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Surveying the tournament from above after noting it was one of the biggest and most successful tournaments in the bridge world.

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THE NUMBERS GAME

Year	Pairs					Teams			
	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice, Restricted	Swiss Pairs	Total	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice, Restricted	Total
2007	297	91	180		568	243	45	103	391
2008	332	104	162		598	274	48	96	418
2009	284	106	180		570	246	46	96	388
2010	314	102	204		620	214	44	138	396
2011	304	98	292		694	240	46	150	436
2012	264	94	292		650	220	44	138	402
2013	194	88	308	116*	706	200	52	174	426
Growth 2013 over 2012					+8.6%	Growth 2013 over 2012			+6.0%
2011 Numbers were unusually high due to the celebration of the tournaments 50th anniversary									

As a new major event the Swiss Pairs numbers are now included for comparison purposes

This year we will be dealing a minimum of 29,904 boards. Given that each board takes around 20 seconds that translates into.....one person dealing 8 hours a day 5 days a week for.....exactly one month. I'm sure glad that isn't me.

YOUR BBQ MENU

During the break today a BBQ lunch will be available on the terrace outside the Convention Centre.



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Paul Lavings

**Offering his insights into
Suit Preference Signalling**

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 3

One for the Books – Barry Rigal

Dealer: East ♠ 10 3 2
 Vul: Both ♥ A 7 5
 Brd 10 ♦ A K 8 4
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ J 8 5
 ♠ 9 7 6 4
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ A Q 9 4 2

♠ A J 8 5
 ♥ K 10 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♣ K 10

♠ K Q
 ♥ J 9 8 4
 ♦ J 10 5 2
 ♣ 7 6 3

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	1	-	-	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

Brent Manley declared 2♠ here as West after a simple auction: 1♦:1♠:2♠. the defenders led a top diamond and shifted to heart. Manley won in hand and passed the spade six. South won and played back a diamond, so North cashed his red winners and played a third heart. Manley played the ten covered with the jack, and ruffed it. Then he led a low spade from hand and when North followed low (yes, the ten, the card you are known to hold might be better) Manley went up with the ace and dropped the remaining honor. Making +140.

	♠ 10 3	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 8 4	
	♣ J 8 5	
♠ 9 7		♠ A J 8
♥ ---		♥ K
♦ ---		♦ Q
♣ A Q 9 4 2		♣ K 10
	♠ Q	
	♥ J	
	♦ 5 2	
	♣ 7 6 3	

You'll notice I said 'might' be better above. Contrast what happened where Cornell and Bach were defending 2♠ by East. The defence went on similar lines. Bach led a diamond to the king, then Cornell cashed ♥A, ♦A and played a second heart. Declarer finessed in trumps to Bach, who played a third heart, and declarer ruffed in dummy and had reached this position.

Here too declarer led a trump from dummy. Cornell played low (of course partner could have the bare spade ace left) and declarer misjudged by putting in the jack. Bach won his honour and played a fourth heart for the overruff. Down one!

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 4

Barry Rigal

For the fourth match of the open teams qualifier I positioned myself to watch David Hoffmann, playing with Margi Bourke North-South against Neil Stuckey and Christine Wilson (in the other room Hoffman's teammates were Felicity Beale and Robbie van Riel against Barry and Glenis Palmer).

Also on my radar were Julian Foster and David Weston, North-South at the next table. They were playing Henry Sawicki and Rachel Frenkel. In the other room Foster's teammates were Neville Francis and Magnus Moren playing against Eva and Rena Kaplan.

As you will see, the match turned out to be in sharp contrast to the ones the bulletin had covered earlier. Very few IMPs exchanged hands - but don't be misled into thinking that was because perfect bridge had been played!

On the first deal out the East-West pairs could make a partscore in spades, hearts or clubs. Stuckey and Wilson found their way to the best partscore for a 5 IMP pickup when Beale-van Riel were going overboard in the wrong strain, while in the other room Francis/Moran were selling out to a making partscore in the other direction to give Sawicki 6 IMPs.

On the next deal Sawicki-Frenkel's strong club let them stop safely at the two-level when Foster did not interfere (despite two chances to do so) with ♣ A K 10 6 3 2. Sawicki led 11-0.

On the next deal no real IMPs changed hands, but I wondered if there was a small technical point in the play here.

Dealer: North ♠ K Q 9 8 7 6 4
 Vul: None ♥ 6
 Brd 17 ♦ A 10 8
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ 9 5
 ♠ A J
 ♥ K J 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 4 3
 ♣ A 6 2

♠ 10 3 2
 ♥ A Q 9 7 4 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K J 3

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

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	1	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Say you play 4♠ after 3♠:4♠. How should you plan the play after the lead of the club seven, second and fourth?

In my opinion this is unlikely to be an underlead of an ace -- maybe when you get to table one but not until then! If so the lead is either fourth highest or second from a bad suit. If the former, playing low from dummy will suffice, if the latter then your play doesn't matter if the AQ10 are wrong, but it certainly does matter if the lead is from 107x(x). you should play low from dummy at trick one, since you can always finesse the queen later, should the defenders win the club with the ten and shift to ace and another spade. Your plan will be to win and take the club finesse, falling back on the heart finesse if all else fails. As you can see, the line you follow here doesn't matter since you rate to take at least ten tricks whatever you do. But remember the tip for next time -- or you could read up on it in 'Breaking the Rules' (Masterpoint Press and all good bridge retailers).

Dealer: East ♠ A K J 10 9 5 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ 9 6
 Brd 18 ♦ 4
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ A 3 2
 ♠ 7
 ♥ A K J 10 8 3 2
 ♦ 10 8 6
 ♣ 8 4

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ ---
 ♦ A K J 9 7 3
 ♣ J 10 9 5

♠ 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 5 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ K Q 7 6

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	7	-	7	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	7	-	7	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

Again the two matches failed to produce any swings, one pushing the deal in 6♠, one in 4♠.

Weston and Foster started out: 1♦:[2♥]:2♠:[3♥]:4♥:[Dbl]. Had Foster passed, Weston might have redoubled to show the void. Now the path to the grand slam might have been easier. On a heart lead you need trumps 2-1 and the diamond queen to fall in four rounds.

Still, that was relatively innocent compared to developments from the other table I was watching.

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Readers may care to distribute 100% of the blame here. Or they may feel that there is considerably more than 100% to allocate... still, as slam was missed in the other room maybe it is just unbiddable.

Three virtually flat boards followed, and at the half-way point the two match scores were 5-1 for Palmer, and 11-4 for Sawicki. When Bourke had a blind spot or two to go down in a game, Palmer's lead had climbed to 15-1. Suddenly though, the Hoffman team moved up a gear or three, and started putting IMPs on the board.

Margaret Morgan, playing in the Restricted Teams reports that she was chatting to one of the lifeguards on the beach about the reclamation of the beach by the ocean. The lifeguard enquired what Margaret was doing on the Gold Coast and in response to the fact she was playing in a bridge tournament he said he would look up the rules on Google. Margaret suggested that he would likely need lessons but he could not understand how he could need lessons to play a game of cards -- "it cant be that difficult can it"? Margaret couldn't find a suitable answer to that one.

Dealer: South ♠ A K
 Vul: Both ♥ K 7 5 2
 Brd 23 ♦ Q 10 5 3
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ A 10 9
 ♠ Q J 10 9 8
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K J 9 8
 ♣ Q 6

♠ 6 4
 ♥ A J 9 8 6 3
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 8 2

♠ 7 5 3 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ K 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
3	-	2	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
1	-	-	-	♦
1	-	-	-	♣

Bourke passed the South cards, thereby indicating that she is, like me, ready to join the 'Old Fogey's' club. Hoffman, North opened 1♦ and heard South's 2♥ response, suggesting these values but perhaps a less good suit. Undaunted though, he jumped to 4♥ and Bourke claimed +620 a few moments later and a surprise 10 IMPs, when the Palmers missed their game. I like what Sartaj Hans did here, by the way. As North he heard Andrew Peake open 2♥ and relayed for shortage. When he found none, and a minimum hand, he bid 3NT. Note that this contract has nine tricks even if both club honors are wrong...and imagine that South hand with the same shape but the club jack in either of the other two suits!

Dealer: West ♠ ---
 Vul: None ♥ A J 9 7 5
 Brd 24 ♦ J 8 5 4
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ Q J 6 3
 ♠ Q 10 4 3
 ♥ K
 ♦ K 10 9 3
 ♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ A 9 8 2
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 6 5
 ♥ Q 10 8 6
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

At the two tables where I was watching both Easts played 4♠. Hoffman had opened the North cards, Weston had not. (And Bourke did not double 4♠ either: she must have seen a few of these openings before!)

Both Souths led a low heart to the ace; what should North return? Weston played back a high club Hoffman a low club, which looks like a better idea (notwithstanding the fact that Wilson still went down in 4♠). At trick three Bourke returned her low club to the eight and jack, and declarer had to lose a diamond and a spade for down one.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2NT[1]	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

[1] Four Card Constructive Raise

"Had to" you say? Let's shift to Del'Monte's table, where Ishmael was declaring 4♠ on the auction:

The defenders led a heart to the king and ace and a low club back to the king and ace. You can forgive South for playing back the ♣4 but maybe the nine is actually the best technical play, in case the suit looks like this.

♠ ---
 ♥ J 9 7
 ♦ J 8 5 4
 ♣ Q 6
 ♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ ---
 ♦ K 10 9 3
 ♣ 10 8
 ♠ A 9 8
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ 9 7
 ♠ K 7 6
 ♥ Q 10 8
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ ---

When Del'Monte received the low club continuation he found the pressure play of ducking in dummy. North put up the jack, and Del'Monte ruffed, and led the spade jack, ducked all round.

This was the ending. Now look what happens when another trump is led. If South ducks declarer wins in dummy, cashes the diamond king and ace and ♥Q then cross-ruffs clubs and hearts and scores the last trump in dummy en passant, with the diamond and spade winner falling together.

So South won the second spade and played a third spade, won in dummy leaving North to find two discards. One diamond was easy but what would the next discard be? A heart might look safe but declarer ruffs another club, goes to the diamond king, and has an extremely unusual triple squeeze for two tricks as the spade queen is led.

♠ ---	♠ ---
♥ J 9	♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 8	♦ A 6
♣ Q	♣ ---
♠ Q	♠ 9
♥ ---	♥ 4 3
♦ 10 9 3	♦ Q
♣ 10	♣ 9

Declarer has only three winners but North cannot pitch either red suit without conceding two tricks and a club simply allows declarer to cash the last club and repeat the squeeze.

For the record South needed to shift to trumps (or a somewhat unlikely ♦Q!) at trick three to break up the position.

Dealer: East ♠ 7
 Vul: Both ♥ A 10 6 4 2
 Brd 26 ♦ K 3
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ Q J 6 4 3
 ♠ A K 4
 ♥ K
 ♦ A 9 7 6 5 4
 ♣ A 9 8

♠ 10 9 5
 ♥ J 9 8 5 3
 ♦
 ♣ K 10 7 5 2

♠ Q J 8 6 3 2
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ Q J 10 8 2
 ♣ ---

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
3	-	4	-	♣

At most tables South opened 2♠, natural and weak, and very bad things then happened to N/S or E/W from thereon in. First guess how many pairs made a contract in the 200 tables in play. That's right; zero. Two pairs made spade partscores and two made diamond contracts in the Seniors. In the Intermediate there was one making contract but it was a doozy, Brigid Marland and Robyn Clark notched up 930 from 3♥x with an overtrick - mind you somebody did go for 1700 here, the biggest penalty yet. One pair in the Restricted made 3♦, and in the Novices a spade, diamond and club partscore came in. Look at that! We have to get to the Novices to find a pair playing their only sensible partscore! Well done Baiba Mikelsons and Helen Himstedt.

In our featured matches both pairs in Sawicki-Moren played 3♦. I liked Sawicki's view here. He overcalled 2NT over 2♠ and when his partner bid 3♦ as a transfer to hearts he passed. At the other table I was focusing on Stuckey overcalled 3♦ over 2♠. Wilson optimistically tried 3♥ and now Stuckey bid 3NT. Wilson corrected to 4♣ - which might well have made, but Stuckey re-corrected to 4♦ and nobody doubled, down 400, for 7 IMPs when 3♦ was allowed to escape for down one somehow in the other room. The match score was 24-15 now for Hoffman, with Moren leading Sawicki 12-11.

Hoffman added 4 IMPs when both pairs quite reasonably played the five-level down one. On to the last deal:

Dealer: West ♠ 7 6
 Vul: N-S ♥ 9 3
 Brd 28 ♦ A K 10 3
 Open Tms Qual R4 ♣ Q 8 7 5 4
 ♠ J
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ J 9 8 6 5
 ♣ A 9 6 2

♠ A Q 9 8 4 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K J 3

♠ K 10 5 3
 ♥ A K Q J 10 4
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ 10

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	-	-	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

In both matches one East opened 1♠ one opened 2♠. Where the one-level action was chosen both Souths bid 2♥ and ended the auction. Am I alone in thinking North has enough for a simple raise to 3♥? Apparently yes (and if you've seen a Moren/Francis overcall no doubt you'd be worried they were going to double and take you for 800). That was 10 IMPs to Hoffman and Sawicki, since in their room a 3♥ overcall over 2♠ saw North raise to game. Despite the spade ruff 10 tricks were there for the taking but note that if the ♥9 and ♥7 were switched West would take his first spade ruff and have to underlead his club ace to get the second ruff!

The matches finished 39-15 for Hoffman and 21-12 for Sawicki.

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 6

Barry Rigal

The two matches under review would be Neill against Feiler and Horwitz against Leibowitz. I would be watching Horwitz-De Livera take on Smirnov-Leibowitz and To-Neill playing Edelstein-Cox.

A quiet first deal gave no portents of the wildness to come. On the second deal three of the four tables had to defend 4♠ by North after a transfer or Texas auction.

Dealer: West ♠ A K 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ 9 7
 Brd 16 ♦ K Q 7
 Open Tms Qual R6 ♣ Q J 10 9 3
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ 10 6 5 4 3
 ♣ 5 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5 4 2
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 8

♠ 9 8
 ♥ 8 6 5 4 2
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A K 7 6

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Where I was watching Cox led the ♣A and shifted to ♦A. His partner's violent discouragement sent him to hearts, and third time was a charm. Since Morrison was defending 4♠ by South he should have had an easier task...but Hinge had shown hearts and a minor so the opening lead of the ♥A did not exactly paralyse declarer. Ten IMPs to Feiler, leading 10-2.

In the other match Gosney-van Jole beat 4♠ when Smirnov led the ♣A, and on seeing the five (the rather poor best Leibowitz could do for suit preference - not that he could really be blamed for the spot cards he had been dealt) exited passively with a trump. That let declarer draw trump in two rounds and ruff out the clubs to pitch dummy's diamonds. Horwitz led 10-0.

On the next deal in a contested auction Smirnov-Leibowitz never bid the suit they could make a non-vulnerable game in (but to be fair the datum on the board was 180 so the room had trouble). Neill and Horwitz (the latter having enterprisingly opened a miserable 2-2-5-4 ten count to shut out the opponents) each bid game in one room and picked up a decent swing for their pains.

Neill took back the lead in their match when Feiler-Cohen went down in a 3NT that was making overtricks around the room. After five deals the match score was 19-11 for Neill, 13-0 for Horwitz.

Dealer: West ♠ Q J 9 7 4 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 4 3
 Brd 20 ♦ A K 4
 Open Tms Qual R6 ♣ 3
 ♠ A 10 8 6 2
 ♥ A J 10 2
 ♦ ---
 ♣ A K 10 7

♠
 ♥ 9 7 6 5
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ Q J 9 8 5

♠ K 5
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ Q J 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 6 4 2

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

Everyone played 3NT here, but both Ishmael Del'Monte and Frank To doubled that contract. Cox received a top club lead and covered in dummy, led a spade to the seven and king, took a club finesse, then misguessed hearts by leading to the king and finessing. To could cash one top diamond to force a club discard from dummy and lock declarer in dummy to concede a heart, two diamonds and two spades.

Gosney won the club lead and played a spade to hand to take the club finesse, (Del'Monte pitching a spade) then exited with a spade from the board. Del'Monte won and led a low diamond. Declarer won in hand pitching a club from dummy, played a club to dummy as Del'Monte threw a heart, then cashed his spade winner and played the heart king and a heart to the jack. When the finesse lost it was -500 instead of +1150. Leibowitz led 15-13, Neill was up 34-11.

On the next deal Del'Monte and Whibley stayed out of an unlucky game, bid at all three other tables, to add a further 9 IMPs, and Leibowitz then found a vulnerable sacrifice against a non-vulnerable game for a further 6

IMPs. On this second deal Neill bid game in one room and defeated the same contract doubled in the other room. Deep Finesse tells us 12 tricks are obtainable with good guesswork.

Dealer: South	♠ A 6	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 6 3	Makeable Contracts			
Brd 23	♦ A 8 6 5	-	5	-	5 NT
Open Tms Qual R6	♣ A K J 8 7	-	5	-	5 ♠
♠ J 10 5 3		-	1	-	1 ♥
♥ Q J 8	♠ 8 2	-	5	-	5 ♦
♦ Q J 3	♥ 10 9 7 5 4 2	-	6	-	6 ♣
♣ 10 3 2	♦ K 7 2				
	♣ 9 5				
	♠ K Q 9 7 4				
	♥ A K				
	♦ 10 9 4				
	♣ Q 6 4				

This is a very tough hand to bid intelligently. Neill-To got close, but after 1NT:2♣:2♠:3♣:3♠:4♦:4♥ To simply used keycard and drove to 6NT. Had he offered a choice of slams he would have got to 6♣, the slam that cannot be beaten. Not that 6NT is so terrible, but West had been dealt an attractive diamond lead if he dared risk it. Alas for him, though Edelstein chose the diamond lead he selected the deceptive ♦J. His partner naturally played the ♦K and the defence was over. Neill now led 58-11.

Less than 10% of the field reached 6♣ by the way, and neither table managed it in our other match. But Horwitz-De Livera played 4♠ for +650, while though Whibley-Del Monte avoided the small slam their final contract was not exactly what the doctor ordered. Lacking decent methods after a strong no-trump Del'Monte tried 3♥ (3-1(5-4)) game-forcing. When Whibley jumped to 4♠, Del Monte's attempts to get out of spades into clubs were read as grand slam tries so the partnership played 7♠, and Horwitz had 13 IMPs to trail 26-30.

Feiler-Cohen and Del'Monte-Whibley then each bid a laydown slam that was hard to reach scientifically, depending as it did on responder producing a singleton in declarer's long suit or for the opponents not to lead that suit. All was well when partner did produce the right hand, and that was 13 IMPs apiece.

The roundabout continued as Neill and Horwitz each went plus in both rooms on a partscore deal, before the big finish....

Dealer: East	♠ 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ A 6	Makeable Contracts			
Brd 26	♦ A K J 10 8 5 4	-	6	-	6 NT
Open Tms Qual R6	♣ A K 10	-	3	-	3 ♠
♠ Q J 10 8 5 3		-	5	-	5 ♥
♥ 4	♠ 7 6 4	-	6	-	6 ♦
♦ Q 7 6 3	♥ Q J 9 8 3	-	6	-	6 ♣
♣ 6 2	♦ 9				
	♣ J 9 7 3				
	♠ A K 9				
	♥ K 10 7 5 2				
	♦ 2				
	♣ Q 8 5 4				

Bidding scientifically to 6♦ is far from easy in a competitive auction. Del'Monte had a different problem as after 1♥:[2♠] he bid 3♦ and heard his partner correctly alert this as a heart raise. When Whibley jumped to 4♥ Del'Monte ethically used keycard and settled in 6♥ rather than looking for no-trump or diamonds. That was 16 somewhat random IMPs to Horwitz, who certainly wouldn't reject them. That made it 48-41 for Horwitz, and since both pairs had bid 6♦ in the other match it was still 62-22 for Neill.

Dealer: South	♠ A 9 7 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ A K J 7 4	Makeable Contracts			
Brd 27	♦ 3	-	4	-	4 NT
Open Tms Qual R6	♣ K J 10	-	5	-	5 ♠
♠ Q 8 3		-	5	-	5 ♥
♥ 9 6 5	♠ J 5 4	-	4	-	4 ♦
♦ 9 8 7 5	♥ Q 10 2	-	6	-	6 ♣
♣ 5 4 3	♦ A Q J 6				
	♣ Q 8 2				
	♠ K 10 6				
	♥ 8 3				
	♦ K 10 4 2				
	♣ A 9 7 6				

You'd expect most N/S pairs to reach 3NT and make it in comfort. One of our four pairs managed it: Horwitz-De Livera bid 1♥ - 1NT - 2NT - 3NT. Del'Monte-Whibley played a club partscore after 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 3♣. +170 still meant 6 IMPs for Horwitz, winners by 54-41. By contrast in our other match Feiler-Cohen played 1NT, for +180, while Cox as East thought he could risk a double of a third seat 1♥. This was how the auction developed:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♦	Redouble
Pass	Pass	Pass	Double

Neill led his doubleton heart and To won to shift to a trump. Neill ducked the jack, leaving declarer on lead, the play thus far marking him with 3343 pattern. He chose to exit with a low spade and the defenders cashed three spade tricks then three clubs tricks, took the second heart and a ruff, and finally exited with a club to take one more trump trick at the end. Down 1100 and 14 IMPs to make it 76-22 for Neill.

PUZZLE DU JOUR

Barry Rigal

Today's deal does not have a decisively correct answer. I can tell you what works (and maybe I can justify my answer) but I can't prove that one answer is decisively right..

	♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7	West	North	East	South
	♥ Q	Pass	4♥ Tfr	Pass	1NT [15-17]
	♦ 8 4	Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
	♣ 8 4 2				
♠ 5 4 3					
♥ 10 5 4 3					
♦ 10 9 6					
♣ A K J					

You lead a top club and partner discourages – essentially denying the queen or a doubleton club. Over to you

SOLUTION DU JOUR

Barry Rigal

The full deal from yesterday's puzzle was:

	♠ Q 8 5	
	♥ 8 7 5 3	
	♦ J 4	
	♣ A K 9 5	
♠ 9 4		♠ 10 7 3 2
♥ 4 2		♥ A K 9
♦ A 10 9 8 7 3		♦ 5 2
♣ 8 6 2		♣ Q J 4 3
	♠ A K J 6	
	♥ Q J 10 6	
	♦ K Q 6	
	♣ 10 7	

At the other table Israel had reached 3NT. On a diamond lead and the threat that the heart trick would come too late, declarer might easily have been tempted into a double club finesse, but in practice declarer played on hearts and with the diamonds 6-2 and West having no entry, the game rolled home.

At the table where Gunnar Hallberg and John Holland faced David & Daniela Birman a simple Stayman auction led to Four Hearts by South. David Birman led a trump. Daniela won with the king and switched to the diamond five.

David took the inference first that she held the two top trumps and secondly that had West had a singleton diamond it would have been right for her to cash both top trumps before playing the diamond, or perhaps win with the ace first.

So David duly ducked the diamond, following with an encouraging card. Now Daniela won the next trump and led a second diamond to the ace and received her ruff to set the game.

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED

Brent Manley

Crazy scores during midnight games – where the beer often flows – are not unusual. One late night, the director thought one particular score was worth notice. After the TD announced that one of the competitors had managed minus 3400, someone from the back of the room yelled, “Could you have made it on a different line of play?”

The hapless declarer in this case might well have started with one of the undisciplined weak two-bids that have gained traction with some players. Granted, they can wreak havoc, but the partnership willing to open 2♦ on six to the jack and a weak hand must have a high tolerance for four-digit minuses.

So, have you and your partner decided on a “style” for your weak two-bids? There are pluses and minuses to both styles. If your approach is too conservative, you will miss out on opportunities to make life difficult for the opponents. If you are too aggressive, you will often find yourself in a top-or-bottom situation, and if your style is really out there, it can be tough on the partnership.

For partnerships committed to weak two-bids that can vary widely in strength and suit quality, there is the Ogust convention invented by Harold Ogust. When partner opens a weak two-bid, 2NT by responder asks for more information. Opener’s responses:

3♣ = minimum strength, poor suit

3♦ = minimum strength, good suit

3♥ = maximum strength, poor suit

3♠ = maximum strength, good suit

3NT = solid suit (six to the AKQ)

In the original version of this convention, the 3♦ and 3♥ bids were reversed.

You and your partner should decide what constitutes a “good” suit – perhaps two of the top three honours or three of the top five. Other items for discussion:

Can any five-card suit can be defined as “good?”

Is it okay to have a four-card major suit on the side? How about a side void?

Is it okay to have a seven-card suit?

Is a new suit by responder forcing? If you play it as non-forcing, what does responder do with a strong hand and a strong suit? In such a case, responder would start with 2NT.

When the opponents start with a weak two-bid, do you and partner have agreements about how you compete? Takeout doubles, of course, will necessarily be somewhat aggressive. You can’t sit back and wait for the ideal hand to come along. If you do, you will be recording lots of bad scores.

As for bidding instead of doubling, a handy tool is the Rule of 7 or 8 - when you are considering whether to bid directly over an opening two-bid, proceed with the expectation that your partner will have 7 to 8 high-card points. If your hand is worth a bid on that basis, get in there and fight. If partner has the expected high-card strength, he must be careful about raising without good reason – e.g. extra trump support and perhaps a singleton or void. A raise usually shows a bit more than 7-8 HCP.

When you have a hand good enough to be in game if partner has the expected strength, you must make a jump bid over the weak two: e.g. 2♥ – 3♠. This tells partner that if he has the expected HCP and any kind of trump support, he should raise to game.

One final point of discussion for competing against weak two-bids: Lebensohl. Suppose your RHO opens 2♥ and you hold

♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ 7 6 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ A J 10

You double, of course, and partner bids 3♦. Now what? You want to at least try for 3NT with a cue-bid, but what if partner has the following hand?

♠ 7 6 4 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ 9 8 7 6 ♣ Q 5 4

You would be way too high at 4♦. So you pass and find that partner has

♠ 7 6 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ K 8 6 5 4 ♣ K 5 4

Now you're cold for game. Must you guess every time?

No, you can agree that when you double a weak two-bid, a bid of 2NT by partner is a relay to 3♣. Partner plans to pass if he has five or more clubs or to bid another suit to play. Partner's 2NT shows a weak hand (0-7). A direct bid at the three level shows 8-10 HCP, allowing the doubler to make an informed decision instead of guessing.

CHOCOLATE FROG AWARD

Nomination by Michael Ware – Barry Rigal

Choon Chou Loo reached 5♠ in the third round of the Teams Qualifying.

Dealer: North	♠ ---	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 10 7 5 4		Makeable Contracts		
Brd 13	♦ A 7 6	4	-	4	-
Open Tms Qual S3	♣ Q J 10 9 8 6	5	-	5	-
♠ Q 10		2	-	2	-
♥ Q J 6	♠ A K 9 6 4 3 2	4	-	3	-
♦ K J 10 5 4	♥ K 9 8	-	1	-	1
♣ A K 7	♦ Q 8				
	♣ 2				
	♠ J 8 7 5				
	♥ A 3 2				
	♦ 9 3 2				
	♣ 5 4 3				

Defenders led the ♥A with North signalling for diamonds. South switched to a diamond to partner's ace and a second heart. South followed simultaneously with the ♥3 and the ♠J. Declarer insisted that South return the card to his hand and played dummy's ♠Q and proceeded to go one down. Choon is definitely deserving of a Chocolate Frog..

CHOCOLATE FROG AWARD II

David Stern

♠ 2
♥ A 6
♦ A K J 10 8 5 4
♣ A K 10

Holding this hand Ishmael Del'Monte heard partner open 1♥, right hand opponent overcall 2♠ and he made what he thought was a natural forcing 3♦ bid only to hear his partner give the correct systemic explanation of a raise to 3♥! Partner then bid 4♥ leaving Ishmael in an ethical bind. Had there been screens and he not heard the explanation what would he do? He bid 4NT, RKC Blackwood and after partner's two key card and no queen of hearts response bid 6♥ down two with 6♦ and 6NT both cold. This is active ethics deserving of a chocolate frog award.



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BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dealer: West	West	North	East	South
Vul: E/W	Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠[1]
West	Pass	2♥[2]	3♥	Pass
♠ 5 4 3	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
♥ 10 8 2				
♦ J 7 6 5		[1] 5+ Spades		
♣ 6 5 2		[2] Strong Hand		

What should West lead against 4♠ on the auction above?

GROSS COMPETENCE

From a National Swiss Teams Event:

	♠ A Q 7	
	♥ 9 6	
	♦ A K 10 4	
	♣ A J 4 3	
♠ 5 4 3		♠ K 6
♥ 10 8 2		♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ J 7 6 5		♦ 8 2
♣ 6 5 2		♣ K 9 8
	♠ J 10 9 8 2	
	♥ 7 5	
	♦ Q 9 3	
	♣ Q 10 7	

West led the ♥8. East won with the ♥Q and cashed the ♥A, on which West played the ♥10. East was already end-played and exited with the ♦2 to the jack and ace.

East's exuberant bidding at unfavourable vulnerability convinced South that East held all the significant high cards. He therefore declined the chance of the spade finesse and cashed the ♠A at trick 4. Then came the ♦4 to the queen and a diamond back to dummy's ten.

East declined to ruff, but it was irrelevant. South pitched a club on the ♦K and then played a spade. East won and had the choice of playing a club or conceding a ruff-and-discard. Either way declarer had no club loser. That was worth +420. Datum: N-S 110.

An initial club lead would be enough to defeat 4♠, but there was still a realistic chance at trick two if West had made a more helpful lead initially. It is often an error to play middle-up-down with 10-x-x. It is standard to lead low from three cards headed by a single honour, whether it is from K-x-x or 10-x-x. Middle-up-down denies holding an honour in the suit.

From the ♥8 lead, East could not tell whether that was a singleton or top from a doubleton or an error from 10-8-x. Suppose West had correctly led the ♥2. This denies a doubleton and promises either a singleton or an honour card in the suit. East can win trick one and play a low heart at trick 2 to West's ten. Now a club switch will defeat declarer.

Ed: Although non-systemic leading the ♥10 allows West to retain the lead for the club shift.

SNIPPET

Dr Peter Lewin, in his eighties, achieved the rank of Grand Master at the Summer Festival of Bridge. His wife, Fran, with close to 990 master points has a strong chance to reach Grand Master status at the Gold Coast Congress. There are not many husbands and wives who have both become Grand Masters. (*Ed: Specially those still playing together and... breaking news... Fran has now reached Grand Master playing here on the Gold Coast*)

A SCIENTIST AT WORK

Brent Manley



The first time Laurie Kelso went to the bridge club in Townsville, where he lived, he thought there were three things wrong with the situation. One, he needed a partner to play (he had been a competitive chess player). Two, the 6'3" teenager thought the bridge tables were too low. Three, "Everyone wanted to socialize. I was there to play bridge."

Those who know Kelso as the chief director at the Gold Coast Congress – and one of Australia's most highly regarded TDs – can accurately surmise that he has changed his view of the game. In fact, he says, "I don't mind the social aspect these days."

Kelso was born in Townsville and got his early education there. After high school, he went to work for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, eventually enrolling at James Cook University, where he mostly studied chemistry. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree, he went to work in the gold mining industry. In 1990, he returned to school and earned a PhD in inorganic chemistry, working mostly in an academic environment with several universities, including one in the USA.

Kelso got into bridge through chess. "Some of the players," he says, "also played bridge." That served as his introduction, so one day he showed up at the Townsville club. "I had no social skills," he recalls. A future partner told him some time later that in his early playing days she didn't care where she finished in a bridge game "as long as it was ahead of that horrible Laurie Kelso."

Kelso is a naturally organized person who relentlessly studies anything that interests him. "I'm obsessive about most things," he says. Once he found out about bridge, he read books about the game. It was the same with directing when that part of his bridge career began.

He recalls going to the club one time when most of the regulars were off at a tournament and only about four tables were playing. Somehow, he says, the movement got fouled up and people kept playing the same boards again and again. Finally, he says, they decided to just put all the names of the players together and drew for first, second and third.

Less than a year later, Kelso started directing at the club.

Kelso has held a number of key positions with a variety of bridge entities, including the Australian Bridge Federation and the Victorian Bridge Association. He and Matthew McManus work as tournament coordinators for the ABF. At most of the tournaments where he works, he is the chief TD.

Kelso lives in Melbourne with his wife, Sue, and he notes that both his grandchildren were born during the Gold Coast Congress – the first entering the world "during the second session of the Barometer Pairs."

He doesn't play a lot these days, although he says he still tries to compete in a couple of national events each year. When he isn't playing or working at bridge, he likes to do genealogical research and has helped adoptees find their natural parents. "I'm a data accumulator," he says.

Kelso does enjoy the challenges of organizing bridge tournaments – and the satisfaction of seeing it all come together successfully.

As with everything else, Kelso views the game of bridge and the players as worthy of study. "I'm a people watcher," he says.

SENIORS TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 5

Brent Manley

It is well known that a good partnership is essential to success in bridge, and some of the most successful pairs are married to each other, defying the widely held notion that married couples should not sit across the table from each other.

In the Restricted Teams on Wednesday, two couples from Noosa showed that they can function well as partners in bridge and in life. The squad was captained by Bill Howard, playing with his wife, Geraldine. Their teammates were Malcolm and Prunella Adams.



Smooth operators Left to right: Geraldine Howard, Malcolm and Prunella Adams and Bill Howard

Their opponents in the fifth round were Richard Walsh and Kate Balmanno, of the Sunshine Coast, playing with Dennis Moody and Monty Dale. The Moody team was leading 5-4 when this wild deal came along. Geraldine Howard was North, Balmanno East, Bill Howard South and Walsh West.

Dealer: North ♠ Q 6 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ ---
 Brd 5 ♦ J 9 4
 Rest Tms Qual R5 ♣ A Q J 10 9 6 3
 ♠ J 10 4
 ♥ K Q J 10 8 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K 8 4

♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ A 7 6 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ ---

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A K 10 7 6 5
 ♣ 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	2♦
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
1	-	-	-	♠
5	-	5	-	♥
-	6	-	5	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Prunella started with the ♥A, ruffed by declarer, who cashed the ♣A and continued with the queen to Walsh's king. He exited with the ♠J, taken by East with the ace to exit with a diamond. Geraldine went up with the ♥A, pulled the last trump with a club to her hand, then played a diamond to dummy's king. The contract was down when West showed out. It's easy to see the correct play looking at all the cards (finesse East for the ♦Q), but the play was not unreasonable.

As it happened, the Howard team gained 9 IMPs on the board because of what happened in the replay.

At the other tables, North was doubled in 6♣ and appeared to have made the contract, but a revoke by declarer was discovered and declarer had to give back two tricks. Plus 1540 turned into minus 500, good for 9 IMPs to the Howard team.

Another 13 IMPs went to Howard when a slam went down at their table and only game was bid at the other, making all 13 tricks.

Board 8 would have been more interesting in a matchpoint game, but Balmanno still made a good decision on defence that gained an IMP for her side.

Dealer: West ♠ A K 8 2
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 4 2
 Brd 8 ♦ Q
 Rest Tms Qual R5 ♣ J 6 5 4
 ♠ 10 7 6
 ♥ A 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ 10 8 2

♠ Q J 5 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A J 9 6 5 4
 ♣ 9 7

♠ 9 4
 ♥ J 10 8 3
 ♦ K 10 3
 ♣ A K Q 3

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

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Both North-South pairs missed the heart game, which is cold for 11 tricks. At the Howard table, Walsh led his partner's suit: queen, ace, 3. Balmanno recognized her partner's lead as top of nothing and exited with a club. Howard knocked out the ♥A and eventually claimed plus 430. At the other table, East apparently returned a diamond, allowing South to insert the 10 for a well-deserved overtrick. Balmanno's decision would have earned a lot of matchpoints in a pairs game.

The next board represented a big swing for the Howard team, as the duo showed they are on the same wavelength in the bidding.

Dealer: North ♠ J 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ A K Q 8 5
 Brd 9 ♦ A Q 7 5 4
 Rest Tms Qual R5 ♣ 2

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K 9 8 7 5

♠ A Q 9 8 2
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ 6 4 3

♠ K 10 7
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ K J 9 2
 ♣ A Q J 10

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	Double
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	6	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

After her partner made a negative double, Geraldine showed her extras with the jump rebid in diamonds. It was off to the races from there, and they landed in the excellent slam. East cashed the ♠A at trick one, but that was it for the defence. The good splits in the red suits made playing the slam that much easier. It was a 10-IMP gain because at the other table, South played in the curious contract of 5NT, making 12 tricks on a club lead from West.

On the final deal of the match, Walsh made a slip as declarer but recovered nicely to earn a 4-IMP swing for his side.

Dealer: East ♠ 10 9 4
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 7 3
 Brd 14 ♦ A Q 8 4
 Rest Tms Qual R5 ♣ K 4

♠ K 8
 ♥ J 9 6 4
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A J 9 5

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ J 10 7 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 6

♠ A 7 6 5 3
 ♥ 10 5 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Double	1♦	1♠
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

Geraldine led a low heart, ducked by Walsh to his jack. He erred by playing a low spade to dummy's queen, blocking the suit. Bill won the ♠A and cleared the heart suit with a low one to the ace. When Walsh ran the ♣C to Geraldine, she won the king, cashed two hearts and would have done well to exit with a spade, but she cashed the ♦A. She then played a spade to Walsh's king. The ♠J was stranded in dummy at that point, but it wasn't marooned for good. Walsh cashed his two club winners and astutely exited with a low club to Bill, who won the ♣10 but was left with nothing but spades. When Bill played a spade, Walsh tossed his losing diamond on the ♠J and claimed plus 90.

At the other table, the contract was a more ambitious 3NT, which failed by a trick. That earned the Moody team a 4-IMP swing in a losing cause. The final score was 43-16 for Howard.

ACTUAL ANSWERS GIVEN ON TV QUIZ SHOWS

- Q: Which pop group, who once made a record with footballer Paul Gascoigne, took their name from an island off the coast of Northumberland?
 A: Gerry and the Pacemakers
 Q: Which William discovered that blood circulates around the body?
 A: Shatner
 Q: What was Hitler's first name?
 A: Heil
 Q: What is the most northerly city in the British Isles?
 A: Italy
 Q: Which Joseph founded a famous chain of teashops, the first one opening in London in 1894?
 A: Goebbels

- Q: How many r's are there in "irreversible"?
 A: Twelve
 Q: In the USA, an unidentified dead body is sometimes known as a John what?
 A: Wayne
 Q: How many Christmases took place during the Second World War?
 A: 58
 Q: How many leaves are there on a four-leaf clover?
 A: Three
 Q: Which Middle Eastern country's flag contains a line from the Quran over a sword on a green background?
 A: Israel

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Rookies Discussion of Hands Just Played	David Beauchamp	2:15pm to 3:00pm
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1	1	Hugh McGann-Kieran Dyke-Fiona Brown-Tony Nunn-Michael Ware-Geo Tislevoll	170
2	5	Allen Tan-Choongchou Loo-Hua Poon-Kelvin Ng-Gemma Tan-Hongjun Wu	162
3	31	Henry Sawicki-Eva Caplan-Rachel Frenkel-Rena Kaplan	157
4	29	Keith Barrie-Tim O'Loughlin-Phil Gue-Bill Hirst	151
4	9	Helen Horwitz-Arjuna De Livera-Paul Gosney-Nathan Van Jole	151
4	40	Chris Sundstrom-Dennis Zines-Neil Perry-Elly Urbach	151
7	7	Anthony Burke-Peter Gill-Andrew Peake-Sartaj Hans	150
7	16	Siegfried Konig-James Wallis-David McLeish-Paula McLeish	150
7	59	Andrew Hegedus-Andrew Mill-Len Meyer-Phyllis Moritz	150
10	19	Jeanette Reitzer-Bob Richman-Ann Paton-Hugh Grosvenor	148
10	8	Bruce Neill-Frank To-Simon Hinge-Kim Morrison	148
10	3	Terry Brown-Paul Lavings-David Lilley-Zolly Nagy-Avinash Kanetkar-Robert Krochmalik	148
13	4	Mike Cornell-Ashley Bach-Matthew Mullanphy-Ron Klinger	147
13	35	Pauline Evans-Jay Faranda-Giselle Mundell-Nevena Djurovic	147
13	2	Tony Leibowitz-Alex Smirnov-Andy Hung-Michael Whibley-Ishmael Del'Monte	147
16	33	Marjorie Askew-William Powell-Janet Brown-Eric Hurley	142
16	6	Barbara Travis-Howard Melbourne-Peter Reynolds-David Appleton	142
18	24	George Smolanko-Jane Dawson-Michael Prescott-Marlene Watts	141
19	27	Owen Camp-Anisia Shami-Michael Courtney-Sue Ingham	140
19	15	Christine Duckworth-Brian Callaghan-Valerie Gardiner-Carlos Pellegrini-Pascale Gardiner	140

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
19	18	Wu	140	111	70	Van Vucht	116
22	34	Malinas	139	111	147	Mcalister	116
22	166	Porter	139	111	98	Meldrum	116
22	67	Lemon	139	114	25	Henry	115
22	90	Williams	139	114	77	Steinwedel	115
26	199	Prescott	138	114	170	Howard	115
26	73	Woodhall	138	114	76	Doddridge	115
26	200	Varmo	138	114	108	Morrison	115
26	57	De Luca	138	119	162	Kearns	114
30	183	Rodgers	137	119	89	Ashman	114
30	12	Hoffman	137	119	154	Kaplan	114
30	30	Nixon	137	119	71	Walters	114
33	20	Beauchamp	136	119	141	Wilson	114
33	11	Skipper	136	119	151	Mann	114
33	22	Encontro	136	125	32	Cornell	113
33	82	Samuel	136	125	130	Grant	113
33	28	Tarbutt	136	125	36	Herden	113
38	21	Hughes	135	125	120	Steele	113
38	105	Clyne	135	129	92	Gunner	112
38	26	Parker	135	129	171	Tall	112
41	13	Moren	134	129	150	Rose	112
41	50	Maclaurin	134	129	103	Barclay	112
43	61	Martelletti	133	129	198	Humphreys	112
43	177	Collins	133	129	75	Brockwell	112
43	66	Luck	133	129	173	Eddie	112
46	60	Afflick	132	129	72	Mottram	112
46	109	Bugeia	132	129	176	Maltby	112
46	58	Steffensen	132	138	133	Rusher	111
46	88	Bogatie	132	138	132	Cooke	111
46	62	Hood	132	140	139	Campbell	110

46	74	Dawson	132	140	128	Struik	110
52	39	Waring	131	140	86	Martin	110
52	184	Littler	131	143	80	Mooney	109
52	97	Bernau	131	143	167	Kudelka	109
52	23	Livesey	131	143	180	Kellerman	109
56	17	Kalmin	130	143	102	Edwards	109
56	14	Carter	130	147	129	Power	108
58	78	Johnson	129	147	136	Foots	108
58	93	Valentine	129	147	85	Munro	108
60	48	Palmer	128	147	146	Rose	108
60	53	McLeod	128	151	127	Reid	107
60	164	Budai	128	151	123	Beil	107
60	55	Coutts	128	153	54	Moses	106
64	179	Lacey	127	153	112	Fraser	106
64	51	Mayo	127	153	193	Barda	106
64	43	Allen	127	153	96	Banks	106
64	138	Tarszisz	127	153	189	Guthrie	106
68	152	Blackham	126	153	169	Morgan-King	106
68	182	Ross	126	153	191	Fox	106
70	41	Maluish	125	153	100	Darley	106
70	10	Lester	125	153	165	Dick	106
70	46	Crichton	125	153	194	Ajzner	106
70	56	Speiser	125	163	99	Scown	105
70	186	Raymond	125	163	149	Tredrea	105
70	44	Richman	125	163	83	Fletcher	105
76	122	Rutter	124	163	95	Mitchell	105
76	131	Allison	124	163	192	Evans	105
76	64	Assaee	124	168	116	Lindsay	104
76	125	Lowe	124	169	190	Corbett	102
76	47	Cheval	124	170	101	Ashwell	101
76	42	Scudder	124	170	159	Mcarthur	101
82	114	Dawson	123	170	87	Howard	101
82	91	Colmer	123	173	172	Feeney	100
82	115	Hoff	123	173	153	Townend	100
82	65	Alexander	123	173	195	Inglis	100
86	38	Ginsberg	122	176	107	Crafti	99
86	37	Hyne	122	177	145	Ingold	98
86	134	Terry	122	177	104	Allen	98
86	45	Gluyas	122	177	121	Kable	98
86	63	Andrew	122	177	117	Mickevics	98
91	156	Garrick	121	181	187	Leach	97
91	175	Mangos	121	182	84	Maltz	96
91	52	Tucker	121	182	94	Priestley	96
91	161	Allan	121	184	68	Feiler	95
91	124	Brown	121	185	197	Spencer	94
91	106	Cullen	121	185	188	Winter	94
97	119	Osmund	120	187	142	Siganto	93
97	118	Pike	120	188	178	Wilkinson	92
97	113	Jensen	120	189	110	Travers	91
97	81	Snelling	120	190	137	Flynn	86
101	143	Rawson	119	190	157	Graham	86
101	160	Ham	119	190	148	Homik	86
101	49	Clarke	119	190	111	Eastment	86
101	79	Halford	119	190	126	Lewin	86

105	155	Brandt	118	195	174	Bourke	85
105	163	Lorraway	118	196	135	Campbell	83
107	69	Fanos	117	197	185	Whigham	80
107	140	Sher	117	198	158	Wallis	77
107	181	Krishan	117	199	144	Ivanyi	73
107	196	De Vocht	117	200	168	Roughley	62

Seniors Teams Qualifying

DUE TO A TECHNICAL PROBLEM, SOME MATCH RESULTS FROM THE SENIORS' TEAMS IN ROUND 8 ARE INCOMPLETE.
IF ONE OR MORE OF YOUR SCORES IS MISSING, PLEASE SUPPLY THE SCORING DESK WITH WRITTEN DETAILS ON THURSDAY MORNING
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WE APOLOGISE FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	5	Stephen Mendick-Andrew Creet-Tony Marinos-Peter Grant	161
2	3	John Brockwell-Eric Ramshaw-Gary Ridgway-Arthur Robbins	146
2	4	Martin Bloom-Nigel Rosendorff-Steven Bock-Les Grewcock	146
4	6	David Stern-Robert Grynberg-Tom Moss-Peter Buchen-Sue Picus-Brent Manley	145
5	13	Meta Goodman-Sue Lusk-Tony Jackman-Therese Tully-Richard Wallis-Wynne Webber	143
5	7	Stan Klofa-Douglas Newlands-Robert Gallus-Robert Stewart	143
7	1	Alan Walsh-Barbara McDonald-Elizabeth Havas-Gordon Schmidt	140
7	8	Bruce Marr-Merle Marr-Ian Clayton-Cynthia Clayton	140
9	44	Wayne Houghton-Christine Houghton-Adrian Haar-Lydia Adams	138
10	14	Trevor Robb-Andrew Janisz-Patsy Walters-Lynne Geursen	137

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	10	Smee	135	32	26	Goncharoff	115
12	52	Greenwood	132	33	41	Desmond	114
13	2	Lockwood	131	34	45	Adcock	112
13	16	Grenside	131	35	11	Milward	111
15	15	Kahler	130	35	39	Robinson	111
15	37	Hooper	130	37	32	Biro	110
15	23	Berzins	130	38	42	Kite	108
18	9	Robson	129	39	48	Rose	106
19	36	Shine	127	40	33	Hey	105
20	28	Obenchain	126	41	22	Strasser	104
21	20	Strong	125	41	19	Lanham	104
22	18	Lynn	123	43	21	Stobo	103
22	27	Byrnes	123	44	34	Glasson	99
24	43	Jefferson	122	45	49	Maher	98
24	17	Ascione	122	46	46	Gutteridge	97
26	29	Nichols	121	47	38	Andersson	96
26	30	Parkin	121	48	24	Allan	95
26	12	Creugnet	121	49	40	Jeffery	92
26	25	Hall	121	50	35	Allgood	91
30	51	Daly	120	51	47	Martin	81
31	31	Talbot	117	52	50	Knight	75

Intermediate Teams Qualifying

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
1	8	Ian Lisle-Vicky Wiley-Biljana Novakovic-Lee Weldon	161				
2	2	Greg Lee-Alan Currie-Patrick Bugler-Yolanda Carter	152				
3	10	David Johnson-Mandy Johnson-Ian Doland-John Watson	146				
4	13	Lorraine Collins-Brian Horan-Margaret Williamson-Andrea Smith	143				
4	22	Derek Richards-David Yarwood-Gwen Gray-Lyn Turner	143				
4	52	Penny Schmalkuche-Robyn Palethorpe-Anna Bell-Anne Nothling	143				
7	16	Tony Allen-Kelela Allen-Alexander Cook-Robin Ho	141				
8	17	Bernie Atkins-Tony Wagstaff-Judy Atkins-Kate Cafe	140				
9	29	Craig Francis-Tim Runting-Alison Dawson-Elizabeth Zeller	137				

9	63	Christine Kershaw-Judy Jackson-Dariusz Drozd-Manda Labuschagne				137	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	20	Roberts	135	43	4	Nimmo	116
12	11	Moffat	134	43	39	Jury	116
12	45	Ranke	134	43	41	Pritchard	116
12	23	Wylie	134	46	34	Sear	115
15	19	Krosch	133	46	35	Campbell	115
16	28	Wright	132	46	6	Fraser	115
16	40	Collie	132	46	32	Baker	115
16	43	Muir	132	50	31	Keating	114
19	68	Andrews	131	50	18	Isle	114
20	38	Giles	130	50	72	Mitchell	114
21	50	Sharp	129	53	73	Rozier	113
22	5	Bolt	127	54	70	Gray	112
22	25	Mills	127	55	59	Gosney	111
24	53	Roberts	126	56	12	Leighton	110
24	74	Peak	126	57	26	Ferguson	109
24	1	Weaver	126	58	61	Bush	107
27	57	Hurst	125	59	42	Lee	105
27	51	Pincus	125	59	69	Church	105
29	64	Webcke	124	61	58	Scott	104
29	21	Graham	124	61	15	Watson	104
29	44	O'Donohue	124	63	7	Munro	103
32	48	Binsted	123	64	36	Harington	100
32	56	Nicholson	123	65	37	Cockbill	99
34	3	Stoneman	122	65	47	Campbell	99
35	67	Fraser	121	65	49	Leckie	99
35	65	Davies	121	68	24	Havercroft	97
37	55	Bailey	120	69	60	Avunduk	94
38	33	McGhee	119	70	71	Nabarro	93
38	9	Dwerryhouse	119	70	62	Kelley	93
38	54	Lawrence	119	72	30	Walsh	86
41	14	Quigley	118	72	46	Featherstone	86
42	27	De Mestre	117	74	66	Stacey	84

Restricted Teams Qualifying

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	4	Pam Brewer-Ruth Goerg-Denise O'Regan-Adrian Lohmann	156
2	16	Chris Sinclair-Jill Reid-Kath Hilder-Frank Sommerton	150
3	3	Cassie Morin-Helen Arendts-John Hughes-Kristin Hughes	148
4	51	Marcia Krampel-Joe Krampel-Lillian Pearce-Gerald Pearce	144
5	29	Helen Rollond-Sue Hapek-Raymond Jones-Rita Jones	143
6	53	Marlise Jones-Kerry Watson-Carolin Morahan-Julie Nyst	142
7	11	Marie Irving-Jillian Griffith-Norma Browne-Allison Simon	141
8	40	Camilla Boyd-Cherry Mcwilliam-Sudi Horsfield-Annie Pilcher	140
9	49	Noreen Armstrong-Patricia Armstrong-Sue Luby-Margaret Stevens	139
10	5	Henry Hirschhorn-Mary Leonard-Bob Hart-Jennifer Wardley	138

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	2	Fulton	136	38	57	Pearce	118
11	24	Fletcher	136	39	47	Serry	116
13	19	Mander	134	39	56	Miller	116
14	9	George	133	41	6	Tuckey	115
14	22	Brodie	133	42	20	Cullen	111
16	18	Carroll	131	43	63	Ryan	110

16	7	Murray	131	43	23	Morris	110
16	61	Mabin	131	45	35	Wippell	108
19	64	Wang	130	46	10	Carson	107
19	36	Devries	130	47	59	Jacobs	106
19	21	Tomlinson	130	47	41	Gooding	106
22	12	Lazar	129	49	27	Chamberlain	105
23	13	Clifford	128	50	15	Morgan	104
24	17	Weaver	127	51	28	Barry	102
24	39	Ward	127	52	50	Paul	101
24	42	Look	127	52	43	Parmenter	101
24	33	Howard	127	52	58	Sher	101
28	52	Chalk	126	55	1	Aiston	100
28	62	Holmes	126	55	8	Moody	100
30	14	Chamberlin	125	55	44	Farmer	100
30	38	Munro	125	58	60	Carr-Boyd	98
32	37	Pike	123	59	32	Treloar	96
33	46	Fraser	121	60	26	Hooper	89
33	34	Stuart	121	61	48	Tyler	86
35	30	Crothers	120	62	54	Hall	82
36	25	Hancock	119	63	55	Gearon	78
36	31	Forsyth	119	64	45	Corney	75

Novice Teams Qualifying

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	25	John Elich-Gabrielle Elich-Christophe Wlodarczyk-Justine Wlodarczyk	154
2	11	Linda Norman-Kay Roberts-Joan Jenkins-Ross Currin	151
3	12	Lesleigh Egan-Lynne Henley-Colleen Sobey-Tilley Thillainathan	148
4	8	Helen Gault-Rob Gault-Margaret Ziffer-Rob Ziffer	144
5	16	Odette Mayne-Susan Walters-Pamela McKittrick-Lee Egerton	139
6	3	Pam Nearhos-Diane Sargent-John Stuart-Frances Stuart	136
7	24	Sandra Mulcahy-Anne Russell-Sheila Wills-Jane Postle	134
8	35	Kevin McMenamin-Barbara Geddes-Jan Lenton-Rosemary Parker	133
8	20	Ros Durrant-Patty Laing-Susan Speiser-Nicki Franks	133
10	36	Coleen Gambetta-Leonie O'Brien-Pamela Brown-Graham Ardern	132

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	13	Macintosh	130	24	6	Meakin	114
12	4	Gibson	128	25	15	Garden	110
13	27	Carter	126	26	18	O'Reilly	108
13	19	Hugentobler	126	27	30	Lloyd	107
13	9	Collins	126	28	7	Nice	105
16	2	Shaw	124	29	5	Wilson	103
17	21	Carter	120	30	31	Phillips	102
18	10	Neary	118	30	22	Mathews	102
19	14	Shardlow	117	30	33	Taylor	102
20	29	Renton	116	33	34	Ball	98
20	1	Stewart	116	34	28	Ackman	97
20	17	Gibney	116	35	32	Webb	92
23	23	Davis	115	36	26	Fisher	81

SHE COULDN'T WAIT

It happened on Wednesday. The reporter, who requested anonymity, says there are many witnesses.

During a break, the men's restroom was nearly full with a crowd of men all facing the wall doing what men do in these situations.

All of a sudden, a female voice was heard to say, "The queue for the ladies is too long, so I'm just going to duck into one of these stalls."

None of the men turned around for the obvious reason, prompting the woman to add, "Don't worry. I've been married three times, so I've seen it all."

Difficult Calcudoku

7+	24*		5	60*	
		36*	2	30*	
			14+		
8+				3+	24*
	16+	20*			
				5+	

Hard Sudoku

	7	3					8	
						9		
9			5		1	4		7
		2	8		5	6		
				6				
		7	4		3	5		
7		1	2		8			5
		6						4
	8					2		

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT – YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Difficult Calcudoku

20*	2-	6*	1-		2/
1	4	2	6	5	3
5	2	3	1	160*	6
4	30*	7+	6+		5
2/					4
3	5	6	2	1	4
6	1	13+	180*		2
6*					1
2	3	5	4	6	1

Hard Sudoku

8	2	1	3	5	6	9	7	4
5	7	4	9	8	1	6	2	3
6	9	3	7	2	4	1	5	8
9	5	8	1	3	2	7	4	6
1	4	7	6	9	5	3	8	2
3	6	2	8	4	7	5	9	1
7	8	9	4	6	3	2	1	5
4	3	5	2	1	9	8	6	7
2	1	6	5	7	8	4	3	9

TBIB INSURANCES REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives from TBIB will be available on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February to discuss travel and general insurance issues. Look for their banners in the foyer.

A Paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.