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## OUR 2013 OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONS



L to R: Ashley Bach, Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy and Michael Cornell OUR 2013 OPEN TEAMS RUNNERS-UP


L to R: GeO Tislevoll, Tony Nunn, Michael Ware, Hugh McGann, Kieran Dyke and Fiona Brown


Our Tournament Organiser Playing Walk In with Richard Kuippers of Three Men and a Truck


Winners of the Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs Ian Barfoot and Peter Robbins


Runners-Up Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Susan Humphries and Michael Wilkinson Unfortunately one of the winners agreed to serve on the appeals committee so no photo is available

Congratulations to Ann Paton and Hugh Grosvenor


Runners-Up Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs Lex Ranke and Jack Rohde


OPEN TEAMS SEMI FINAL SEGMENT 4
Fading at the end - Brent Manley
Going into the final set of the Open Teams semi-final, the team headed by Barbara Travis had a lead of half an IMP (effectively 1 IMP) at 58.5 to 58 over the Michael Cornell squad. Travis was playing with Howard Melbourne. Their teammates were David Appleton and Peter Reynolds. Cornell's squad was Ashley Bach, his partner, plus Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy. Cornell erased the deficit on the first board of the set (Cornell was East).

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Dealer: South
Vul: None
Brd }1
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- K 7
- QJ43

Open Tms Semi S4 \& 4

- 42
- A 8652
- Q
\& K 10962

A AJ93

- K 7
-K8
\& A Q J 75

A Q 10865

- 109
-A 752
\& 83

| West | North | East | South <br> Pass |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | 1\& | Pass |  |
| $1 \%$ | Pass | $2 N T$ | Pass |  |
| 3 | Pass | $3 \%$ | Pass |  |
| $4 \%$ | Pass | $4 \%$ | Pass |  |
| $5 \%$ | Pass | $6 \%$ | All Pass |  |
| Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | - | 3 | - |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - |  |
| 3 | - | 3 | - |  |
| - | 2 | - | 2 |  |

At the other table, East-West (Klinger and Mullamphy) played 3NT, making four, so if Reynolds could find the spade lead, Travis would have earned a $10-\mathrm{IMP}$ swing. When Reynolds led the $\star$ A, setting up a pitch for one of dummy's spades, it was a $10-\mathrm{IMP}$ swing the other way.

The lead went back to Travis on the next deal when Bach bid 4V after being raised in a competitive auction but caught a $5-0$ trump split and was doubled for minus 500 . At the other table, the contract was a calm $2 \vee$, just making. The $12-\mathrm{IMP}$ swing meant Travis was ahead again.

That was two boards, two double-digit swings. The third board kept up the trend.

| Dealer: North | $\wedge$ Q |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: Both | $\checkmark 962$ |  |  | Pass | 1NT | Pass |  |
| Brd 13 | - A Q 54 |  | 2 | Pass | 3* | Pass |  |
| Open Tms Semi S4 | ¢J10652 |  | 3 | Pass | 4 | Pass |  |
| かKJ7 |  | A A 1085 | 4* | Pass | 5\% | Pass |  |
| -KQJ74 |  | - A 10853 | 67 |  |  |  |  |
| -K863 |  | -97 |  | Makea | Con | acts |  |
| $\because 3$ |  | * A K | 5 | - | 4 | - | NT |
|  | A96432 |  | 2 | - | 3 | - | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ |  | 5 | - | 5 | - | $\nabla$ |
|  | - J102 |  | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | - |
|  | ¢Q9874 |  | - | 3 | - | 3 | $\%$ |

At Cornell's table, he opened $1 \checkmark$ and signed off in $4 \checkmark$ when his partner splintered in clubs. The lead of the D held the contract to 11 tricks for plus 650. At the other table, Travis (East) and Melbourne were more ambitious as shown in the auction above.

The opening lead was the same, so Travis was down one quickly for a 13-IMP loss.
In the 10-board set, there were three making slams, including two grand slams. One of the deals was costly to the Travis team's hopes.

This was the next-to-last board, with Cornell leading 86-74.

| Dealer: South | A J 4 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | - J 107 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brd 19 | -K9854 |  | Pass | 2NT | Pass | $3{ }^{\circ}$ |  |
|  | \& K Q 8 |  | Pass | 34 | Pass | 4* |  |
| A 6 |  | A Q 107 | Pass | 5 | Pass | 5NT |  |
| $\checkmark 854$ |  | - K 9632 | Pass | 6\% | Pass | 7 | // |
| - J 63 |  | -10 |  | Make | le Con | acts |  |
| \& AJ9743 |  | * 10652 | - | 6 | - | 6 | NT |
|  | A AK98532 |  | - | 6 | - | 6 | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ AQ |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\nabla$ |
|  | - AQ 72 |  | - | 7 | - | 7 | - |
|  | $\%$ |  | 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 |

Klinger (North) and Mullamphy had a smooth auction to the grand slam.
There was nothing to the play with spades going 3-2. That was plus 1440. At the other table, Appleton and Reynolds didn't get past game.

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3\% | Pass | 3 |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 44 |
| Pass | Pass | Pas |  |

Plus 480 cost the team 14 IMPs and put the match out of reach at 100-74. Had they pushed the board to keep the margin the same at $86-74$, Travis would have won based on the result of the final deal, in which $6{ }^{\circ}$ vulnerable by North was allowed to make (the lead of the AA would have defeated it) while the contract at the other table was $5 \%$ making. That would have produced at $13-\mathrm{IMP}$ swing for Travis (plus 1370 compared to minus 600), enough for a 1 -IMP victory.

Here is a cute slam from the Swiss Pairs. I played 6NT from North on 9 J lead.

Dealer: South
Vul: None
Brd 11
Swiss Prs Rnd 6
A 10876

- 9852
- K 10
\& Q 96


## A AK 532 <br> -1043 <br> - Q 75 <br> \& 75

A94
$\bullet Q J 6$
$\bullet 9842$
$\& J 1082$

West North East South

A Q J

- AK 7
- A J 63
$\%$ AK 43
This is not a great spot. 6n would have been better, around $50 \%$. In 6 NT , looks like I need West to have $\downarrow \mathrm{K}$ and no more than three of them. That gives an entry to the spades plus three diamond tricks. I make it around $25 \%$. You can improve on this if you have struck helpful opponents. Start by leading aj. There are partnerships that will give honest count here, God bless them.

If you judge that spades are $3-3$, try a diamond before unblocking the second spade. You can still make if $\downarrow \mathbf{Q}$ loses to K if both suits are 3-3.

The other ruse, not quite sound, is to lead $\downarrow J$ after $\uparrow J$. It's a good bet that whoever peers at it before thoughtfully ducking has $>\mathrm{K}$.

If it's West, unblock spades before playing another diamond. If it's East, play another diamond and hope for a 3-3 spade break.

The added bonus is that East might win erroneously with $\diamond K$, giving you a double shot.
I tried this at the table. West naturally pounced on $>$, so that residual chance was lost. However, East was later squeezed in the reds for a very lucky plus 990 . There were other obscure squeeze chances, which brings me to 6A. Win the club lead, unblock Q-J of trumps (hope they are not 5-1) then a diamond towards hand.

If this loses to the king, unblock $\vee A$ and $\vee K$ then ruff a club to play trumps. Diamonds might come in. If not, there are single and double squeeze chances.

## OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 1

Fast start - Brent Manley
The Open Teams final matched squads led by Michael Cornell and Hugh McGann. The former started strongly to take the opening set 42-11. Halfway through the 12-board set, Cornell (Ashley Bach, Ron Klinger, Matthew Mullamphy) were out front 31-0 and if it had not been for a hiccup by Klinger and Mullamphy (playing a 3-2 spade fit, down five for minus 500 ), the score would have been 42-2. McGann played with Kieran Dyke, Geo Tislevoll and Michael Ware.

This board was costly for the McGann team.

| Dealer: East | A AJ 96543 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | $\bullet$ AJ |  |  |  | Pass | 1NT |
| Brd 6 | - A J 8 |  | Pass | 4 | Pass | 4a |
| Open Tms Final S1 | \& 10 |  | Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5a |
| A 72 |  | A --- | Pass | 5NT | Pass | 6 |
| - K 109852 |  | $\checkmark 764$ | Pass | 64 | All Pass |  |
| - 3 |  | -Q9754 |  |  |  |  |
| \& K 5 4 3 |  | \& 98762 |  |  | Pass | 1NT |
|  | A K Q 108 |  | Pass | $2 v$ | Pass | 3n |
|  | - Q 3 |  | Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5a |
|  | -K1062 |  | Pass | 5NT | Pass | 6 |
|  | \& $A$ Q |  | Pass | 74 | All Pass |  |

The first auction was Klinger (South) and Mullamphy, while the second auction was Ware and Tislevoll in the other room.

Klinger won the opening spade lead, pulled another round of trumps and went to dummy with the $\downarrow \mathrm{A}$ ace. He played the $\checkmark J$ and was soon claiming plus 1010. At the other table:

The play record indicates that Ware won the opening trump lead and ran four more rounds, pitching a diamond from hand, before claiming one down. Even with the diamond pitch, he could still have made the contract by guessing both minors, but the play record does not indicate what happened before his claim. In any event, it was a 14-IMP loss.
There was also missed game by McGann and Dyke ( 7 IMPs away) and a chance for a 12-IMP gain on the $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ by Klinger down five, but Tislevoll and Ware bid to $5{ }^{\circ}$ and went down on a bad trump break, cutting the gain to 9 IMPs. Cornell was off to the races, but there was still a lot of bridge to play.

## OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 2

## Barry Rigal

Cornell went in with a healthy 31 IMP lead. For McGann Brown-Nunn would play against Klinger-Mullamphy, with Dyke-McGann taking on Cornell Bach.
Cornell picked up an overtrick on everybody's $2 \vee$ partscore, then:

| Dealer: East | A 76 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark 10653$ |  |
| Brd 14 | - AK 109875 |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 \& --- |  |  |
| A Q 92 |  | AK54 |
| $\checkmark 42$ |  | -KQ98 |
| - J 6 |  | - Q 43 |
| \&987654 |  | \& Q 32 |
|  | ^AJ1083 |  |
|  | $\bullet$ A J 7 |  |
|  | - 2 |  |
|  | ¢ AKJ 10 |  |

Brown opened a weak no-trump and when doubled Nunn redoubled as an escape to clubs. Klinger made a forcing pass, hoping for a double, but Mullamphy as North balanced with 3 and Klinger converted to 3NT. Nunn avoided the fatal spade lead in order to find the other lead guaranteed not to paralyse declarer, a small spade. Klinger went after spades and Nunn won to shift to hearts (a diamond feels right to me now, when declarer doesn't play on the suit?). Klinger now ran the spades to squeeze East out of her diamonds (she was hoping declarer was void of course, but this was also the only way to avoid the triple-squeeze repeating) and that was 460.
In the other room McGann-Dyke had an unopposed sequence after Cornell's $1 \%$ opening. They bid [1\&]:Dbl:2\&:3A:4ヶ:4V:Pass. Only the shadow knows who was cuebidding and who was bidding suits. And he is not telling. On a club lead McGann tried four rounds of clubs and Cornell ruffed in to play a spade. Declarer won and ruffed a spade, cashed the diamond winners, led a heart to the ace to ruff a spade, and led a diamond from dummy to score one more trump trick for +420 . A sweaty IMP to Cornell.

| Dealer: South | AK 103 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | - AKJ 87 |  |
| Brd 15 | -972 |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 $\% 64$ |  |  |
| ¢ 87542 |  | ^Q J |
| $\checkmark 4$ |  | - Q 962 |
| - Q 63 |  | -K54 |
| \& AK75 |  | ¢9832 |
|  | A A 96 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 1053$ |  |
|  | - A J 108 |  |
|  | \& Q J 10 |  |


| West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| - | 3 | - | 3 | NT |
| - | 2 | - | 2 | $\uparrow$ |
| - | 3 | - | 3 | $\vdots$ |
| - | 3 | - | 3 |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | $\AA$ |

A A 96
$\checkmark 1053$

* Q J 10

McGann's weak no-trump got him to 3NT, Klinger's 1 opening got his partner to $4 V$ after Nunn's lead directing overcall of 1 A . Brown led spades and continued the suit when in with VQ so declarer had no problem making nine tricks, but that was the limit. McGann got the spade eight led, and won in hand to finesse in hearts. When that lost and a club came back, Bach played a second spade through, and McGann took a long while before finessing again to set up the defender's fifth winner. No swing.

| Dealer: West | A 87 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | $\checkmark$ AK5 |  | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| Brd 16 | - AKJ952 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | NT |
| Open Tms Final S2 | *Q 3 |  | - | 4 | - | 4 | $\dagger$ |
| - 9 |  | A Q J 532 | - | - | - | - | $\checkmark$ |
| $\checkmark 108764$ |  | $\bullet$ Q J | - | 5 | - | 5 | * |
| - Q 8 |  | - 763 | 1 | - | 1 | - | $\stackrel{\square}{9}$ |
| \& AJ754 |  | \& K 92 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A AK 1064 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark 932$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -104 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \& 1086 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

After 1ヶ:1A:3 would you move as South? Klinger probed with an artificial 3 and that got him to 3NT. Brown was suckered into believing the opponents, and led a spade. Not today, thank you. One diamond finesse later and Mullamphy had his nine tricks. Note that in the other room Dyke played 2NT after he could make a transfer rebid to diamonds to show six then invite game. While 2NT might make with the diamond finesse losing, if clubs were $4-4$, you could argue that you might as well be in 3NT since the clubs might block if they were 5-3 when one defender has jack-third.

| Dealer: North | AK 102 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark 85$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brd 17 | -108 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 | *AK Q 1042 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AQJ965 |  | A A 87 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\bullet$ AK2 |  | $\checkmark$ Q 107643 |  |  |  |  |  |
| -KJ93 |  | -4 | Makeab | Con |  |  |  |
| \& J |  | \& 987 | - | - | - | - | NT |
|  | A 43 |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 9 |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $v$ |
|  | - A Q 7652 |  | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
|  | -6 63 |  | - | 1 | - | 1 | $\%$ |

We've noticed through the course of this week that the week no-trump is used as a blunderbuss obstructive tool; 13 cards and a hand in the range of 10-14, with no voids qualifies you. Mullamphy's effort here worked a treat. Klinger could use a form of Puppet Stayman to play $2 \diamond$ and Nunn did not feel able to balance into $2 \boldsymbol{A}$. 2 went down 150 but in the other room Cornell could show hearts or the pointed suits with his 2 call, and Bach relayed and drove to $4 \boldsymbol{V}$. Dyke won the club lead and shifted to a low spade; after mature consideration Cornell put in the eight and then played a diamond up, to establish his 11th trick painlessly. It was 57-11 now.

On the next deal Cornell had a 5-4-2-2 four-count with the spade jack and heart king. He heard the auction start $1 *$ :[Double] to him. He passed, sensibly in my opinion, and heard $2 *$ on his left, $2 \uparrow$ from partner, $3 \uparrow$ on his right. He now jumped to 4A, and when the heart finessed worked that meant Bach (who had a concentrated 4-2-5-2 16-count) could escape for down one. Brown responded 1 1 A at her first turn and played 3A making 140, so it was 57-16 now.

| Dealer: South | A 843 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | - K J 8 |  |
| Brd 19 | - 742 |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 \& J 1097 |  |  |
| A A 102 |  | A K 9 |
| - A 97 |  | -Q1062 |
| - AK 53 |  | - Q 6 |
| \& K Q 6 |  | \& A 8543 |
|  | A Q J 765 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 543$ |  |
|  | - J1098 |  |
|  | $\& 2$ |  |

Clearly Cornell-Bach did not know precisely what was going on, but to land in $6 \%$ would have been both pardonable and unlucky. To land in $6 \checkmark$ by contrast....on a club lead declarer played the heart ace and another heart, and Dyke saw his partner follow up the line in trumps. Was that suit preference or denying an interest in a ruff? Dyke could simply have played a second club to find out but led a third heart instead (which might have
been right if declarer had five trumps?). As it was declarer won and cashed his heart and club winners and squeezed South in diamonds and spades. That 13 IMPs made it 70-16 instead of 57-29 and the match seemed to be getting away from McGann.

After a quiet game, board 22 got the merry-go-round going again.

| Dealer: North | A 7653 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | - A J 10432 |  |  | 17 | 14 |  |  |
| Brd 21 | - A 3 |  | 3* | Pass | $4 \%$ | $4 \checkmark$ |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 | - 3 |  | Pass | Pass | 5* | Double |  |
| $\rightarrow$ A |  | A K Q 1042 | Pass | Pass | Pass |  |  |
| - Q 87 |  | $\checkmark 6$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| - J 108 |  | -962 |  | Make | le Con | acts |  |
| *A Q J 1075 |  | \&9862 | - | - | - | 5 | NT |
|  | AJ9 8 |  | - | - | - | - | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 95 |  | - | 5 | - | 5 | $\nabla$ |
|  | -KQ754 |  | - | 5 | - | 5 | - |
|  | \& K 4 |  | 3 | - | 3 | - | $\%$ |

Mullamphy passed decorously enough, and when Brown picked a good moment to follow the zeitgeist of the match to open a frivolous weak two, it worked like a charm. Her 2a call opened and closed the auction, when Mullamphy allowed his spade length to influence him towards discretion. 2A made 140 but in the other room things were more complicated, as shown above:

Cornell's operation was successful at -300 but the patient died. The 10 IMPs made it 70-26 to Cornell, and on the next deal Klinger was faced with a challenging opening lead problem where he had to choose between two four-card suits, without much to go on.

| Dealer: East | - 872 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | - AK76 |  |
| Brd 22 | -974 |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 $\mathrm{A}^{\text {J } 64}$ |  |  |
| か43 AAQJ10 |  |  |
| -QJ85 $\quad 1094$ |  |  |
| -10 62 |  | - A Q J |
| \& Q 1083 |  | * A 97 |
|  | AK965 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 32$ |  |
|  | -K853 |  |
|  | * K 52 |  |


| West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | - | 2 | - | NT |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2 | - | 2 | - |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 |

Bach had passed his partner's 18-19 2NT rebid, Nunn, in the other room raised to game, perhaps based on the state of the match. A diamond lead would defeat 3NT easily enough, a spade lead might leave the fate of the contract in the balance. Klinger led....a heart and Mullamphy won to shift to the spade eight. Klinger went back to hearts, Mullamphy pressed on with spades. That allowed brown to win and lead a club to the queen (well guessed) and she could now give up a diamond and claim nine tricks, three spades and two tricks in each of the other suits. That made it 70-36.

After Cornell had picked up two overtricks to make it 72-36, they managed to get into a superior partscore on the final deal. But there is many a slip...

| Dealer: West | - 543 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark$ A 1093 |  |
| Brd 24 | - A Q 532 |  |
| Open Tms Final S2 $\% 8$ |  |  |
| AKJ97 |  | ^ Q 6 |
| - K J 52 |  | $\checkmark 4$ |
| - 76 |  | -K1098 |
| 4) 1096 |  | \&KJ7542 |
|  | A A 1082 |  |
|  | - Q 876 |  |
|  | - J 4 |  |
|  | $\because A Q 3$ |  |


| West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |
| - | 2 | - | 2 | NT |
| - | 2 | - | 2 | a |
| - | 3 | - | 3 |  |
| - | 3 | - | 3 |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | $\$$ |

Brown's three-club preempt in third seat jockeyed the opponents into their four-four fit, while Cornell's discreet 1\% opening saw Bach steal the heart suit and Dyke finishing up in 3 . against $3 V$ by South Nunn led a club and declarer won cheaply in hand to pass the $\downarrow$. Brown won and shifted to spades, declarer won and cashed his club winner to pitch dummy's spade then tried to score dummy's top diamonds. When Nunn ruffed in and cashed a spade then led another spade declarer had only eight tricks.

In 3 Dyke naturally received a heart lead from Cornell. He won and led a diamond to the jack and a diamond back to the ace, finessed in clubs to pitch a spade, then played on hearts, conceding two trumps and a trick in each major. It was 70-36 now, and a second fascinating set of deals would see both sides ruing huge missed opportunities, but Cornell would enjoy their lunch more.

## OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 3 <br> Action Lacking - Brent Manley

In the Open Teams final, two action-packed sets between the Hugh McGann and Michael Cornell squads were followed by a comparative snoozer, with only 18 IMPs changing hands over 12 boards. Seven of the boards were pushes, and the biggest swings were 5 IMPs - one for each team.
The set started out as though it might duplicate the previous two, although without the double-digit swings. The players were Cornell and Ashley Bach, playing with Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy against Fiona Brown - Tony Nunn and Michael Ware - Geo Tislevoll for the McGann team.

The set started with Cornell in front 72-40.5. That changed immediately. This was the first board (Brown Nunn were North-South, Klinger - Mullamphy East-West).

| Dealer: North | A A Q 1063 |  | West | North | East | South 1NT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark$ A 6 |  | Pass | 19 | Pass |  |  |
| Brd 1 | - J 965 |  | Pass | Pass | Pass |  |  |
| Open Tms Fin | ¢ J 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AK 87 |  | - 942 |  | 14 | Double | Pass |  |
| - Q J 5 |  | $\checkmark 1087$ | 1NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| - Q 73 |  | - AK2 |  | Make | le Contra |  |  |
| \& K 1076 |  | * A Q 98 | - | - | - | - | NT |
|  | A J 5 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\uparrow$ |
|  | -K9432 |  | - | - | - | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | -1084 |  | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
|  | -432 |  | 1 | - | 1 | - | 9 |

As you can see, East-West have seven tricks in the minors, but Klinger started with the VQ. Nunn took the lead in his hand and played the $\uparrow \mathbf{J}$. With the king onside and the suit splitting $3-3$, he had five spades to go with his two hearts. Plus 90. At the other table (Ware-Tislevoll East-West, Cornell-Bach North-South) had the second auction above with E/W now playing 1NT.

Cornell led a low spade, giving declarer an eighth trick for plus 120. Combined with plus 90 by their teammates, that was good for 5 IMPs. The score was 72-45.
Cornell got the IMPs swing back on the next board.

| Dealer: East | $\wedge$ Q |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | - AK76 |  |  |  | Pass | Pass |
| Brd 2 | - J 9 |  | $1 *$ | 19 | Double | 1^ |
| Open Tms Final S3 | \& J 106542 |  | Pass | Pass | Double | Pass |
| A 1094 |  | A 8762 | 1NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| - Q 1082 |  | $\checkmark 953$ |  |  |  |  |
| - KQ 105 |  | - A 73 |  |  | 1980 | $1 \checkmark$ [ s ] |
| \& Q 9 |  | \& AK 7 | Double | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
|  | A AKJ5 3 |  | 2\% | Pass | Pass | Pass |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -8642 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ¢8 8 |  |  |  |  |  |

Brown led a low club, which Klinger (West) ran to the 9 . He then ran six winners in the minor suits to record plus 90 . At the other table West declared $2 \%$ on the second auction above.

Tislevoll led the \&A and switched to a heart. Cornell took that in hand and played the $\uparrow \mathbf{Q}$ to dummy’s ace, using the other two spade honours to discard his two diamonds. He could then cash the VA and ruff a heart, losing only three clubs and a heart for plus 110. The 5-IMP gain made the score 77-45.
There was not a lot in the rest of the boards, although Klinger had a chance to earn a 10-IMP swing for his side on the final deal of the set.

| Dealer: West | A Q 5 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | $\checkmark 10972$ |  | 1\% | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| Brd 12 | - Q 873 |  | 2 | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| Open Tms Final S3 \& K 103A J 109 |  |  | Pass | Pass |  |  |
|  |  | AK63 |  |  |  |  |
| - K Q 8 |  | $\bullet$ A J 4 | 1\% | Pass | 2\% | Pass |
| - 65 |  | - J 10 | 3* | Pass | 3 | Pass |
| * Q 652 |  | ¢ AJ987 | $4 *$ | Pass | 5* | Pass |
| ^ 8742 |  |  | Pass | Pass |  |  |
| $\checkmark 65$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - AK 942 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \& 4 |  |  |  |  |  |

This contract, played by Tislevoll, had no chance when Bach led his fourth-best diamond. The defenders took the first five tricks. Minus 50. At the other table West declared 5\% on the second auction above.

Klinger's $3 *$ bid showed a minimum, and when Mullamphy asked about a diamond stopper with his $3 \diamond$ bid, Klinger denied having one. They settled on the best game.
Brown led a diamond to Nunn's king, and he cashed the $\downarrow$ A at trick two. When he exited with a third diamond, Klinger ruffed, discarding a low spade from dummy. Now all he had to do was guess how to play clubs.
In a vacuum, the right play is low to the $\mathbf{d}$, but did the ruff-sluff tell declarer anything? Was it possible Nunn didn't know he was giving a ruff and sluff? There was a lot to consider - surely with three clubs to the 10 Nunn would simply have exited with a trump. After some thought, Klinger led a low club and inserted the jack. When the king did not fall under the ace, he was minus 50 for yet another push.

The set ended with Cornell in the lead 77-53, but a successful appeal by the McGann team reduced that margin by 6 IMPs. The match had tightened up considerably.

## OPEN TEAMS FINAL SET 4

## Barry Rigal

Cornell's once proud lead of 54 IMPs was down to 19 as the final 12-set stanza started. An appeal from the first set had given McGann 6 IMPs. It would be Cornell-Bach against Dyke-McGann and in the other room Klinger-Mullamphy against Nunn-Brown.
Both N/S pairs avoided trouble on a hand where ten tricks were the limit in a major with a weak raise facing a hand with real slam interest. Then both E/W pairs bid and made a normal game that required only moderately favourable lies of the cards, and got it.


Board 39 was only 3 IMPs to McGann but could so easily have been more. In the 'normal' room McGann played $4 V$ on an unopposed sequence, and the defenders led spades to take their tricks at once. In the other room Nunn used the 'notional ace' valuation scheme - add an ace to your actual high card total and bid accordingly -- to double $1 \vee$ and persuade Brown to save in $5 \star$. Now Klinger's decision to bid on to $5^{\star} \mathrm{H}^{*}$ as
opposed to making a forcing pass worked very badly. Luckily neither opponent could double, and -200 was very cheap at the price. The margin was 15 IMPs now at 77-62
A dull 3NT gave Cornell an overtrick to make the margin 16, then Dyke took a 'state of the match opening'. 3NT on a heart lead might have had some real play -- but the lead of the $\boldsymbol{\infty} \mathrm{J}$ curiously gave declarer nothing, though l'm sure if you had let Cornell take his lead back when dummy appeared he would have done so. Declarer misguessed hearts and emerged with 7 tricks; back to a 19 IMP lead.

| Dealer: East |  |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | $\text { 『A } 987432$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brd 18 | - 763 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ¢ 103 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ^K Q 72 <br> $\checkmark K Q$ <br> -Q942 <br> $\Leftrightarrow A Q J$ |  | A A J 65 <br> $\checkmark 105$ <br> - J 85 <br> \& K 765 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Makea | Con |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3 | - | 3 | - | NT |
|  | A 10943 |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 6 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\checkmark$ |
|  | - AK 10 |  | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
|  |  |  | 3 | - | 3 | - | ¢ |

Despite the $4-1$ trump break 4^ looks easy to make, but after Brown as east received the lead of a top diamond and a club shift she drew trumps and then unblocked clubs, ending in dummy, and now had to guess whether to lead a diamond to her jack or to her eight. It was hard to tackle diamonds any earlier than this because of the risk of a ruff. She got it wrong by leading a diamond to her eight, and was down a trick when it lost to the ten. The defence made it easy in the other room by leading out diamonds prematurely and saving any sort of guess. That was 10 IMPs to Cornell leading by 29 now with six to go.

| Dealer: South | AKJ 10 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | $\checkmark 7$ |  |
| Brd 19 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q } 1082 \\ & * K \text { Q } 742 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| - 8 |  | A A Q 53 |
| $\checkmark$ Q10632 |  | -K94 |
| - AK 4 |  | - J 976 |
| \& 10986 |  | \& A 3 |
|  | A 97642 |  |
|  | - A J 85 |  |
|  | - 53 |  |
|  | \& J 5 |  |


| West | North |  |  | East |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| South |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | - | 3 | - | NT |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| 4 | - | 4 | - | 5 |
| 3 | - | 3 | - |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | 9 |

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { A } 97642 \\
& \text { \& J } 85 \\
& 53 \\
& \text { \& J } 5
\end{aligned}
$$

Both tables reached $4 \boldsymbol{V}$ by West after East had doubled 1\& and South had bid spades. Dyke led a top club and declarer won and played back a club. McGann won to play a diamond, and declarer won and took five minutes to play, while the kibitzers were discussing amongst themselves what he should do. The winning line is to take the spade finesse to pitch the diamond then cross-ruff, carefully. Bach led a trump to the king and ace and now knew the spade finesse was on. But he could not avoid losing two tricks in his attempts to ruff clubs so long as North did not cover the first play by West. In fact Bach led a trump to the queen now, ready to claim if the suit broke. No luck there, and down one. In the other room the lead of the spade jack persuaded Nunn to fly with the ace and from that point on he was doomed. He ended up down two and that made Cornell's lead 32 with five to go.

| Dealer: West | - A Q 7 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: Both | $\bullet$--- |  |
| Brd 20 | - A Q 75 <br> \&AJ10532 |  |
| A 854 |  | AK 1096 |
| -K852 |  | $\checkmark$ A 10 |
| -1083 |  | -K64 |
| \& 986 |  | \& K Q 74 |
|  | AJ32 |  |
|  | - QJ97643 |  |
|  | - J 92 |  |
|  | \& --- |  |


| West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| - | 1 | - | 1 | NT |
| - | 2 | - | 1 | $\uparrow$ |
| - | 3 | - | 2 |  |
| - | 3 | - | 3 |  |
| - | 3 | - | 2 | 9 |

Stopping low here is next to impossible, should East pass $1^{*} \mathrm{C}^{*}$, though if you play 'disciplined' weak jump responses (pause for hollow laugh given the players' performance so far in this match) you might stop in $2 \boldsymbol{V}$. Neither table could apply the brakes, so the two auctions careered toward 3NT. Brown doubled, letting Klinger run to $4 \star$, while McGann ran to $4 \checkmark$ though not doubled. The defenders led a club helpfully (why not a spade or diamond?) and declarer played low from dummy and ruffed Cornell's queen, then led a low trump from hand. Bach tried to win the trick with his eight; too high, but not high enough. Cornell overtook with the ace to return the ten, and the defenders had reduced their three trump tricks to two. Bach could win the second heart and play a diamond but declarer could ruff out the clubs for two discards and make his game. 14 lovely IMPs and the margin was back down to 18.
But a pair of two IMP under tricks went McGann's way, the last four deals offered no real other possibility of swing, and in the end Cornell won by 14 IMPs. Congratulations to Ashley Bach, Michael Cornell, Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy.


## PUZZLE DU JOUR

## Barry Rigal

Gertrude Stein's last words were: "What is the answer . . . what is the question?" Take that as your mantra for the next problem, set by Kit Woolsey from the second round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams.

| Dealer: South | A Q 764 | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: Nil | - K 73 |  |  |  | 2^ |
|  | - K 5 | Pass | 2NT | Pass | $3{ }^{3}$ [Feature] |
|  | *Q1095 | Pass | 34 | Pass | Pass |
| A AJ3 |  | Pass |  |  |  |
| - J 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| - A 862 |  |  |  |  |  |
| *KJ84 |  |  |  |  |  |

[Solution Below Yesterday's Solution]
You lead a $3 / 5$ best $\# 8$ to discover dummy has been playing a little joke.
The club goes to the ace from partner. Back comes the $\mathbf{V 9}$ (zero or two higher) to declarer's ace. He plays a second club, and you win the king to continue hearts. Declarer wins in dummy, cashes the $\AA \mathrm{Q}$ to discard a heart, then plays a spade.

Partner shows out, discarding the $\downarrow$, so you take declarer’s $\uparrow$ K with your ace. Have you already formed your plan?

## SOLUTION DU JOUR

Barry Rigal
 partner's $\% \mathrm{~J}$. Back comes the $\downarrow 7$. Declarer plays the $\$ 3$ and you win the $\downarrow$. What next?
At the table, West somewhat unthinkingly led a third diamond - far from unreasonably, but perhaps without giving full thought to the spots. This was the full deal:

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A 109
* A 765
-94
&107432
A AK86
\(\checkmark\) K 8
- AKJ3
\& Q 65
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A J 4

- J 942
- Q 852
※K 98

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A Q 7532
- Q 103
- 1076
* A J
```

With what diamond suit would partner return the seven? He cannot have $\uparrow$ J-10-7 or he would return the $\checkmark$ J and with four diamonds he would return the small diamond not the seven. Maybe working out what was really going on is too hard!

After the diamond return declarer could now knock out the club honours and had nine tricks. If South had won the first diamond with the ace, would East have found the killing heart shift to cut declarer off from his clubs?

# SOLUTION AUJOURD'HUI <br> [Today's Problem Above] Barry Rigal 

This was the full deal:

|  | - Q 764 <br> - K7 3 <br> -K 5 <br> \& Q 1096 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A AJ3 |  | A --- |
| $\bullet$ J 5 |  | - Q 10982 |
| - A 862 |  | -QJ974 |
| \& K J 84 |  | \& A 73 |
|  | AK 109852 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 64 |  |
|  | -103 |  |
|  | \& 62 |  |

You should cash the $A$ and play a diamond, locking declarer in dummy. How does he get back to hand for the spade finesse? Declarer is going to ruff a club to hand (having registered your club spots and that your partner took the ace at trick one) unless you dropped the ander the queen a few tricks ago!

Woolsey found the play and declarer went with the odds when he tried to ruff a heart to hand!

## HAVE YOU DISCUSSED?

Brent Manley

A bit of déjà vu. At a tournament in Hawaii, one of the better players spent no small amount of time perusing a convention card before complaining to her opponent that it was so old and messy that she couldn't read it. "But," said the opponent, "that's not my card." The complainer's face quickly turned bright red when she realized she was looking at her own convention card.
One of the sections on the convention card pertains to a partnership's carding agreements: what is led from certain honour combinations, whether signals are standard or upside down, whether leads are fourth best, third-and-fifth or "attitude," and what is conveyed by the partnership's discards.
This is an area that absolutely must be discussed. There is nothing more frustrating than letting through a contract that should have been defeated because one or both partners made poor decisions that could have been avoided.

No doubt you and partner have discussed whether your leads are fourth best or something else, but have you talked about your leads when you have competed in the auction.
Suppose you are on lead against a spade contract after partner opened $1 V$ and you raised to two. What is your lead with $\vee 964$ ? Most experienced players would start with the 9 to show a poor holding. Partner won't think it's a doubleton because you raised.
It's different if partner bid hearts but you didn't raise. In that case, you would lead low from three to the nine because you don't want partner to misdefend thinking you have a doubleton.
If you play upside-down signals, have you discussed your second play in a suit? Say you led the 2 from 842 , partner's suit (not supported by you). Later, partner gets in and cashes a trick in that suit. Most players follow with a "current count" spot - that is, low from three remaining cards, high from two. If you are using upsidedown signals, do you give current count in upside-down style, or do you follow with normal current count carding? Either method would work as long as you and partner are on the same page.
Have you discussed the message sent in suits played in the middle of the defence? Perhaps you led some suit against no-trump and find yourself on lead at trick four or five. If the previous plays tell you that leading your suit again is fruitless and you have a second suit that might produce some tricks, you want to send a signal to partner that will get him to do the right thing. If he wins the trick, you want him to return that suit, not your original suit.
How do you accomplish this? By switching to a low card in your other suit, indicating a good holding.
On the other hand, if you know that the second lead of your original suit must come from partner, you can try to find his entry in another suit. To get him to return your original suit, switch to a high card in the second suit. If partner can win, he will know to return your first suit.

When you are defending, the first time you cannot follow suit presents an opportunity for you to send a message to partner. It's important to discuss the possibilities with partner and decide on an approach that's comfortable for both of you.
You can signal attitude in the suit discarded according to whether your signals are standard or upside-down. Incidentally, one advantage of upside-down signalling is that you don't have to show encouragement by playing high cards that might well be tricks later on.
Some players use a method called odd-even discards. In ACBL games, you are allowed to use odd-even signals only on the first discard.
The method works this way: The discard of an "even" card (2, 4, 6, etc.) is discouraging in that suit and conveys suit preference. That is, the discard of the $\geqslant 2$ on declarer's spade winner discourages in hearts but implies some strength in clubs. The discard of the $\vee 8$ would also discourage in hearts but imply values in diamonds.
Discards of odd-numbered cards are encouraging for the suit discarded.


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## BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

| Dealer: South Vul: E/W | North | West | North | East |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -KQ5 | Pass | 2*[1] | Double | 2 - 2 ] |
|  | -KQ109 | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |

\& 108
South
A Q J

- A 85
-A 864
\& A 962
West leads \&J. Plan your play.
THE TRICK AT TRICK ONE
From a Swiss Pairs Event:

> | A 9843 |
| :--- |
| K Q 5 |
| K Q 109 |
|  |

AA 10752

- J 10942
- J 3
\& J
AK 6
$\bullet 73$
- 752
\&K Q 7543
A Q J
- A 85
-A 864
\& A 962

West led the $\% \mathrm{~J}$ and South took the $\% \mathrm{~A}$. A diamond to the king was followed by the A 3 : six - queen - ace. West switched to the $\vee J$, won in dummy, and the $\uparrow 4$ was won by East's king. East cashed the $\%$ K only to discover that South still had the clubs stopped.
To cash the $\& Q$ would give South the ninth trick with the $\% 9$ and so East reverted to hearts. Dummy won and when the $\boldsymbol{\wedge} 9$ lost to the $\boldsymbol{\wedge} 10$, the $\boldsymbol{\wedge} 8$ had become the extra trick South needed.

As the play went, East could have defeated the contract by rising with the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ on the first round of spades. The $\AA \mathrm{K}$ and $\& \mathrm{Q}$ are cashed and then a spade gives West two more tricks to take 3NT one down.
Declarer was lucky to have East err and to find the spades blocked. As happens so often declarer's mistake came at trick one. If South lets the $\boldsymbol{a} J$ hold, he can set up an extra trick in spades without giving the defenders the chance to collect two club tricks.

| Rank | Pair | North-South | total | Rank | Pair | East-West | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | Michael WILKINSON - Susan HUMPHRIES | 187 | 1 | 562 | Ann PATON - Hugh GROSVENOR | 187 |
| 2 | 7 | Lorraine STACHURSKI - Mindy WU | 185 | 2 | 603 | Richard TOUTON - Ryan TOUTON | 178 |
| 3 | 2 | Marlene WATTS - Michael PRESCOTT | 181 | 2 | 534 | Alison DAWSON - Elizabeth ZELLER | 178 |
| 4 | 76 | Roman MORAWIECKI - Carolyn MILLER | 180 | 2 | 564 | Noelene LAW - Julia HOFFMAN | 178 |
| 4 | 8 | Nick HUGHES - Nicoleta GIURA | 180 | 5 | 578 | Judy MARKS - Adam RUTKOWSKI | 175 |
| 6 | 12 | Sharon MAYO - Greg MAYO | 177 | 5 | 574 | Wayne BURROWS - Peter HALL | 175 |
| 7 | 20 | Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ | 176 | 7 | 568 | Eva BERGER - Jay FARANDA | 174 |
| 7 | 39 | Hugh MCALISTER - Diana MCALISTER | 176 | 7 | 550 | Bev GUILFORD - Sue SPENCER | 174 |
| 7 | 83 | Tim RUNTING - Murray PERRIN | 176 | 9 | 601 | Herve CHEVAL - Pierre CRIFO | 172 |
| 10 | 45 | Kate TERRY - Sheryl WINDSOR | 174 | 10 | 575 | Nicky STRASSER - Justin HOWARD | 169 |
| 11 | 18 | Denis GRAHAME - Jeanette GRAHAME | 173 | 10 | 558 | Bob RICHMAN - Jeanette REITZER | 169 |
| 12 | 28 | Yuzhong CHEN - Gary FOIDL | 171 | 10 | 510 | Bruce FRASER - Helen KEMP | 169 |
| 13 | 6 | Peter KAHLER - Jeannette COLLINS | 169 | 13 | 573 | Eva SAMUEL - Jeff FUST | 168 |
| 14 | 15 | Murray GREEN - Fran MARTIN | 168 | 14 | 557 | Sue PICUS - Peter BUCHEN | 167 |
| 14 | 19 | Peter LIVESEY - Roger THOMAS | 168 | 14 | 533 | Kaylee LEMON - Ronnie NG | 167 |
| 14 | 73 | Ian BRASH - Chris TURNER | 168 | 16 | 560 | Stan KLOFA - Douglas NEWLANDS | 166 |
| 17 | 55 | Andrew STRUIK - Nikki RISZKO | 166 | 16 | 577 | Jane JENSEN - David JENSEN | 166 |
| 17 | 44 | Jan MALINAS - Kitty MUNTZ | 166 | 16 | 586 | Chris WILLIAMS - Ian LINCOLN | 166 |
| 19 | 1 | Patrick CARTER - Tom JACOB | 165 | 19 | 589 | Denise KEENAN - Margaret YUILL | 165 |
| 19 | 27 | Joan STOBO - Titus LING | 165 | 19 | 582 | Rosemary MOONEY - Tania GARIEPY | 165 |
| 19 | 11 | Neil PERRY - Elly URBACH | 165 | 21 | 563 | Barry JONES - Jenny MILLINGTON | 163 |
| 22 | 5 | George SMOLANKO - Jane DAWSON | 164 | 22 | 606 | Noel WOODHALL - Moss WYLIE | 162 |
| 22 | 10 | Sharmini HOOLE - David ANDERSON | 164 | 22 | 559 | Tony LEIBOWITZ - Alex SMIRNOV | 162 |
| 22 | 60 | Vasantha KUMAR - Janeen SOLOMON | 164 | 22 | 580 | Larry MOSES - James EVANS | 162 |
| 25 | 13 | Tom STRONG - Edda STRONG | 163 | 25 | 571 | Eva SHAND - Les VARADI | 161 |
| 25 | 107 | Pat KENNEDY - Geoffrey NORRIS | 163 | 25 | 572 | Annette MALUISH - Neville FRANCIS | 161 |
| 27 | 59 | Andrew TARBUTT - Alister STUCK | 162 | 25 | 567 | Nevena DJUROVIC - Giselle MUNDELL | 161 |
| 27 | 102 | Keith LONG - Brodie LOXTON | 162 | 28 | 610 | Pam SCHOEN - Phil HALE | 160 |
| 29 | 104 | Kemal AVUNDUK - Kiyomi AVUNDUK | 161 | 28 | 609 | Susanne MOULD - Shirley WANZ | 160 |
| 30 | 21 | Ken WILKS - Rosalie BROUGHTON | 160 | 28 | 565 | Terry STRONG - Jill MAGEE | 160 |
| 30 | 23 | Graham WAKEFIELD - Michael PEMBERTON | 160 | 28 | 593 | Peter ANDERSSON - Ashok TULPULE | 160 |
| 32 | 16 | Pam MORGAN-KING - Leigh THOMPSON | 159 | 32 | 503 | Ron SPEISER - Patricia MANN | 159 |
| 32 | 103 | Irene CHAU - Rebecca ROOKE | 159 | 32 | 561 | Andrew HEGEDUS - Andrew MILL | 159 |
| 34 | 41 | Alison TALBOT - Margaret TILDESLEY | 158 | 32 | 584 | Mads EYDE - Lisbeth GROVE | 159 |
| 34 | 24 | Witold CHYLEWSKI - Milan DUROVIC | 158 | 32 | 542 | Lou TILLOTSON - Sue ROBINSON | 159 |
| 36 | 109 | Johan ROOSE - Judith ROOSE-DRIVER | 157 | 32 | 552 | Allayne GRAY - Anne SIMPSON | 159 |
| 36 | 31 | Jeanne HEY - Joan VALENTINE | 157 | 37 | 594 | Jan HACKETT - Tom HACKETT | 158 |
| 36 | 62 | Penny CORRIGAN - Judith CRAFTI | 157 | 37 | 520 | Desma SAMPSON - Gwen CORDINGLEY | 158 |
| 39 | 89 | Brian JACOBSON - Bill WEBSTER | 156 | 39 | 605 | Gary LYNN - Jack PIERCE | 157 |
| 39 | 61 | Kim PRESCOTT - Mark JANOR | 156 | 39 | 513 | Lisa MA - Emlyn WILLIAMS | 157 |
| 39 | 65 | Stephen STENING - Graham RUSHER | 156 | 41 | 506 | Rosemary GLASTONBURY - Betty HOBDELL | 155 |
| 42 | 86 | Geoffrey ROBERTS - Kevin DEAN | 155 | 41 | 504 | Marion JEFFERSON - Marleen MEDHAT | 155 |
| 43 | 42 | Neil GIBSON - Elizabeth GIBSON | 154 | 41 | 579 | Nicole MCMANAMNY - Kathy YANG | 155 |
| 44 | 29 | Jean HALL - Franci HALMOS | 153 | 44 | 519 | John KABLE - Ruth WEBB | 154 |
| 44 | 43 | Alan GLASSON - Kathie RADCLIFFE | 153 | 45 | 522 | Neville DE MESTRE - Lazar MIKATA | 152 |
| 44 | 26 | Kendall EARLY - Rosemary CROWLEY | 153 | 45 | 527 | Frances GARRICK - Bruce DAGLISH | 152 |
| 44 | 32 | Kerry WOOD - Robin O'DELL | 153 | 45 | 517 | Matt BLACKHAM - Michelle TREDENICK | 152 |
| 48 | 35 | Janet CLARKE - Frances LYONS | 152 | 48 | 511 | Jocelyn STEELE - John STEELE | 151 |
| 48 | 81 | Valerie KELLERMAN - Christine PARKIN | 152 | 48 | 595 | Margaret TAYLOR - Beverley GOSS | 151 |
| 48 | 71 | Pat LEIGHTON - Gaylene BROWN | 152 | 48 | 566 | Julie SHERIDAN - Karen MARTELLETTI | 151 |
| 48 | 38 | Allison DAWSON - Meredith LAMBERT | 152 | 51 | 544 | Joy TRIGG - Karin OLISLAGERS | 150 |
| 48 | 3 | Betty MILL - Vicki TAYLOR | 152 | 51 | 537 | John PUUSEPP - Frank VEARING | 150 |
| 48 | 100 | Barry O'DONOHUE - Margie KNOX | 152 | 51 | 509 | Shirley WATSON - Chris WATSON | 150 |
| 48 | 88 | Heather GRANT - Frank CAMPBELL | 152 | 51 | 607 | Kaye HART - Jeff CARBERRY | 150 |
| 48 | 57 | Michael JOHNSON - David TUCKER | 152 | 55 | 545 | Brian LEACH - Peter MIKA | 149 |
| 56 | 37 | Geoff ALLEN - Pat ALLEN | 151 | 55 | 529 | Ken MOFFITT - Sue MOFFITT | 149 |
| 56 | 67 | George FLEISCHER - Jenny ROSE | 151 | 55 | 598 | Lex BOURKE - Stephen Ja BARON | 149 |


| 58 | 33 | Niek VAN VUCHT - Wendy BOXALL | 150 | 55 | 591 | Anne YOUNG - Adrienne KELLY | 149 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | 108 | John KEARNS - Glenys DEAN | 150 | 55 | 585 | Tony BERGER - Merle BOGATIE | 149 |
| 58 | 17 | Garry CLARKE - Sally CLARKE | 150 | 60 | 570 | Marilyn CHADWICK - Toni SHARP | 148 |
| 61 | 30 | Maggie CALLANDER - Frank POWER | 149 | 60 | 604 | Carmel THOMPSON - Denise BUTTROSE | 148 |
| 61 | 14 | George FINIKIOTIS - Elizabeth FANOS | 149 | 62 | 531 | Kathy PALMER - Helen CLAYTON | 147 |
| 63 | 48 | Marian OBENCHAIN - Suzy NARITA | 148 | 63 | 555 | Barbara DALY - Lyn MANSFIELD | 146 |
| 63 | 95 | Lise ALLAN - Rilla ENGLAND | 148 | 63 | 540 | Janet WALLIS - Ann BULLOCK | 146 |
| 63 | 106 | Trish ANAGNOSTOU - Gillian GONTHIER | 148 | 65 | 535 | Darrell WILLIAMS - Jackie WILLIAMS | 145 |
| 63 | 9 | Peter HAINSWORTH - Gary MALINAS | 148 | 65 | 523 | Susan SCERRI - Allan SCERRI | 145 |
| 67 | 85 | Robert WYLIE - Merleine WYLIE | 147 | 65 | 592 | Wendy HARMAN - Carmen JACKSON | 145 |
| 68 | 84 | Patricia LACEY - Carmel BOURKE | 146 | 68 | 588 | Sylvia KUDELKA - Leone SZABO | 144 |
| 68 | 63 | Paul WEAVER - Terry BODYCOTE | 146 | 68 | 553 | Elizabeth GRIEVE - Judith PERRY | 144 |
| 68 | 25 | Ken STORR - Phaik YAO | 146 | 68 | 569 | Astrid GONCHAROFF - Tony HUTTON | 144 |
| 71 | 52 | Gregory CARTER - Devika CARTER | 145 | 68 | 528 | Margaret MCNEE - Gail WALSH | 144 |
| 71 | 87 | Lynn BAKER - Harry BAUMANIS | 145 | 68 | 530 | Jan CLYNE - Jenny HOMER | 144 |
| 71 | 72 | John LANHAM - Peter RANDALL | 145 | 73 | 538 | Jenny WILLIAMS - Monica PRITCHARD | 143 |
| 71 | 40 | Rick RHODES - Maura RHODES | 145 | 74 | 590 | Frank KOVACS - David MCRAE | 142 |
| 71 | 68 | Dianne BENVIE - Christina MANDER | 145 | 74 | 612 | David FLYNN - Jill PERCIL | 142 |
| 71 | 22 | Bente HANSEN - Madge MYBURGH | 145 | 74 | 611 | Gizella MICKEVICS - Mary WATERHOUSE | 142 |
| 77 | 69 | Ian PATTERSON - Peter COX | 144 | 74 | 507 | Wayne HOUGHTON - Christine HOUGHTON | 142 |
| 77 | 56 | Ron HUMPHREYS - Warren LUEY | 144 | 78 | 516 | Jill PIKE - Patricia HENDERSON | 141 |
| 79 | 80 | Ros WARNOCK - Valerie ISLE | 142 | 78 | 551 | Kees DE VOCHT - Jenny CARR | 141 |
| 79 | 77 | Janet MUNRO - Val CHURCHILL | 142 | 78 | 546 | Rosemary MATSKOWS - Fern MCRAE | 141 |
| 79 | 36 | Andrew HOOPER - Pippa HOOPER | 142 | 81 | 508 | Richard FOX - Errol MILLER | 139 |
| 79 | 112 | Dale PEAK - Roger PEAK | 142 | 81 | 583 | Joyce O'BRIEN - Ian BROOKES | 139 |
| 79 | 54 | Bernie ADCOCK - Janet HILL | 142 | 83 | 602 | Sue O'BRIEN - Maha HOENIG | 138 |
| 79 | 98 | Dorothy READ - Geoff READ | 142 | 84 | 587 | Monica DARLEY - Kath POOLE | 137 |
| 85 | 46 | Bastian BOLT - Rita KAHN | 141 | 84 | 536 | Alexander COOK - Robin HO | 137 |
| 85 | 49 | Malcolm ALLAN - Diana STEWART | 141 | 86 | 576 | Roger WEATHERED - Birgitt BINGHAM | 135 |
| 85 | 110 | Derek SNELLING - Isobel ROSS | 141 | 86 | 532 | John TREDREA - Phil RAINS | 135 |
| 85 | 93 | Anne LAMPORT - Linden RAYMOND | 141 | 86 | 608 | Eileen JOSEY - Valma MCCLEMENT | 135 |
| 89 | 66 | Mary ALLISON - Catherine WHIDDON | 138 | 89 | 596 | Janina FLEISZIG - Gabor FLEISZIG | 134 |
| 90 | 99 | Rosemary KELLEY - Ned KELLEY | 137 | 89 | 549 | Brian ASHWELL - Jan ASHWELL | 134 |
| 90 | 75 | Barbara GRANT - Louis KOOLEN | 137 | 89 | 597 | Bill NASH - Alex MCAULEY | 134 |
| 92 | 96 | Carol WILSON - Laurie MCROBERTS | 136 | 92 | 543 | Megan SUTHERLAND - Gerald DAWSON | 133 |
| 93 | 64 | Carole COOKE - Carolyn LEWIS | 135 | 92 | 599 | Anne SMALL - Ronald SMITH | 133 |
| 93 | 47 | Tim HEALY - Helen HEALY | 135 | 94 | 514 | Lucy BARUA - Ruth CHAPMAN | 132 |
| 95 | 51 | Judith IVANYI - Alexander IVANYI | 133 | 94 | 515 | Tony ALLEN - Kelela ALLEN | 132 |
| 95 | 97 | George POWIS - Patricia POWIS | 133 | 94 | 526 | Carolyn LEACH - Sandy LEACH | 132 |
| 95 | 111 | Murray WIGGINS - Rosa MISHKIN | 133 | 97 | 505 | Jenny DATE - Ros LUCAS | 131 |
| 95 | 70 | Andrea GLUYAS - Virginia HALL | 133 | 98 | 556 | Jean BENNETT - Robin BENNETT | 130 |
| 99 | 53 | Helen WILSON - Jane NORTH | 132 | 98 | 600 | Jilliana BELL - Dorothy BEIL | 130 |
| 99 | 90 | Heather FLANDERS - Irene HAMILTON | 132 | 100 | 548 | Diana WILSON - Anthea GEDGE | 129 |
| 99 | 79 | Lyn TURNER - Gwen Gray | 132 | 100 | 501 | Judith APFELBAUM - Margaret LIVERSAGE | 129 |
| 102 | 82 | Judy \& Max HAVERCROFT | 130 | 102 | 554 | Jill CHURCH - Rhondda SWEETMAN | 128 |
| 102 | 74 | Alan DODDRIDGE - Jenny WILSON | 130 | 102 | 541 | Diane NICHOLS - Sue EASTMAN | 128 |
| 104 | 91 | Peter NILSSON - Deborah NILSSON | 128 | 102 | 518 | Beryl DAWSON - Maureen COOKSLEY | 128 |
| 105 | 105 | Sue BEER - Sally MOORE | 125 | 105 | 539 | Joan CAMPBELL - Pat CREMA | 127 |
| 106 | 58 | Christina MACQUARRIE - Steven WHITE | 124 | 105 | 524 | Marion BUCENS - Brian HORAN | 127 |
| 107 | 34 | Betty PRIESTLEY - Pauline O'DONOGHUE | 122 | 107 | 502 | Eunice \& Derek STRINGFELLOW | 126 |
| 108 | 94 | Ken MOSCHNER - Saftica POPA | 119 | 108 | 521 | Barbara HOSPERS - Gladys TULLOCH | 125 |
| 109 | 78 | Pamela SMITH - Judith SELLECK | 116 | 108 | 512 | Evol CRESSWELL - Sandra ALLEN | 125 |
| 110 | 101 | Ken ANDERSON - Lindy ANDERSON | 113 | 110 | 547 | Jenny HOFF - Kay LEETON | 122 |
| 111 | 50 | Alan CLAYTON - Ann NICHOLS | 112 | 111 | 525 | Mike ROBERTSON - Gene EFINGER | 120 |
| 112 | 92 | Beth CALCINO - Maria RUTTIMAN | 103 | 112 | 581 | Theo MANGOS - Leigh FORAN | 116 |


| Restricted Butler Pairs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Rank | Pair | Names | Score | Total | MPs | Rank | Pair | Names | Score | Total | MPs |
| 1 | 41 | Ian BARFOOT - Peter ROBBINS | 16 | 184 | 8.96 | 28 | 47 | Jillian GRIFFITH - Norma BROWNE | 10 | 149 | 1.43 |
| 2 | 31 | Lex RANKE - Jack ROHDE | 14 | 183 | 6.55 | 28 | 34 | Kevin BALKIN - Pauline BALKIN | 15 | 149 | 1.56 |
| 3 | 23 | Sally LAZAR - Richard LAZAR | 16 | 173 | 5.33 | 28 | 3 | Edgar BECKETT - Janice BECKETT | 20 | 149 | 1.43 |
| 4 | 37 | Vivien ELDRIDGE - Rachael LOOMES | 14 | 170 | 3.81 | 31 | 20 | Vivienne NABARRO - Colin MCGREGOR | 10 | 148 | 1.56 |
| 5 | 21 | John NIBBS - David LEHMANN | 19 | 169 | 3.64 | 32 | 24 | Bridget RYAN - Jane DOIG | 21 | 147 | 1.3 |
| 6 | 25 | Laurie SKEATE - Denis WARD | 16 | 168 | 3.17 | 33 | 2 | Gordon BROADLEY - Ian BROADLEY | 15 | 146 | 1.04 |
| 7 | 6 | Andrew WOOLLONS - Alan BOYCE | 14 | 166 | 2.69 | 34 | 33 | Trevor DWERRYHOUSE - Noriko NISHIGAMI | 11 | 145 | 1.3 |
| 8 | 40 | Robyn CLARK - Brigid MARLAND | 15 | 164 | 2.85 | 35 | 22 | Prunella ADAMS - Malcolm ADAMS | 15 | 144 | 1.17 |
| 8 | 15 | Nini PERKINS - Yvonne HOUBOLT | 15 | 164 | 2.59 | 35 | 4 | Kay SIMPSON - Ruth YOUNG | 18 | 144 | 1.17 |
| 10 | 26 | Deborah MATTHEWS - Gwyneth HOPKINS | 11 | 162 | 2.15 | 37 | 39 | Diana MCKENZIE - Heather REYNOLDS | 11 | 143 | 1.17 |
| 10 | 35 | Helen HELLSTEN - Catherine HOOD | 15 | 162 | 2.15 | 37 | 29 | Joan LECKIE - Margaret WILLIAMSON | 20 | 143 | 1.17 |
| 12 | 12 | Mike EDWARDS - Allan PIKE | 15 | 161 | 2.28 | 39 | 49 | Marie IRVING - Allison SIMON | 17 | 142 | 1.69 |
| 12 | 45 | Malcolm CLIFT - Kathy CLIFT | 13 | 161 | 2.15 | 40 | 54 | Joyce DONOVAN - Carolyn MCMURRAY | 17 | 141 | 1.17 |
| 14 | 51 | Gregory GOSNEY - Byron LONGFORD | 16 | 160 | 1.65 | 41 | 11 | William HOWARD - Geraldine HOWARD | 12 | 139 | 1.04 |
| 14 | 50 | Claudie ALPHANDARY - Margaret SCOTT | 17 | 160 | 2.04 | 42 | 8 | Kay KERR - Fran MCDONALD | 18 | 138 | 1.3 |
| 14 | 13 | Barbara ANDERSON - Janet BELL | 20 | 160 | 1.91 | 42 | 16 | Vivien SOLO - Shirley KING | 19 | 138 | 0.91 |
| 17 | 10 | Glenda PARMENTER - Barbara O'SHEA | 20 | 159 | 2.11 | 42 | 48 | Shelley TAYLOR - Charlotte HARRISON | 10 | 138 | 1.3 |
| 18 | 38 | John SHARP - Meg SHARP | 17 | 157 | 2.09 | 45 | 42 | David CORNEY - Margaret CORNEY | 13 | 137 | 0.78 |
| 19 | 46 | Heather BROATCH - Diana PERRY | 14 | 156 | 1.3 | 45 | 1 | Paul ROSE - Margaret PISKO | 13 | 137 | 1.04 |
| 20 | 28 | Dot PIDDINGTON - Norma CAMERON | 17 | 154 | 1.3 | 47 | 43 | Helen ROLLOND - Sue HAPEK | 9 | 135 | 0.78 |
| 21 | 17 | Jennifer HOLLINGWORTH - Peter COPPIN | 13 | 153 | 1.04 | 48 | 7 | Judy WILKINSON - Sew Yoon Yap-Giles | 10 | 133 | 0.52 |
| 22 | 32 | Noel GRIGG - Bruce TURNER | 19 | 151 | 1.3 | 49 | 52 | Arjen DRAAISMA - Margot HARRIS | 21 | 131 | 0.78 |
| 22 | 44 | Marsha KNOLL - Kay ROE | 19 | 151 | 1.56 | 50 | 36 | Janette KOLLISCH - Natasha THOMAS | 15 | 130 | 0.91 |
| 24 | 53 | Norma NEWTON - Peter HOOPER | 15 | 150 | 1.17 | 51 | 18 | Diane CONNORS - Sally GRAHAM | 11 | 129 | 0.78 |
| 24 | 19 | Cassie MORIN - Helen ARENDTS | 13 | 150 | 1.17 | 52 | 30 | Maureen TREACEY - Kath PEEVER | 9 | 127 | 0.26 |
| 24 | 27 | Isobel FURNIVAL - Marie SIGANTO | 15 | 150 | 1.56 | 53 | 5 | Margaret AISTON - Jenny CRAWT | 12 | 121 | 0.39 |
| 24 | 9 | Margaret PARTRIDGE - John ROGERS | 15 | 150 | 1.43 | 54 | 14 | Archibald FRASER - John MOEN | 15 | 117 | 0.39 |


| Holiday Pairs Event 2-Session 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | N-S | Score |  | E-W | Score |
| 1 | Yolanda CARTER - Patrick BUGLER | 57.97 | 1 | Julian FOSTER - Pele RANKIN | 67.99 |
| 2 | Lorraine CARR - Claire LEE | 57.01 | 2 | Michelle RADKE - Richard WALLIS | 58.10 |
| 3 | Lillian PEARCE - Gerald PEARCE | 56.87 | 3 | Grace MATHIAS - Millie MATULIS | 56.87 |
| 4 | Pablo LAMBARDI - Anita THIRTLE | 54.67 | 4 | Beverley WELCH - Jeanne ADAMS | 55.36 |
| 5 | Carlos PELLEGRINI - Pascale GARDINER | 54.26 | 5 | Noelle KEBBY - Pat SLEAT | 51.92 |
| 6 | Rob ZIFFER - Rob GAULT | 53.30 | 6 | Fred WHITAKER - Odette MAYNE | 51.10 |
| 7 | Richard GRENSIDE - Sue GRENSIDE | 51.37 | 7 | Joe KRAMPEL - Marcia KRAMPEL | 48.76 |
| 8 | Kevin WALKER - David MITCHELL | 50.69 | 7 | Helen WALKER - Sharon STRETTON | 48.76 |
| 9 | David O'GORMAN - Julie JEFFRIES | 50.27 | 9 | Barbara DAWSON - Meta GOODMAN | 47.53 |
| 10 | Linda OSMUND - Danny OSMUND | 50.14 | 10 | Vere DRAKEFORD - Catherine MCPAUL | 47.25 |
| 11 | Valerie GARDINER - Stephanie JACOB | 48.21 | 11 | Vanessa BROWN - William JENNER-O'SHEA | 46.98 |
| 12 | Annette HYLAND - Paula CASSIN | 47.66 | 12 | Bob MCKEON - Patricia MCKEON | 46.84 |
| 13 | Therese TULLY - Richard KUIPERS | 45.05 | 13 | Ross SHARDLOW - Susan KENNARD | 46.29 |
| 14 | Catherine ANG - Theresa YOUNG | 43.68 | 14 | John CORREY - John WOERLEE | 44.09 |
| 15 | Michelle JAMES - Marylou SHAW | 41.76 | 15 | Minnie BRAGG - Chris BRAGG | 41.90 |
| 16 | Peter ROLLOND - David MUNRO | 37.09 | 16 | Janice STEWARD - Maureen COLLINS | 40.25 |
| Holiday Pairs Event 2 - Overall |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Avge | MPs |  |  |
| 1 | Danny OSMUND - Linda OSMUND | 54.37 | 0.63 |  |  |
|  | Minnie BRAGG - Chris BRAGG | 48.39 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Michelle JAMES - Marylou SHAW | 44.05 |  |  |  |

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

## SNIPPETS

Peter Rolland reports that he and his Partner Val Churchill are regular attendees at these Championships, having played here for many years. Against him on Board 24 of their match in the Teams qualifying on Thursday, one of the players had been dealt a very juicy 24 point hand.

She leaned forward to write $2 \star$ on the bidding pad but in her excitement she wrote $24-$ the number of points she held. The opposition politely asked if that was her age or telephone number. Much mirth ensued even including the bemused director.

