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2012 Open Teams Champions

Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, Alex Smirnov, Nabil Edgtton, Michael Whibley and Andy Hung

The Milne team with an average age of just 25 years old showed the strength of the young brigade of Australian Bridge players by beating the excellently credentialed Ware Team: Mike Ware Fiona Brown, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon, Geo Tislevoll and Jon Sveindal by 29 IMPs plus the 0.5 IMP Carry forward.

Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
MILNE	0.5	35	35.5	35	70.5	18	88.5	26	114.5
Liam Milne - Andy Hung - Alex Smirnov - Michael Whibley - Nye Griffiths - Nabil Edgtton									
WARE		23	23	13	36	23	59	26	85
Michael Ware - Fiona Brown - Hugh McGann - Tom Hanlon - Geo Tislevoll - Jon Sveindal									

Nye, Edgtton and Hung are all products of the Australian Youth Bridge Program which is generously supported by the Australian Bridge Federation who have been well rewarded this tournament also seeing Nabil Edgtton (together with Ashley Bach) win the Open Pairs. All of this on the back of Edgtton/Gosney being members of the Australian Team which finished second in the World Title Transnational Teams in 2011. All of our youth players are great ambassadors of the game and Australian Players should be very proud of their achievements.



Runners Up Open Teams

Tom Hanlon - Michael Ware - Fiona Brown - Jon Sveindal - Hugh McGann - Geo Tislevoll

TABLE NUMBERS

The way that table numbers are often measured is by adding the number of tables in play each session. This accounts for changes in schedules and events. A summary of this measure shows:

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2006	81	578	574	1072	1557	1544	792	61	6259
2007	72	574	572	1096	1585	1576	490	239	6204
2008	83	598	594	1167	1684	1672	552	196	6546
2009	98	569	568	1096	1579	1568	488	169	6135
2010	622	620	310	1584	1515	1348	460	168	6627
2011	694	692	346	1744	1760	1744	579	183	7742
2012	640	640	320	1616	1616	1616	495	166	7109

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 1

Brent Manley

It was only fitting that the top two finishers in the Open Teams qualifying should meet in the championship round. The first of four sets featured Hugh McGann/Tom Hanlon for the Michael Ware team versus Alex Smirnov/Nye Griffiths for the Liam Milne squad in the open room. In the closed room, it was Geo Tislevoll/Jon Sveindal for Ware versus Nabil Edgtton/Andy Hung.

The first two boards of the 12-board set were pushes. On the board 1, both North-South pairs missed an easy slam in either major. On board 2, McGann/Hanlon bid 6♠ and Edgtton/Hung played 6NT, both making 12 tricks, although on the lead he got McGann could have scored 13 tricks for a 1-IMP gain.

Ware scored an IMP on board 3 when Griffiths/Smirnov played 3NT, just making, with a nine-card spade fit, while Tislevoll/Sveindal played the spade game and scored plus 420.

Milne went ahead by 8 IMPs on this deal.

Dealer: West ♠ J 6
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 8 6
 Brd 4 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ K 10 8 7 2

♠ A Q 10 9 5 3 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ 3

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ A K 10
 ♦ A K Q 10 8 4
 ♣ 4

♠ K
 ♥ J 9 7 4 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A Q J 9 6 5

West McGann	North Smirnov	East Hanlon	South Griffiths
3♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

McGann led his singleton club, taken by Hanlon with the jack. When Hanlon played the ♠K, McGann discouraged, so Hanlon continued with the ♣A, promoting McGann's ♦J to a winner. Griffiths ruffed with the ♦Q, cashed his other two high diamonds, then led a heart to dummy to cash the ♣K, pitching a spade from hand. He lost two spades, a club and a diamond for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
N Edgton	Tislevoll	Hung	Sveindal
3♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Double	Pass	Pass	

The defence started off the same way, but after Hung won the club lead and cashed his spade, he returned a low club. Sveindal ruffed with the ♦A, then erred by cashing two high trumps before playing a spade. Edgton could then win, clear dummy's trumps and take the third spade trick for his side. That was plus 500 for Milne, good for a 9-IMP gain. Had Sveindal cashed just one high trump, Edgton would not have been able to play a diamond on coming in with a spade without giving up his trump trick. Minus 200 would have been a 3-IMP loss instead of 9 IMPs.

The next two boards were pushes. On board 5, West at both tables scored plus 510 in heart contracts when the opening leader started with his singleton diamond instead of his spade sequence. Board 6 was a routine spade game that was good for 11 easy tricks.

Milne scored another game swing on board 7.

Dealer: South ♠ J 9 8 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 7 3
 Brd 7 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ Q 5 2

♠ A 7 6 2
 ♥ K 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ K 6 4

♠ 4
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ J 9 7 6 2
 ♣ A 10 7 3

♠ K Q 10 5
 ♥ J 9 8 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ J 9 8

West McGann	North Smirnov	East Hanlon	South Griffiths
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

This contract had no legitimate play with the two balanced hands and the 4-1 trump split. Smirnov led a low club and Griffiths took the ace to return the suit. McGann won trick two with the ♣K and played a diamond to dummy. He unblocked the other diamond honour, cashed a high spade and played a second spade to his ace, discovering the bad break. He pitched dummy's last club on the ♦Q and ruffed a club, then led a heart to his king and exited with a heart. Declarer lost two hearts a club and spade for minus 100. East-West did much better in the bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
N Edgton	Tislevoll	Hung	Sveindal
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Hung's 1♦ showed hearts, and 1♥ was apparently a three-card raise. Spades were never mentioned, so Tislevoll started off with a low spade. Edgtton won in dummy with the king and played a heart to his king, followed by a low heart to the 8 and 10. Edgtton ducked the club return to the queen, which was followed by a club to the ace and a club to declarer's king. Edgtton ended up with four spades, three diamonds, a club and a heart for plus 600 and 12 IMPs.

Ware struck back on the next board.

Dealer: West ♠ Q J 10 3
 Vul: None ♥ J 10
 Brd 8 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ J 8 4 3

♠ K 7 6
 ♥ A K 7 3 2
 ♦ A J 8 5
 ♣ Q

♠ 9 8 4
 ♥ Q 9 6 5 4
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ K 9

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
N Edgtton	Tislevoll	Hung	Sveindal
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
4	-	4	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
5	-	5	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Tislevoll had a natural spade lead, which set up two tricks in that suit before declarer could get a discard going on the ♣K. So it was down to the diamond guess, and Edgtton got it wrong, going one down for minus 50. At the other table, the same contract was played by East instead of West.

West	North	East	South
McGann	Smirnov	Hanlon	Griffiths
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

McGann's 1♣ showed 11-13 balanced or any hand with 17 or more high-card points except 20-22 balanced. The 2NT rebid apparently showed a heart fit.

Griffiths started with a low diamond, so Hanlon lost only two tricks – to the black aces – for plus 450 and an 11-IMP gain. That made the score 21-12 for Milne, who pulled away again on the next board.

Dealer: North ♠ 7 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ K 6 2
 Brd 9 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♣ K Q J 6 4

♠ A 10
 ♥ Q J 8 4
 ♦ K J 10 5 2
 ♣ 8 5

♠ K Q J 5
 ♥ A 5 3
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ 10 7 3 2

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
McGann	Smirnov	Hanlon	Griffiths
	1♣	Double	1♦
Double	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

This one was over quickly after Griffiths started with the ♣A. The defenders took the first five tricks for plus 100. The youngsters at the other table won again in the bidding and did equally well in the play.

West	North	East	South
N Edgtton	Tislevoll	Hung	Sveindal
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Double	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Tislevoll started with the ♣K, taken by Sveindal with the ace to return the suit. After winning the ♣Q, Tislevoll exited with a spade to Edgtton's 10. The ♥Q was covered by the king and ace, and a heart went back to the jack. Now Edgtton swung the ♦J through North and when it held, played a second diamond to the ace in

dummy. On the heart play, South won the 10 and returned a diamond to Edgton's king, dropping the queen. Plus 620 was good for 12 IMPs to Milne.

Board 10 was a push when both sides bid a routine 4♥, then Ware struck for a double-digit swing.

Dealer: South	♠ J	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ J 6	McGann	Smirnov	Hanlon	Griffiths
Brd 11	♦ A Q 10 8 6 3 2				1♥
	♣ 9 5 4	Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
♠ 10 9 7 5 3		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ 9 8 7 5	♠ Q 8 2	<hr/>			
♦ K	♥ 10 2	Makeable Contracts			
♣ A J 8	♦ 9 7 4	-	2	-	6
	♣ Q 10 7 6 3	-	1	-	1
	♠ A K 6 4	-	5	-	6
	♥ A K Q 4 3	-	5	-	6
	♦ J 5	-	1	-	1
	♣ K 2	-		-	

Here's another contract where the defenders take the first five tricks in clubs. Hanlon had a normal club lead, leaving Smirnov with eight tricks. The auction worked out better for North-South at the other table.

West	North	East	South
N Edgton	Tislevoll	Hung	Sveindal
			1♥
1♠	2♦	2♠	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

With the contract right-sided and no guess to make in diamonds, there were 13 easy tricks after Edgton started with a spade. Plus 520 gave Ware an 11-IMP gain. That cut Milne's lead to 33-23.

Milne picked up 2 IMPs on the final board when both East-West pairs bid to poor games, Hung going one off in 4♥ while Hanlon went two down in 4♠. After one set, it was 35-23 for Milne.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 2

Barry Rigal

The first four deals of the second stanza were flat but hardly dull

Both E/W pairs reached par when they made a contested to 3♠ over 4♥ and made 140, then the E/W pairs E/W pairs (Ware/Brown and Milne/Whibley) bid and made game, then did well to bid a slam down only on a ruff in a suit missing seven cards – each North, who had stayed silent over a strong bid with ♠A-J-10-8-4-2 duly led ♠A and gave their partner a ruff.

Each N/S pair then sacrificed over a non-making game (Hanlon opening eight clubs to the AQJ and an ace 5♣, Hung opening 1♣ then saving later.

The first big swing position came on the next deal:

Dealer: North	♠ J 9 8 7	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ A	Ware	Hung	Brown	Edgton
Brd 17	♦ K J 9 3				
Tms Final 2	♣ A 8 6 4	4♥	1♦	2♥	3♥
♠ A 10 5		Pass	Pass	Pass	5♦
♥ K Q 9 7 5	♠ K 6 4 2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ 10 5 4	♥ J 10 8 6 4 3	Milne	Hanlon	Whibley	McGann
♣ Q 5	♦				
	♣ K 7 2	5♥	1♦	1♥	5♦
	♠ Q 3		Double	All Pass	
	♥ 2	<hr/>			
	♦ A Q 8 7 6 2	Makeable Contracts			
	♣ J 10 9 3	-	2	-	2
		1	-	1	-
		4	-	4	-
		-	4	-	4
		-	3	-	2

Against 5♦ the defenders led hearts and sat back to collect their three tricks. 5♥ doubled looks a painless one down. After a diamond lead ruffed and a heart to the ace Hanlon took some while, then played the ♣A. Detailed review has been unable to find a hand where a club would ever be necessary (a spade might just

work but it is highly unlikely). In any event that was -650 and 12 imps to Milne instead of 4 imps the other way. Milne now led by 22.

On the next deal Michael Ware's NT opening in third seat on ♣ J-10-9-6-4-2 and an eight-count did not keep his opponents out of 3NT – as the next hand to speak, Hung had a penalty double and Edgtton bid 3NT over the opponents' rescue. No swing.

The second big swing saw Tom Hanlon find an ingenious line in his 3NT contract.

Dealer: North	♠ A J 9 7 5	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ Q 10				
Brd 21	♦ 9				
Tms Final 2	♣ A J 10 8 5				
♠ 10 8 6 3					
♥ A K 7					
♦ A Q 5 3 2					
♣ 9					
	♠ K 4				
	♥ 9 5 4 3				
	♦ 8 6				
	♣ 7 6 4 3 2				
	♠ Q 2				
	♥ J 8 6 2				
	♦ K J 10 7 4				
	♣ K Q				
			Makeable Contracts		
		-	2	-	2
		-	2	-	2
		-	-	-	-
		-	1	-	1
		-	2	-	2
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

Both tables tried the no-trump game from South but Hanlon/McGann had an uninformative sequence where dummy had shown the black-suits, while Edgtton had shown his diamonds as South, Both tables led three rounds of hearts. Edgtton won and took a spade finesse and Brown won and shifted to diamonds; down one. McGann won the third heart and led a low diamond from hand, banking on the fact that if East won the trick no return would hurt. West could have flown with the ♦Q and shifted to spades of course, but when he ducked declarer won the ♦9 (yes Liam Milne sounds an appropriate name to be a victim of the curse of Scotland) and came to the clubs to cash the heart. That was nine tricks and 12 imps back.

The respite was short: on the next deal Ware/Brown had a system accident with a Texas/Jacoby Transfer auction. Which was the slam-try, and which denied slam interest. Brown reached a hopeless slam (even game was not cold) and 13 imps went back to Milne.

The last board was more bad news for the Ware team.

Dealer: West	♠ A J 4	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ Q 10 4				
Brd 24	♦ K Q 6				
Tms Final 2	♣ A 9 7 2				
♠ Q 10 5 3					
♥ K J 7 5					
♦ A 10 4					
♣ J 6					
	♠ K 9 8 7				
	♥ 9 8				
	♦ J 9 8 2				
	♣ K 10 4				
	♠ 6 2				
	♥ A 6 3 2				
	♦ 7 5 3				
	♣ Q 8 5 3				
			Makeable Contracts		
		-	1	-	1
		2	-	2	-
		-	2	-	2
		1	-	1	-
		-	2	-	3
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

Both Wests opened 1NT and played there on a low club lead to the queen and a heart shift to the jack and queen and the heart ten returned, ducked to declarer. Both declarer's guessed spades, but while Edgtton/Hung reverted to clubs in time and took two hearts, three clubs and one trick in each of the other suits, McGann pressed on with hearts when in with ♠A and Hanlon played a second club on winning ♥A. Now declarer had a second heart trick, and that meant three spades, two hearts and one trick in each of the other suits for +180. Had McGann shifted to diamonds on winning ♥A (which looks the indicated play) the defenders would still have survived.

At set end it was 70-36 for Milne.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 3

Brent Manley

Starting the second half of the Open Teams final, the Michael Ware team was trailing 70-36, and although they picked up a 2-IMP swing early on, they dropped 18 IMPs on boards 4 and 5, surrendering 6 on a double part-

score swing and another 12 when Liam Milne and Michael Whibley played 3NT, taking 10 tricks, while Fiona Brown and Michael Ware struggled in a 5-2 fit in 4♠, down one.

At that point, Milne was leading by 50 IMPs, but Ware mounted a rally starting with a 2-IMP swing when Ware took 12 tricks in 3NT while Whibley managed only 10.

The next deal brought a much larger swing for Ware.

Dealer: South	♠ 10 9 7 5 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ J 5 2	Edgton	Brown	Hung	Ware
Brd 7	♦ J 9 8 4				1♥
Tms Final 3	♣ J				4NT
♠ K Q J 8 3		Double	2♥	Pass	5♥
♥ A 7 3	♠ 6 4	Double	5♦	Double	5♥
♦ A K 2	♥ 10 4	Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ 7 2	♦ Q 10 7 6 5	<hr/> Makeable Contracts <hr/>			
	♣ 8 6 4 3	-	1	-	1
	♠ A	1	-	1	-
	♥ K Q 9 8 6	-	5	-	5
	♦ 3	2	-	2	-
	♣ A K Q 10 9 5	-	5	-	5

Edgton cashed the ♦A and, eyeing the singleton club in dummy, switched to the ♥A and a low heart. Ware was able to claim at that point for plus 850. At the other table:

	West	North	East	South
	McGann	Milne	Hanlon	Whibley
				1♣
	1♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
	Double	Pass	5♦	Pass
	Pass	Pass		

Whibley cashed the ♣A and, noting his partner's play of the jack, cashed the ♠A and played the ♣9. Milne ruffed and returned a spade, ruffed by Whibley. He assured two down by continuing with the ♥K. Plus 200 was not satisfying in light of what North-South can make, and it was a 12-IMP loss.

Boards 8 through 10 were pushes, with a routine game, a flat part-score hand and a vulnerable 3NT made a both tables. There was an interesting ending to board 10, however.

Dealer: East	♠ 8 6 5 4 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 8 7 5	McGann	Milne	Hanlon	Whibley
Brd 10	♦ 3			2NT	Pass
Tms Final 3	♣ A K 10 8			3♣	Pass
♠ Q 10 3		Redouble	Pass	3♦	Pass
♥ 2	♠ A 9 7	3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
♦ Q J 9 4	♥ A K J	<hr/> Makeable Contracts <hr/>			
♣ Q J 7 5 4	♦ A K 8 5 2	3	-	3	-
	♣ 3 2	1	-	1	-
	♠ K J	-	1	-	1
	♥ Q 10 9 6 4 3	4	-	4	-
	♦ 10 7 6	2	-	2	-
	♣ 9 6				

Hung, East, opened 2NT and was raised to 3NT by Edgton. Ware led his longest and strongest suit and Hung had nine easy tricks. There was excitement at the other table, and the play did not go so quickly.

The auction kept Whibley from the heart lead. The opening ♣9 was covered by the jack and king. A heart switch went to the ace (low from South). Now three rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy, were followed by the ♠10, passed around to South's jack. Another club went to North's ♣8, and he thought a long time before continuing with a spade. Hanlon didn't know it at the time, but whatever he did was going to result in nine tricks. In practice, he ducked, and with only hearts left, Whibley had to lead into the ♥ K-J to provide Hanlon with his ninth trick and a push.

The penultimate board of the set produced the final swing, another one to Ware.

Dealer: South
 Vul: None
 Brd 11
 Tms Final 3
 ♠ J 3 2
 ♥ A K 10 3
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ 9 7 4 3

♠ K 10 7 6
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ J 10 5 2

♠ Q 9
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ A 10 9 6 3 2
 ♣ A K 6

♠ A 8 5 4
 ♥ Q 9 5 2
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ Q 8

West McGann	North Milne	East Hanlon	South Whibley
			1NT
Pass	2♠	3♦	3♠
Double	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

After the lead of the ♠A and spade continuation, Hanlon had a parking place for his losing club and he was soon claiming plus 130. At the other table:

West Edgtton	North Brown	East Hung	South Ware
			1NT
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Edgtton started with the ♥A, East playing the ♥8, and a low heart continuation. When dummies ♥7 held trick two, Ware continued with the ♥J to Edgtton's king. He got out with the ♥10 to declarer's queen. Ware continued with the ♣Q to Hung's king, and Hung played a low card from his long suit. Edgtton won the ♦Q and returned the suit, Hung winning with the ace and clearing the suit.

On the third round of diamonds, Edgtton had to make a discard, and when he selected a low spade, the contract could not be defeated. Ware played a spade to the king and followed with the 10, and when the ace collection the queen and jack, he had two more spades to cash for seven tricks and plus 180.

A club discard on the third round of diamonds seems less dangerous in light of the fact that East appears to have the ♣A. Plus 180 and plus 130 gave the Ware team another 7 IMPs, leaving the score at 88-59 with a set to play.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 4 Barry Rigal

Dealer: East
 Vul: None
 Brd 14
 Teams Final 4
 ♠ K 7 5 3 2
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ 10 8 5

♠ A 10 9
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ 6 3 2
 ♣ A K 7 3 2

♠ J 6
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ A K Q 9 8
 ♣ 9 6

♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ 7 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ Q J 4

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	7	-	7	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

The Irish bid 1NT-3NT. This looked like a possible big pick-up for the Milne team. How would you bid the N/S cards to 6♦ (you can make 7♥ of course)

South	North
1♦	2♣
2♥	2♠ is a good start. The auction continued
3♣	4♣
4♦	4NT
5♣	5♦
5♥	6♣ //

Yes Smirnov as North should maybe have limited in no-trump or raised diamonds...a lot depends on how you play Griffith's initial 2♥ call. Put me down in the 'reversing pattern non-minimum'.

Tislevoll found the spade lead after some though (dummy sounded like it had a singleton after all) and declarer had no play now

An overtrick imp went Ware's way, reducing the margin down to 17, then both N/S pairs reached a delicate 4♥ game and brought it home on a friendly lie of the cards.

Dealer: East	♠ A J 10 4	West	North	East	South	Makeable Contracts				
Vul: N-S	♥ K 6 4	Sveindal	Smirnov	Tislevoll	Griffiths	West	North	East	South	
Brd 18	♦ A 7			Pass	1♣	-	5	-	6	NT
Teams Final 4	♣ 8 7 6 2	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦	-	4	-	5	♠
♠ K Q 8 6		♠ 9 2	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	1	-	1	♥
♥ J 10 8 5		♥ Q 9 7 3 2	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT	-	-	1	♦
♦ K 10 5 2		♦ J 9 8 3	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥	-	5	-	6
♣ 4		♣ 10 3	Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass				
	♠ 7 5 3		Pass	Pass						
	♥ A		Milne	McGann	Whibley	McGann				
	♦ Q 6 4				2♦	3NT				
	♣ A K Q J 9 5		4♥	5NT	Pass	6♣				
			Pass	Pass	Pass					

You could argue that South owed his partner a heart cuebid in the Open Room; Smirnov thought one slam try was enough – and he was absolutely right since slam on a diamond lead is only 50% and on any other lead needs a spade honour right and either a spade split or a squeeze. Today was Hanlon's lucky day; nothing could defeat the slam and the match margin was 4 imps.

After both E/W pairs had bid and made an excellent minor-suit slam in the face of their opponents' preemption Milne finally turned on the after-burners. Sveindal/Tislevoll combined to miss a vulnerable game.

Dealer: West	♠ J 9 8 7 6	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ A Q J 10				
Brd 20	♦ 10	Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
Teams Final 4	♣ K J 10	Pass	Double	3♦	Pass
♠ A K Q		Pass	Pass		
♥ 8 7 5 4 3					
♦ 8 6					
♣ 9 6 4					
	♠ 5 2	Makeable Contracts			
	♥ K 9	4	-	4	-
	♦ A K Q J 9 3	-	1	-	1
	♣ A 8 3	2	-	2	-
		5	-	5	-
		2	-	2	-
					NT
					♠
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					♦
					♣

Tislevoll's simple overcall with a 7.5 playing trick hand including six solid diamonds, looks pessimistic but surely after doing that he could have redoubled? Mind you, Sveindal never bid at all when his partner showed extra shape with ♠AKQ. In the other room Milne bid 2NT at his first opportunity and was raised to 3NT...what's the problem?

A phantom sacrifice by the Norwegians made the margin 20 (had they doubled 4♥ they could have taken 500 and gained 9 imps since 3♥ went down one in the other room). Then the same pair bid to a hopeless game down 200, and one more double partscore swing meant the set score went back to 26-26 and Milne had a win by 29.

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.....AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

More than 500 players and guests At the Gala Dinner Dance at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre to celebrate the end of the 51st Annual Gold Coast Congress. Speeches paid tribute to the hard work put into the tournament by the Tournament Organiser Therese Tully and her amazingly committed staff and how this hard work went towards ensuring the enjoyment of the tournament by players, staff, non-playing partners and anybody else who comes in contact with it.

Here are some memories of that wonderful dinner dance.











APOLOGIES

Apologies to our novice players for the reappearance of the 2011 results in place of what should of course have been the 2012 results. By way of apology here are the complete 2012 Novice Pairs Results.

FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS - OVERALL

Pair	Names	Average	Pair	Names	Average
1	Margie KNOX - Carmel WIKMAN	59.74	21	Judith OWENS - Kay BELL	49.96
2	Gila RUBINSTEIN - Morris RUBINSTEIN	58.41	22	Ken PORTER - Shelley TAYLOR	49.22
3	Barbara LANE - Gail THOMPSON	57.78	23	Zona TRIPP - Julia CLIVE	49.17
4	Margaret WATSON - Colin PEARDON	55.67	24	Denise MERRIN - Sheena POLLOCK	48.90
5	June ORFORD - Bill ARMSTRONG	55.57	25	Janet LOWE - Narelle MCIVER	48.30
6	Barbara BRIGHT - Joan JENKINS	54.47	26	Rhonda FEGENT - Lyn WOODS	48.16
7	Pamela BROWN - Graham ARDERN	54.27	27	George GIBSON - Lynne LAYTON	48.14
8	Joyce DONOVAN - Carolyn MCMURRAY	54.08	28	Rebecca KNIGHT - Naureen GEARON	47.95
9	Sarah CARRADINE - Michael YOUNG	53.45	29	Naomi RYAN - Mary DOOLEY	47.89
10	Raymond POWLEY - Susan POWLEY	53.31	30	Daniel CHUA - Odette HALL	47.47
11	Maggie GREY - Candy REITSEMA	52.57	31	Roxane BRAYSHAW - Gaynor ROGERS	47.20
12	Kathie DE PALO - Carol SHELDRAKE	51.96	32	Denise HARTWIG - Sheryl HASLAM	46.61
13	John HARRISON - Charlotte HARRISON	51.86	33	Jane CAMPBELL - Brett CAMPBELL	46.16
14	Trefor GRIFFITHS - Lois ROBINSON	51.85	34	Judy HAPETA - Barbara LOVE	45.85
15	Trish REYNOLDS - Jonathan CHANCE	51.77	35	Carmel POLLARD - Peter FORSYTH	45.12
16	Rosemary CHALK - Julia HOWE	51.49	36	Helen HASSALL - Christine YOUNGMAN	44.84
17	Maureen GIBNEY - Susan LIPTON	51.44	37	Philip ROBERTS - Lynne GRAY	44.74
18	Lillian SEALY - Kay LEVY	50.90	38	Leonie LOVE - Jennifer MCDOWELL	44.27
19	Jackie YUNG - Sonia BRODMAN	50.55	39	Judith DAVIS - Louise WHITE	42.55
20	Sandor VARGA - Terry NADEBAUM	49.99	40	Leonie BROWN - Karin IOVANNELLA	36.84

IVY DAHLER OPEN SWISS BUTLER PAIRS

Rank	Pair	North-South	Total	Rank	Pair	East-West	Total
1	8	Sue INGHAM - Michael COURTNEY	183	1	561	Jeanette REITZER - Kieran DYKE	201
2	3	Theo ANTOFF - Al SIMPSON	170	2	559	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	197
3	2	Julian FOSTER - David WESTON	169	3	563	Peter GILL - Anthony BURKE	193
3	13	Judy MOTT - Giselle MUNDELL	169	4	560	Phil DEWAR - Michael SYKES	191
5	25	Ken WILKS - Rosalie BROUGHTON	167	5	547	Jenny CLEAVER - Judy HOLDOM	187
6	51	Noel WOODHALL - Alister STUCK	166	6	585	Helen HELLSTEN - Tony ONG	185
6	10	Marlene WATTS - Jamie EBERY	166	7	558	Ian ROBINSON - Arjuna DE LIVERA	183
6	108	Craig NAZZAR - Graham GILKISON	166	8	566	Kathy JOHNSON - Eva BERGER	182
6	58	Alan DODDRIDGE - Jenny WILSON	166	8	571	Chris WOOLLEY - Carolyn WOOLLEY	182
10	16	George FINIKIOTIS - Milan DUROVIC	165	10	554	Johan ROOSE - Judith ROOSE-DRIVER	180
10	28	Reg BUSCH - Joan MCPHEAT	165	11	533	Simon ROSE - Barry RAWICKI	176
12	95	Greta CHAI - Sindhu KURU VILLA	164	11	595	Catherine WHIDDON - Mary ALLISON	176
13	54	Betty HOBDELL - Rosemary GLASTONBURY	163	13	603	Ross HARPER - Ursula HARPER	172
14	1	Avinash KANETKAR - Terry BROWN	162	13	574	Julie SHERIDAN - Karen MARTELLETTI	172
14	93	Eddie MULLIN - Dianne MULLIN	162	15	581	Sophie KING - Michael WILKINSON	171
14	6	Martin BLOOM - Nigel ROSENDORFF	162	16	596	Ellena MOSKOVSKY - Lauren TRAVIS	170
14	9	Peter KAHLER - Jeannette COLLINS	162	16	610	Graham RUSHER - Stephen STENING	170
18	37	Denis GRAHAME - Jeanette GRAHAME	161	16	568	Ian AFFLICK - Paul COLLINS	170
18	18	Patricia KNIGHT - Eileen GRAY	161	16	587	Frank KOVACS - David MCRAE	170
18	47	Pam SCHOEN - Phil HALE	161	20	565	Stan KLOFA - Robert STEWART	169
21	22	Jack LINDSAY - Lorraine LINDSAY	160	20	586	Sebastian YUEN - Stephen WILLIAMS	169
22	105	Ian DRYSDALE - Bobbi DRYSDALE	159	22	606	Alison TALBOT - Marian OBENCHAIN	168
22	4	Sara TISHLER - Bob RICHMAN	159	22	572	Peter TOOTELL - Helen TOOTELL	168
22	106	Paul KRON - Les AJZNER	159	24	540	Tere WOTHERSPOON - Eric BAKER	167
22	34	Valma MCCLEMENT - Eileen JOSEY	159	24	576	Nicky STRASSER - Justin HOWARD	167
26	5	Margaret BOURKE - Greer TUCKER	158	26	549	Sandra CALVERT - Kim GILKISON	166
26	81	John KABLE - Kay ARBUCKLE	158	26	591	Helen STEWART - Margaret YUILL	166
28	48	Derek and Eunice STRINGFELLOW	157	26	578	Brian THORP - Andrew STRUIK	166
28	50	Jan CLYNE - Jan TUNKS	157	29	580	Leigh FORAN - Theo MANGOS	164
30	83	Harry BAUMANIS - Betty MILL	156	30	573	Andrew HEGEDUS - Andrew MILL	163
30	66	Tony ALLEN - Kelela ALLEN	156	30	544	Rosemary MATSKOWS - Fern MCRAE	163
30	14	Ann MELLINGS - Marion SPURRIER	156	30	522	Bernard EDELSTEIN - Peter COX	163
30	12	Michael WARING - Helena DAWSON	156	30	506	Delma PURCELL - Kerry HISCOCKS	163
34	70	Tony TRELOAR - Peter EVANS	155	30	592	Kim FRAZER - Angela NORRIS	163
34	29	Michael ROSS - Adrian THOMPSON	155	35	589	Janet CLARKE - Frances LYONS	162

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Rank	Pair	North-South	Total	Rank	Pair	East-West	Total
34	38	Bill NASH - Alex MCAULEY	155	36	532	Alexander COOK - Robin HO	161
34	98	Anna BELL - Anne NOTHLING	155	36	521	Dominic KWOK - Eric LAM	161
34	67	Lisa MA - Emlyn WILLIAMS	155	38	577	Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ	159
34	40	Maura RHODES - Rick RHODES	155	38	516	Kendall EARLY - Linden RAYMOND	159
40	62	John STEELE - Jocelyn STEELE	154	38	608	Sue ROLPH - John ROLPH	159
40	75	Krystyna HOMIK - Jane SWANSON	154	41	567	Terry STRONG - Jill MAGEE	158
40	73	Judith SELLECK - Pamela SMITH	154	41	588	Niek VAN VUCHT - Wendy BOXALL	158
40	90	Bill REDHEAD - Andrew WING LUN	154	43	600	Gizella MICKEVICS - Mary WATERHOUSE	157
44	103	Lyn MULLER - Sarah KALIN	153	43	609	Margaret GIDLEY-BAIRD - Patricia MANN	157
44	59	Allan ROSENBERG - Lex BOURKE	153	45	505	Lee WELDON - Biljana NOVAKOVIC	156
46	19	Marilyn CHADWICK - Toni SHARP	152	46	523	Geoffrey ROBERTS - Kevin DEAN	155
46	7	Peter HAINSWORTH - Ralph PARKER	152	46	541	Peter MARSH - Fran MARTIN	155
46	39	Ben KINGHAM - Lindy ANDERSON	152	46	582	Ian BROOKES - Joyce O'BRIEN	155
49	109	Bev GUILFORD - Sue SPENCER	151	49	526	Keith BARRIE - Tim O'LOUGHLIN	154
49	31	Peter ANDERSSON - Ashok TULPULE	151	49	569	Ron LORRAWAY - Jan DOONER	154
49	11	Peter FORDHAM - Susan CROMPTON	151	51	509	Mindy WU - Lorraine STACHURSKI	152
49	96	Murray PERRIN - Peter HALL	151	51	536	Margaret PISKO - Bastian BOLT	152
49	57	Brian BREEZE - Eamen JACKSON	151	53	555	Jena BENNETT - Robin BENNETT	151
54	104	Glenys DEAN - Elizabeth CORNFORD	150	54	579	Betty PRIESTLEY - Valerie HARDIE	150
54	53	Annette MALUISH - Neville FRANCIS	150	54	602	Ian SOUTHEN - Sue STERRENBURG	150
54	36	Meredith LAMBERT - Allison DAWSON	150	54	562	Barry JONES - Jenny MILLINGTON	150
54	33	Andrew TARBUTT - Duncan BADLEY	150	57	556	Pat O'CONNOR - Kay O'CONNOR	149
54	107	Bruce ANDERSON - Kathryn TENNANT	150	58	508	Neville DE MESTRE - Lazar MIKATA	147
54	23	Edda STRONG - Tom STRONG	150	58	518	George FLEISCHER - Jenny ROSE	147
60	101	Megan SUTHERLAND - Gerald DAWSON	149	58	507	Kaye DONALDSON - Janice PALM	147
60	55	Pam MORGAN-KING - Deb WELLMAN	149	58	584	Michael PEMBERTON - Graham WAKEFIELD	147
62	21	Andrew HILL - David SHILLING	148	62	583	Georges GASSMANN - Barbara GASSMANN	145
62	112	Lesley GILHOOLY - Lyn MANSFIELD	148	62	552	Murray WIGGINS - Peter FARLEY	145
62	110	Beverley MORRIS - Allan MORRIS	148	62	604	Matt BLACKHAM - Michele TREDINNICK	145
62	27	Terry BODYCOTE - Joan STOBO	148	62	543	Diana MCALISTER - Hugh MCALISTER	145
66	60	Nikki RISZKO - Jenny MICHAEL	147	66	502	Joan BARNETT - Mary JOHNSTON	144
66	35	Dawn CULLEN - Pat SMITH	147	66	524	Patricia MANN - Carmel BOURKE	144
68	85	Irene HAMILTON - Susie HALL	146	68	564	Steven BOCK - Ely URBACH	143
68	72	Paul WEAVER - Bijan ASSAEE	146	69	513	Susan SCERRI - Allan SCERRI	142
68	78	Brian JACOBSON - Bill WEBSTER	146	70	557	Erin TEWES - John YOON	140
71	99	Eric GLASS - Brett GLASS	145	70	539	Paul BRAKE - Margaret CHESSER	140
71	20	Judy MARKS - Adam RUTKOWSKI	145	70	519	Lorraine CARR - Margo BRENNAN	140
73	74	Craig FRANCIS - Nikolas MOORE	144	70	590	Geoff ALLEN - Pat ALLEN	140
73	30	Brian CLEAVER - Peter BENHAM	144	70	515	Herschel BAKER - Ann MCGHEE	140
73	63	Bernie ATKINS - Tony WAGSTAFF	144	70	548	Malcolm SMITH - Alison SMITH	140
76	17	Peter LIVESEY - Roger THOMAS	143	70	512	Dasha BRANDT - David BOWERMAN	140
76	91	Kae FRENCH - Jennifer ATKINSON	143	77	520	Sandy LEACH - Deborah PENNEY	139
76	65	Maureen PHILLIPS - Cathy SLAUGHTER	143	77	612	Jeanette ROUGHLEY - Margaret BAZZAN	139
76	64	Beryl DAWSON - Maureen COOKSLEY	143	79	504	Judy WULFF - Marilyn WHIGHAM	138
76	45	Bernie ADCOCK - Janet HILL	143	80	594	Jill TONKIN - Gwen GRAY	137
81	61	Heather FLANDERS - Judith CRAFTI	142	80	546	Brian ASHWELL - Jan ASHWELL	137
81	15	Eva SAMUEL - Jeff FUST	142	80	534	Janet WALLIS - Ann BULLOCK	137
81	68	John CORREY - Catherine MCPAUL	142	83	537	William PETERS - Dennis SULLIVAN	136
84	41	Ian MOORE - Pam MOORE	141	83	553	Jenny CARR - Kees DE VOCHT	136
84	42	Denise KEENAN - Dawn SWABEY	141	85	599	Gary LYNN - Jack PIERCE	135
84	82	Susanne SARTEN - David SARTEN	141	85	570	Roger WEATHERED - Kuldip BEDI	135
84	26	Wayne BURROWS - Kaylee LEMON	141	85	575	Sally CLARKE - Garry CLARKE	135
88	86	Evol CRESSWELL - Margaret DARKE	140	85	551	Geoffrey NORRIS - Pat KENNEDY	135
88	79	Robert WYLIE - Merleine WYLIE	140	89	528	Neil STRUTTON - Blanche SLAUGHTER	134
90	89	Winston GUYMER - Paul CRUICKSHANK	139	90	517	Valerie ISLE - Ros WARNOCK	132
90	32	Yvonne KILVERT - Neven BURICA	139	90	535	George POWIS - Patricia POWIS	132
90	46	Tim HEALY - Helen HEALY	139	92	597	Malcolm ALLAN - Diana STEWART	131
93	49	Erica AUGUSTSON - Edith MOENS	138	92	514	Michael STONEMAN - Val ROLAND	131
93	94	Rodney CURTIN - Graeme BOWMAN	138	92	611	Sandra ALLEN - Janette CLARK	131
93	100	Cathy CRAWFORD - Pat LEIGHTON	138	92	501	Ruth CHAPMAN - Lucy BARUA	131
96	24	Tania GARIEPY - Rosemary MOONEY	137	96	593	Gabor FLEISZIG - Janina FLEISZIG	130
96	44	Shirley WANZ - Susanne MOULD	137	97	527	Harry TAPLIN - Bruce PLUMMER	129
96	84	Frank CAMPBELL - Heather GRANT	137	98	605	Frances THOMPSON - Ken SMITH	128
99	52	Christine CHANDLER - David MONAHAN	136	98	542	Maureen COLLINGWOOD - Michael AULTON	128
100	43	Ann PETTIGREW - Adrienne STEPHENS	135	98	511	Janet MUNRO - Val CHURCHILL	128

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Rank	Pair	North-South	Total	Rank	Pair	East-West	Total
101	102	Penny and Ivan SCHMALKUCHE	133	101	545	Kay LEETON - Jenny HOFF	125
102	80	Pat ROGERS - Audrey BONNICK	132	102	607	Geoffrey THOMAS - Keith LONG	124
102	69	Vicki FOOTS - Anne GRIFFIN	132	102	531	Lise ALLAN - Rilla ENGLAND	124
104	77	Frances GARRICK - Bruce DAGLISH	131	104	525	Jenny WILLIAMS - Katrina HEWINGS	121
104	87	Beth CALCINO - Maria RUTTAMAN	131	105	598	Alan CLAYTON - Ann NICHOLS	119
104	97	Diane NICHOLS - Sue EASTMAN	131	105	538	Fran MCDONALD - Lee LEWIS	119
104	92	Lalita KANETKAR - S SAHASRABUDDHE	131	107	529	Roy ROBERTS - John GLENNIE	118
104	76	Dale WELLS - John SEAR	131	108	503	Gaylene BROWN - John TREDREA	114
104	111	Allayne GRAY - Anne SIMPSON	131	109	601	Janet JOHNSON - Setsuko HORSFIELD	110
110	88	Darrell WILLIAMS - Jackie WILLIAMS	126	110	510	Les BONNICK - Mike ROBERTSON	108
111	71	Desma SAMPSON - Gwen CORDINGLEY	123	111	550	Ken CARMICHAEL - Rosemary BARRACK	106
112	56	Margaret LIVERSAGE - Fred KRAUSS	118	112	530	Ken MOSCHNER - Saftica POPA	98

IVY DAHLER RESTRICTED SWISS BUTLER PAIRS

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	14	John DONOVAN - Alexander HEWAT	181	31	35	Helen MCADAM - Moira HECKER	151
2	55	Helen ROLLOND - Stewart KINGSBOROUGH	177	33	50	Kathy HART - Sally GRAHAM	149
3	43	Peter ROBBINS - Ian BARFOOT	175	33	24	Christine NICE - Faye WRIGHT	149
4	53	William HOWARD - Geraldine HOWARD	174	33	13	Elizabeth LAWRENCE - Carole HAMILTON	149
5	57	Peter COPPIN - Jennifer HOLLINGWORTH	172	36	42	Ray INGIELEWICZ - Pat SLEAT	148
6	45	Alan BOYCE - Bert LUCHJENBROERS	169	37	4	Heath COOK - Barry COOK	147
7	41	Lex RANKE - Jack ROHDE	168	37	34	Kay SIMPSON - Ruth YOUNG	147
8	62	Jane DOIG - Adam HERTELENDY	166	37	21	Mary TOUGH - Ella PATTISON	147
9	49	Philip KNIGHTLEY - Dianna MIDDLETON	165	40	23	Marie IRVING - Allison SIMON	146
9	39	Kristin HUGHES - John HUGHES	165	41	12	Robyn CLARK - Wendy BRISTOW	145
11	17	Neil RAWARD - Brett SIMPSON	164	42	10	Lillian PEARCE - Gerald PEARCE	144
11	9	Lou TILLOTSON - Christina BERGMAN	164	42	20	Joe KRAMPPEL - Marcia KRAMPPEL	144
11	3	Joan LECKIE - Margaret WILLIAMSON	164	44	54	Peter SCHMIDT - Suzanne SCHMIDT	143
11	33	Patricia HOBSON - Helen FITZPATRICK	164	44	30	Janice QUIGLEY - Barbara GORDON	143
15	29	Cassie MORIN - Helen ARENDTS	161	44	19	Marian PEIRIS - Kay WATKINSON	143
15	47	Diana MCKENZIE - Heather REYNOLDS	161	47	15	Brian LEACH - Carolyn LEACH	142
17	31	Kemal AVUNDUK - Kiyomi AVUNDUK	160	48	16	Laurie SKEATE - Terry KHOO	139
17	60	Jill CHURCH - Rhondda SWEETMAN	160	49	37	Rosemary KELLEY - Ned KELLEY	138
19	6	Andrew WOOLLONS - Robin STEINHARDT	159	49	56	Janine BEYER - Michelle JAMES	138
19	58	Sharon STRETTON - Helen WALKER	159	51	44	Kevin BALKIN - Pauline BALKIN	137
19	46	Sally LAZAR - Richard LAZAR	159	52	11	Valerie HUNTLEY - Ron HUNTLEY	130
22	8	Sheryl CULLENWARD - Christine BAYNES	157	53	28	Dale PEAK - Roger PEAK	129
22	40	Ian BROADLEY - Gordon BROADLEY	157	54	51	Jillian GRIFFITH - Norma BROWNE	128
24	32	Dot PIDDINGTON - Norma CAMERON	155	54	52	Peter ROLLOND - David MUNRO	128
24	38	Martin JOHNSON - Hope TOMLINSON	155	56	5	John BRISTOW - Jeffrey LACEY	125
26	25	Noriko NISHIGAMI - Trevor DWERRYHOUSE	154	57	61	Merle BOGATIE - Melanie MILLS	123
27	27	Sue ROBINSON - Lynne SAINT JAMES	153	57	22	Pauline WEBB - Toni PFAFFLIN	123
27	1	Carole MUNRO - Chris MUNRO	153	59	59	Isabella GORSKI - Mary O'BRIEN	122
27	7	Alan DAVIES - Vivien ELDRIDGE	153	60	26	Annette SULLIVAN - Byron LONGFORD	121
30	36	Isobel FURNIVAL - Gayle BODDICE	152	61	18	Marie SIGANTO - Jodie SIGANTO	118
31	48	Mike EDWARDS - Liz JACKA	151	62	2	Norma NEWTON - Patricia MCGAFFIN	117

HOLIDAY PAIRS EVENT 3 - SESSION 3

N-S			Score	E-W			Score
1	Louise GOLD - Leigh GOLD		63.52	1	Tony LEIBOWITZ - Mike DOECKE		61.68
2	Charlie SCHWABEGGER - Kerrin DAWS		61.80	2	Vanessa BROWN - William JENNER-O'SHEA		60.74
3	Kerry WOOD - Robyn O'DELL		61.56	3	Andrew JANISZ - Trevor ROBB		60.39
4	Barry WILSON - Trevor FLETCHER		60.03	4	Roger MINCHIN - Carol MINCHIN		57.14
5	Mark JANOR - Kim PRESCOTT		55.93	5	Robert SUTTON - Robert COWLEY		56.38
6	David O'GORMAN - Julie JEFFRIES		53.88	6	Mervyn ROSSITER - Paul THIEM		55.47
7	Aloysius WANG - Rhonda WANG		53.23	7	Jan VARMO - Patricia HILLE		52.93
8	Jayant KULKARNI - Jyotsna KULKARNI		52.01	8	Elizabeth ZELLER - Alison DAWSON		52.60
9	Glenys FITZPATRICK - Patrick REDLICH		49.47	9	Shirley REDDIN - John REDDIN		52.50
10	Pat O'NEILL - Anita THIRTLE		48.74	10	Meg SHARP - John SHARP		52.29
11	Helen CLAYTON - Kathy PALMER		48.01	11	Madge BAKER - Joan HAZLEHURST		48.77
12	Sarah STRICKLAND - Patrick BUGLER		47.58	12	Cheryl STONE - Fred WHITAKER		45.50
13	Merilyn PARIS - Adel ABDELHAMID		47.34	13	Marj JABORE - Claire JACKMAN		45.09
14	David FLYNN - Jill PERCIL		46.27	14	Margaret ZIFFER - Rob ZIFFER		44.85
15	Naomi HANNAH-BROWN - Pricilla BLAY		44.41	15	Meta GOODMAN - Tony JACKMAN		44.35
16	Michael LARCOMBE - Helen GAULT		40.95	16	Coral AIKIN - Michael AIKIN		44.23

HOLIDAY PAIRS EVENT 3 - SESSION 3

	N-S	Score		E-W	Score
17	Patricia RYAN - Idalia DE VOS	40.46	17	James FYFE - Karen ERENSTROM	43.07
18	Peter HOOPER - Susie HERRING	38.13	18	Brett CAMPBELL - Jane CAMPBELL	37.41
19	Judith DAVIS - Louise WHITE	37.05	19	Susan LIPTON - Maureen GIBNEY	34.99

HOLIDAY PAIRS EVENT 3 - OVERALL

		Average
1	Kim PRESCOTT - Mark JANOR	57.32
2	Robert SUTTON - Robert COWLEY	53.95
3	Idalia DE VOS - Patricia RYAN	47.43
4	Peter HOOPER - Susie HERRING	45.35



BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

North	West	North	East	South
♠ 5 4	Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
♥ A K 10 9	Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
♦ 2	Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
♣ A K 8 6 3 2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
East				
♠ 10 9 3 2				
♥ J 5				
♦ A K J 8 5				
♣ 10 7				
Dealer: West				
Vul: Nil				

West leads the ♦10. How should East plan the defence?

Solution: On the bidding it is almost certain that declarer will have six club tricks. Add the top hearts and you can see nine tricks for the opposition if you let declarer score a trick with the ♦Q, also marked on the auction.

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East took the ♦K and switched to the ♠9, the only suit to give the defence a chance. No doubt he would have preferred to lead a low spade, but the ♠2 or ♠3 would suggest a top honour and could mislead partner.

Declarer rose with the ♠K and West won. He returned a diamond to East, who continued with the ♠2. South misguessed, playing the jack. West won and played a spade to East's ten for one down.

At the other table

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here also the lead was the ♦10. At this table however, South's club support had not been disclosed and so East ducked the first diamond. South won and collected six clubs plus four hearts for +460 and 11 Imps to Poland.

OFF-SHAPE TAKEOUT DOUBLES

Brent Manley

I once played against a bright learner, a person I thought had potential as a bridge player. I changed my mind, at least for the time being, after I opened 1♠ and he made a takeout double with hand roughly like this one:

♠ A 8 6 ♥ Q J 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 6 5 2

I ended up playing a spade contract, and as the play progressed, it became obvious he had a singleton diamond. When the play was over, his partner made a remark about the off-shape double.

His response: "But I had 14 points!"

That seems to be the mantra for many players who apparently were daydreaming or nodding off when the bridge teacher covered takeout doubles.

To be effective, a bridge partnership must have good communication. If you double an opening bid and put down a doubleton or a singleton in a suit partner bids, he is not going to be happy. Over time, partner will start responding to your doubles at a minimum level even when he has enough to bid higher because he will worry about what's coming down in dummy. No one likes to play 4-2 or 4-1 fits, especially doubled. When you make these undisciplined bids, the opponents – with more trumps than your side – will often pull out the red card.

But, you say, "If partner bids my doubleton, I can just bid notrump, right?"

That is 100% wrong unless you have significant extras. You should never, ever double and bid notrump with minimum or even medium values.

A double followed by a bid in notrump shows a hand that is too strong to overcall 1NT directly. If your 1NT overcall range is 15-17, double then notrump shows a good 18 or more high-card points in a balanced hand with a stopper in opener's suit.

There is another hand type with which it's okay to make a takeout double without support for the unbid suits. Here's an example:

♠ A K Q J 9 4 3 ♥ A ♦ K J 6 ♣ 10 9

Say your right-hand opponent opens 1♣. If you make a simple 1♠ overcall, you could easily miss a game. Say LHO passes and it's up to your partner to call. If he holds a hand such as

♠ 10 7 ♥ K 6 5 4 ♦ Q 6 5 4 ♣ 6 5 3 2,

he will pass 1♠. What else can he do? He won't want to raise with a doubleton spade, he has no suit to bid and not much in the way of high-card strength. If 1♠ is passed out, you will have missed a cold game.

Doubling and bidding your own suit shows a strong hand and a good suit.

If you don't have the 18-plus balanced notrump hand or the big hand with the long, strong suit, you must have support for the unbid suits. You don't promise four-card support for all suits, but you should have at least three-card support for whatever partner might bid.

Consider the hand at the beginning of this article (♠ A 8 6 ♥ Q J 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 6 5 2). If you pass 1♠, it would not be unusual for the bidding to proceed this way:

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	??

Now you are all set. You can double with a clear conscience, showing the two unbid suits – hearts and clubs. Isn't that better than the following?

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Double
Redble	2♦	Double	????

All I can say about that is – Ouch!

THE EDITORS

The editors of the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin were taken to task by the Tournament Organiser for not including their photo amongst the key staff of the tournament so here it is.....



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