.

So (this is going to hurt), I agree that you were unlucky to be punished for your lack of observation. ◆Q might have been onside.

Cheers, David

1st World Bridge Games

The 1st World Bridge Games, that is, the bridge series of the 1st World Mind Sports Games, will be held in Beijing, China from October 3 - 18, 2008.

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	per 2 - 5		36	Paul Marston		33.0	5	Bruce Neill	119	54
	Penny Senior Swiss Pairs and Aus	stralian	37	Khokan Bagchi		30.5	6	George Bilski	108	96
	Pairs, Hobart		38	Terry Brown		30.0	7	Avinash Kanetkar	108	72
	ener: Barry Kelly		39	Kieran Dyke		27.0	8	John Lester	105	72
	03) 6228 5247		40	Nicoleta Giura		27.0	9	Gabi Lorentz	105	72
Email	: asp@abf.com.au		41	Phil Gue		27.0	10	Terry Brown	102	72
Octob	oer 4-5		42	Nick Hughes		27.0	11	David Lusk	100.5	96
Gold (Coast BC Butler Pairs & Swiss Tear	ms	43	Paul Wyer		27.0	12	Bob Richman	96.5	47
Email	: gcbc@winshop.com.au		43	Helen Horwitz		24.0	13	Barry Noble	96	96
	per 22 - 30		45	Griff Ware		24.0	14	Robert Krochmalik	90	90
	g Nationals, Sydney		43	Gilli Wale		24.0	15	Paul Lavings	90	90
	mber 1-2			Women Players	Total	Women's	16	Zolly Nagy	87.5	75
			1	Rena Kaplan	174	174	17	Peter Chan	84.5	80
	arumba Country Congress.		2	Paula Schroor	174	174	18	Roger Januszke	84.5	80
	: quarterpenny@harboursat.com.au	J	3	Therese Tully	155	155	19	John Ashworth	79	79
	mber 22 - 23		4	Sue Lusk	149	149	20	Bill Hunt	71	71
Golde	n West Swiss Pairs, Mandurah		5	Helen Snashall	78	78	21	Rosa Lachman	71	71
Swan	River Open Swiss Pairs, August 23	3 - 24	6	Felicity Beale	66	66	22	David Hoffman	70	22
	West Australian Bridge Club:		7	Di Smart	66	66	23	Paul Wyer	69	42
	lak Ranasinghe - Eddy Mandavy		8	Pauline Gumby	64	0	24	George Gaspar	63.5	59
	ul Brayshaw - Chris Mulley		9	Margaret Millar	61	61	25	John Brockwell	55	55
	vid Schokman - Keith Wignall		10	Greer Tucker	61	61	26	Peter Kahler	51.5	51.5
			11	Julia Hoffman	60	60	27	Peter Buchen	48	48
	Playoff Points 17/8/	08	12	Jenny Thompson	60	60	28	Brian Bedkober	42	42
			13	Christine Boylson	49.5	36	29	Mike Hughes	42	42
	Open Players	Total	14	Sheila Bird	48	48	30	Boris Tencer	42	42
1	Tony Nunn	187.0	15	Karen Creet	48	48	31	John Puskas	40.5	36
2	Andrew Peake	144.5	16	Margaret Bourke	44	44	32	Margaret Bourke	37	37
3	Ron Klinger	129.0	17	Sally Murray-White	42	42	33	Robert Bignall	36	36
4	Peter Gill	123.0	18	Kim Neale	42	42	34	Alison Fallon	36	36
5	Ishmael Del'Monte	117.0	19	Alida Clark	40	40	35	Gordon Fallon	36	36
6	Bill Haughie	116.0	20	Leone Fuller	40	40	36		36	36
7	Sartaj Hans	106.0	21	Dagmar Neumann	38	38	37	John Hewitt David Smee	36	36
8	Matthew Mullamphy	99.0	22	Eva Caplan	36	36	38	Don Smith	36	36
9	Murray Green	96.0	23	Rosemary Green	36	36	39	lan Afflick	35	35
10	Andrew Braithwaite	84.0	24	Maureen Jakes	36	36	40	Paul Collins	35	35
11	Seamus Browne	81.0	25	Catherine Lachman	36	36	41	Tim Davis	33.5	33.5
12	Jessel Rothfield	81.0	26	Barbara Travis	36	36	42	Henry Christie	30	24
13	Nye Griffiths	80.0	27	Nevena Djurovic	35	35	43	Robert Gallus	30	30
14	Richard Brightling	72.0	28	Giselle Mundell	35	35	44	Elly Urbach	27.5	27.5
15	Robert Fruewirth	72.0	29	Nicoleta Giura	27	0	45	Les Varadi	27.5	27.5
16	Ian Thomson	72.0	30	Jill Del Piccolo	26	26	46	Tony Hutton	24	24
17	Richard Jedrychowski	69.5	31	Kate Smith	26	26	47	Tony Jackman	24	24
18	Bruce Neill	65.0	32	Inez Glanger	25	25	48	John Newman	24	24
19	Nigel Rosendorff	64.5	33	Marcia Scudder	25	25	49	Fiske Warren	24	24
20	Pauline Gumby	64.0	34	Julette Alexander	24	24	50	Edward Chadwick	22	12
21	Warren Lazer	64.0	35	Candice Berman	24	24	51	Ross Crichton	18	18
22	Ian Robinson	63.0	36	Marilyn Chadwick	24	24	51 52	Pam Crichton	18	18
23	David Lilley	62.5	37	Elizabeth Havas	24	24	52 53			
24	Arjuna De Livera	58.5	38	Helen Horwitz	24	0		Richard Grenside	18	18
25	Paul Gosney	53.0	39	Linda King	24	24	54 55	Sue Grenside	18 18	18 18
26	Bob Richman	49.5	40	Toni Sharp	24	24	56	Gary Lane		
27	David Hoffman	48.0	41	Nazife Bashar	18	18		Stephen Mendick	18	18
28	Joachim Haffer	46.5	42	Susan Emerson	18	18	57 50	Andrew Struik	18	18
29	Justin Williams	42.0	43	Lynn Kalmin	18	18	58 59	Brian Thorp	18	18
30	Jamie Ebery	40.5	44	Kinga Moses	18	18		William Westwood	18	18 15
31	Stephen Burgess	37.5	45	Judy Mott	18	18	60 61	Gary Ridgway	15 15	15 15
32	Avinash Kanetkar	36.0	46	Yadi Parrott	18	18	62	Arthur Robbins	15	15 15
33	Michael Wilkinson	36.0	47	Judy Snow	18	18	62 63	Shira Shilbury	15	15 15
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The Last Train Events - \$200 per pair					
	Women's	1	Seniors	Open	
Players	Surname	ı	Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	Amount
Player	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA NO	
Player					-\$
,					
\$520/team	\$520/team	\$520/team	\$460/team	\$460/team	
National	National	Life	Non-Life	National	0-49
Women's	Seniors	Masters	Masters	Novice	0-99
Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	 0-149
Players	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	Amount
Captain					
Player					
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Player		_			- \$
Australian Multi Pairs - \$100 per pair					
Mixed	Men's		Women's	Seniors	Novice
Players	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	Amount
Player					\$
Player					ľ
National Swiss Pairs - \$100 per pair Seniors Open					
Players	Surname	155 Fall 5 - \$100	Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	Open Amount
Player	Garrianic	1	Orven Hame	ADIMEODANO	
Player					- \$
South-West Pacific Teams - \$800 per team					
Players	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	Amount
Captain	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA NO	
Player					-\$
Player					
National Elighted Swice Daire #420 per nair					
National Flighted Swiss Pairs - \$130 per pair Players Surname Given Name ABF/NZCBA No Amount					
Player	Jumame		Given Name	ADI /NZCDA NO	
Player					- \$
Australian Mixed Teams - \$300 per team					
Players	Surname		Given Name	ABF/NZCBA No	_ Amount
Captain					-
Player					-
Player Player					-
Player					6
Player					- \$
Please make cheques payable to Summer Festival of Bridge; or Total					
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