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## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

So begins the $53^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Gold Coast Congress

After the traditional welcome to the event the two qualifying sessions of the pairs were fought out to determine the qualifiers in each of the
(inaugural) Bobby Richman Open Pairs

The Seniors Pairs
The Intermediate Pairs,
The Restricted Pairs and

The Novice Pairs


## TABLE NUMBERS

In the USA, there is an ongoing count of the number of tables played per session. In keeping with this scorecard we will be publishing a daily tally of the number of tables played at the tournament. They key number for today is 833 .

By way of comparison the last US Nationals (Phoenix) had a total of 12,565 over 11 days or 1,142 per day.

## A DECADE ON



In 2004 the Queensland Bridge Association owned 350 sets of boards $20 \%$ of these were non-barcoded and had to be dealt by hand. All 350 sets were pre-dealt prior to the event and during the week a further 218 sets were pre-dealt
In 2014 QBA the Queensland Bridge Association owns 1,000 sets of boards - all sets owned are pre-dealt prior to the event and during the week a further 200 sets will be dealt

Actual number of boards that will be dealt for 2014 Gold Coast Congress will be 31,674 !!

## MISTAKES WE ALL MAKE

Barry Rigal

As we all know, bridge is a game of mistakes. The deals in this article show players making moves that in retrospect they would regret the next day. Don't worry - you will remain anonymous here!

| Dealer: East | A 76 |  | West |  | East |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: E-W | $\checkmark 87$ |  |  |  | 19 |  |  |
| Brd 6 | -Q9854 |  | 2NT |  | $4 \checkmark$ |  |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \& 10754 |  | 5\% |  | 5 |  |  |
| A AK3 |  | AJ42 | Pass |  |  |  |  |
| -K64 |  | - AQJ952 |  |  |  |  |  |
| - AK 763 |  | - J |  | Mak | e Co |  |  |
| \&93 |  | * K Q 2 | 5 | - | 5 | - | NT |
|  | A Q 10985 |  | 2 | - | 3 | - | $\wedge$ |
|  | $\checkmark 103$ |  | 6 | - | 6 | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | -102 |  | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
|  | \& A J 86 |  | 1 | - | 1 | - | \% |

The first mistake came in the bidding:
Where to begin? The 2NT call showed a game force with three or more hearts, the $4 \vee$ bid showed a minimum, 4NT was RKC, and $5 \%$ showed one or four keycards.

After the 1V opening every call was at best questionable. To start with, the 2NT response conceals the hand's main source of tricks, while wasting space. $2 \star$ establishes a force and lets you raise hearts later. Do not play 2NT can be three or four trumps; have it guarantee four trumps - the difference between an eight and nine card fit is dramatic for playing strength.

Over 2NT East must be allowed to show shortage or first show a minimum then when asked show shortage. If your responses don't let you do that - change the responses!
After the keycard ask, West had no idea what to do next. Motto: don't use keycard if you can't handle the response! Cue bid instead; then the auction 4A-5\&-5-6V would get you where you want to be.
Now let's look at the play in $5 \boldsymbol{V}$. After the lead of the $\boldsymbol{\uparrow} 10$, how will you set about making 12 tricks, bearing in mind that when you want to ruff things, what suit don't you play? The answer is trumps!
At the table East drew trumps in two rounds and when they split $2-2$ she had 12 tricks, since the club ruff was easy to take. But what if South had three trump and the club ace? Then he can draw dummy's last trump and prevent the club ruff.

Yes spades might be 6-1, but you can't go through life guarding against obscure bad breaks while losing out to normal lies of the cards. So after the spade lead win the ace and play a club to the king. Then you can draw two rounds of trump and ruff a club in dummy before coming back to hand and drawing the last trump if necessary.
As you can see, that mistake didn't matter. The next one cost blood.


I had watched Bruce Neill run into a very hostile distribution and go down in a normal game once already this afternoon. When I returned to the table for the last round of the event I thought I was not going to bring him bad luck again. I was wrong....up to a point.


Arjuna De Livera

Arjuna De Livera as South made a nicely judged call of $6 \boldsymbol{A}$ here. The defenders led a top diamond and Neill ruffed, and no doubt when trumps were 2-0 with the pre-empter having the void he assumed there was at least a sporting chance that this hand would not have a side-singleton too! Wrong!

Neill drew trump and ducked a heart, won the club shift in dummy and cashed the VA to get the bad news, then ruffed a heart, and ran the trumps. How should East defend in the twocard ending?

At the table West had carelessly held on to her diamonds and let go a club - a play that couldn't possibly gain. But the last mistake was East's. To solve these sorts of problems one needs a certain amount of empathy: put yourself in declarer's shoes and ask yourself how you would have played the hand as declarer. Remember, declarer drew seven rounds of trump


Bruce Neill without trying to ruff a diamond. Does he have a diamond loser. Heck no! (Substitute another word if you so prefer). So you can throw all your diamonds away at once, knowing declarer started life with a singleton. When East also pitched clubs to keep diamonds, declarer emerged with +980 and 191 matchpoints of a possible 196 instead of a mere 22.

## PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION ONE

Barry Rigal
In the first round two of the number one seeds met one another. After Fiona Brown and Hugh McGann had the better of the first deal, GeO Tislevoll righted the ship for his side on the second.

| Dealer: East | A 10843 |  | West |  | East |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | - Q 8732 |  | Ware |  | Tislevoll |  |  |
| Brd 2 | - 86 |  |  |  | 19 |  |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \& 85 |  | 2 |  | 20 |  |  |
| A A 972 |  | A Q J | 24 |  | 2NT |  |  |
| ---- |  | -AJ1096 | 3NT |  | Pass |  |  |
| - A 109732 |  | - K | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| \& A 32 |  | \& Q J 1096 | 4 | - | 4 | - | NT |
|  | A K 65 |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | A |
|  | - K 54 |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | -QJ54 |  | 5 | - | 5 | - | - |
|  | \& K 74 |  | 6 | - | 6 | - | 8 |

Declarer showed either six hearts or an unbalanced hand with five hearts. McGann had a horrible lead problem, and chose the spade five; this went to the two and Brown's eight (yes, maybe she should have played low) and queen. GeO led out the $\& \mathrm{Q}$ ducked all round, then the $\boldsymbol{\circ} \mathrm{J}$ covered by king and ace. GGeO ran the clubs and reached this ending:


Declarer cashed the $\forall K$, then led the $\boldsymbol{A} \mathbf{J}$, covered all round, and a third spade. Brown won this and exited with a low heart. After some thought GeO got it right, rising with the ace and presenting McGann with an unsolvable
dilemma. If he played low he would be endplayed with a heart to give dummy the balance. If he unblocked the king, as he did at the table, Declarer would simply lead out hearts and North would score just one heart trick.
In the ending the defenders had no chance to do better. If South pitches a spade on the last club declarer plays as before to reach this ending:

| Dealer: East | A 10 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | - Q 873 |  |
| Brd 2 | --- |  |
|  | ¢ --- |  |
| ค 97 |  | A --- |
| - --- |  | - A J 1096 |
| - A 109 |  | - --- |
| \& --- |  | \& --- |
|  | A --- |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 54 |  |
|  | - Q J |  |
|  | \& --- |  |



Now declarer changes tack completely. He wins the $\downarrow A$ and exits in diamonds. South wins, and whether he leads the VK (declarer ducking) or leads a low heart at once, the defenders take just one more trick.
When I watched last year's winners, Barbara Travis and Howard Melbourne, they defended to an eccentric contract very nicely.

| Dealer: West | AK3 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark$ KQ8765 |  | Rains | Travis | Allen | Melbourne |
| Brd 8 | - Q 8 |  | $1 *$ | 19 | 14 | $2 \vee$ |
| Pairs Sess 1 | * K J 4 |  | 3 | 34 | Pass | Pass |
| $\rightarrow$ A J |  | A 87642 | 34 |  |  |  |
| $\bullet$ J |  | $\checkmark$ A 109 |  |  |  |  |
| - AKJ954 |  | -1072 |  | Makea | Con | acts |
| *Q1053 |  | \&97 | 2 | - | 2 | NT |
|  | A Q 1095 |  | 1 | - | 1 | $\wedge$ |
|  | $\checkmark 432$ |  | - | 2 | - | 2 - |
|  | -63 |  | 4 | - | 3 | - |
|  | ¢ A 862 |  | - | 1 | - | 1 \% |

If Rains had denied three spades via his failure to make a support double of $2 v$ then maybe Allen might have converted to $4 \star$, a contract that is cold by West - but as Deep Finesse indicates, can be defeated by East. I leave it to the reader to work out why.

Against 3^ Melbourne led an informative $\boldsymbol{\vee} 4$ to the jack queen and ace. Declarer played the ace and jack of spades, and Travis led a club to her partner's ace, to let him play the revealing $\uparrow 10$. Travis pitched a heart, so Melbourne reverted to clubs, and the defenders were able to tap declarer and force him eventually to lead hearts from hand. But his $\downarrow 10-9$ were good enough to ensure a seventh trick. But that was still a $91 \%$ board for North-South.


2013 Pairs Winners Howard Melbourne and Barbara Travis

| Dealer: East | A AK 8 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark$ K |  |  |  | Pass | Pass |  |
| Brd 14 | -QJ98654 |  | 10 | 2 | 3 | Pass |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \& K 9 |  | 4 | Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| A Q J 9 |  | A 64 |  |  |  |  |  |
| -AQ10742 |  | - J 953 |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 7 |  | - AK 103 |  | Make | le Con | acts |  |
| \& A 43 |  | \& 1062 | 4 | - | 4 | - | NT |
|  | A 107532 |  | - | 2 | - | 3 | A |
|  | $\checkmark 86$ |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | -2 |  | - | 1 | - | 1 | $\checkmark$ |
|  | \& Q J 875 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\%$ |

Board 14 produced a large swing since most pairs were going down one way or the other. Here Reynolds and Appleton were defending Bob Sebesfi's $4 \vee$ game.
After Brad Coles' adventurous (we would say wildly optimistic if it hadn't worked) cuebid raise Sebesfi had quite a lot in hand for his jump to game, but dummy was very disappointing on a top diamond lead. The normal play might be to win and take a heart finesse. Sebesfi preferred to play for a defensive inaccuracy when he won the diamond and played a spade to his queen. As he had hoped, Reynolds found it impossible to shift to clubs. He played the $\$ 9$ covered with the ten and ruffed, then played off the heart ace and was delighted with the result. +420 was worth a $73 \%$ result at $142 \mathrm{MP} / 196$.

Board 20 saw another passel of matchpoints swinging back and forth, and finally the lion's share ended with Travis and Melbourne. You can be the judge as to whether they deserved them.


That was clearly the best game. However Melbourne found the killing trump lead, and declarer won in dummy to lead a spade to the eight and jack. After much thought Melbourne found the shift to a low club. Declarer rose with the ace to play a second spade and Travis won to lead a second heart. Now declarer won in hand and advanced the $\leadsto Q$, ruffing it in dummy when South followed low without pause for thought. That was one down when spades did not break - but declarer had been guilty of careless play. When North produced the aK after having ducked the first spade, who had the $\uparrow \mathbf{A}$ ? It was dollars to doughnuts, as one of my transatlantic colleagues is fond of saying, that South had the AA. Meanwhile the blame was not all with East: North could (and should?) have settled the issue in favour of the defence by rising with the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ at trick two to play a second trump. This might not have worked -- but it could hardly be wrong.

| Dealer: South | A A Q J 53 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: Both | $\checkmark$ A 9 |  |
| Brd 23 | - A J 76 |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \& K Q |  |
| A 102 |  | ヘ987 |
| - Q 75 |  | $\checkmark 8643$ |
| -KQ 852 |  | -104 |
| \&943 |  | \& A 1085 |
|  | AK 64 |  |
|  | -KJ 102 |  |
|  | -93 |  |
|  | \& J 762 |  |


| West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Pass |  |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3\% |  |
| Pass | 34 | Pass | 3NT |  |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |  |
|  | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |
| - | 5 | - | 5 | NT |
| - | 5 | - | 5 | A |
| - | 4 | - | 4 | $\checkmark$ |
| - | 3 | - | 3 | $\checkmark$ |
| - | 4 | - | 4 | 9 |

Board 23 saw an expert player victimized. Much as l'd like to criticize an old friend and partner, I can't see how Pablo Lambardi could have worked out what to do here.

Pablo sitting West heard his opponents use simple Stayman over 2NT. Eva Caplan led a fourth highest club to the nine and queen. Declarer won in hand with the \&Q followed by ace and another heart, Lambardi winning the queen. What now?

At this point in the deal Lambardi knew declarer had two or three hearts and two clubs, and posited a hand such as ^ AQxx VA9x $\downarrow$ AJ10x \&AQ. By returning a club he would set up his side’s third winner before declarer could set up diamonds for 11 tricks. Even if his partner had the doubleton $\uparrow J$ or $\uparrow 10$, then the defence of continuing the attack on clubs would not cost a trick. But as it was, a top diamond shift would have set up the third trick for the defenders while the club play let declarer claim 11 tricks --the difference between 166 and 55MPs on the deal.

## SURVIVAL

## Brent Manley

Bridge is a tough game, and it's tougher when the opponents are hitting you with good plays left and right.
That happened to John Fox and John Serry on Saturday in the Novice Pairs, but the two Melbourne players persevered with their own successes to fashion a $56.14 \%$ game, good for eighth place after the first qualifying session.

The two started off with a $62 \%$ first round, then scored well on this board, the first of the second round.

| Dealer: East | A A J 105 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: Both | $\checkmark$ Q 3 |  |  | Serry |  | Fox |  |
| Brd 10 | - A 1032 |  |  |  | 1\% | $1{ }^{10}$ |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | * A J 3 |  | Pass | 14 | 2\% | 2^ |  |
| - 72 |  | AK984 | Pass | 2NT | All P |  |  |
| $\checkmark 10642$ |  | $\checkmark$ K 9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| -9874 |  | - Q 6 |  | Make | le Co |  |  |
| \& 854 |  | *K Q 1072 | - | 4 | - | 4 | NT |
|  | A Q 63 |  | - | 4 | - | 4 | $\uparrow$ |
|  | - AJ 875 |  | - | 4 | - | 4 | $\checkmark$ |
|  | - K J 5 |  | - | 4 | - | 4 | * |
|  | \& 96 |  | - | 3 | - | 1 | 9 |

The aggressive bidding by East kept North-South from reaching their potential in the auction, but Serry played the subpar contract well enough to earn a $59 \%$ score.

Serry ducked the opening lead of the $\AA \mathrm{K}$, a Bath coup, and East fell from grace by continuing with the queen. Based on the bidding, Serry could place the missing high-card points, so at trick three he played a low diamond to dummy's jack. He scored four diamond tricks, plus two clubs, two hearts and three spades for plus 210.

This board, from the next round, brought one of the poor results that Fox and Serry could do nothing about. The opponents were Rennie Pettit and Nanette Jones of the Gympie Bridge Club.

| Dealer: East | A AK 8 |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark \mathrm{K}$ |  |  | Serry |  | Fox |  |
| Brd 14 | -QJ98654 |  |  |  | Pass | Pass |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \% K 9 |  | 19 | Double | 2 | 2^ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A Q J } 9 \\ & \vee A \text { Q } 10742 \end{aligned}$ |  | A 64 <br> - J 953 | $4 \checkmark$ | Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| $\text { \& A } 43$ |  | - AK 103 | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | \& 1062 | 4 | - | 4 | - | NT |
|  | ヘ107532 |  | - | 2 | - | 3 | 4 |
|  | $\checkmark 86$ |  | 4 | - | 4 | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | -2 |  | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
|  | \& Q J 875 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | \% |

Serry cashed his top spades before switching to a diamond. Pettit went up with the ace and, perhaps guided by Serry's takeout double, played a low heart to her ace, dropping Serry's singleton king. Not surprisingly, minus 420 was a poor score for North-South.

Fox and Serry made a comeback on the next board, however, earning 81\% on this deal:

| Dealer: South | A K |  | West | North | East | South |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: N-S | -K4 |  |  | Serry |  | Fox |  |
| Brd 15 | -KQ942 |  |  |  |  | 1^ |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | *QJ732 |  | $2 \vee$ | Double | Pass | 24 |  |
| - 76 |  | ヘQ842 | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |  |
| - J8532 |  | $\bullet$ Q 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| - A 53 |  | -1086 |  | Makeab | le Contra |  |  |
| *AK 10 |  | \&9854 | - | 3 | - | 2 | NT |
|  | A A J 10953 |  | - | 3 | - | 3 | $\uparrow$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 1096 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\checkmark$ |
|  | - J 7 |  | - | 3 | - | 3 | - |
|  | \& 6 |  | - | 2 | - | 2 | $\stackrel{\square}{\circ}$ |

East led the VQ to Serry's king. He played the $\vee$ Q at trick two, West winning the ace and cashing the top clubs, continuing the suit to Serry's queen. He eventually had to lose another trick, but plus 600 was a big score for the two Johns.

On this deal, Fox earned a good board for his side by taking advantage of a defensive slip.

| Dealer: North | A 876 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark$ Q 43 |  |
| Brd 17 | -6542 |  |
| Pairs Sess 1 | -1098 |  |
| AK 103 |  | A A J 42 |
| - J 10975 |  | $\checkmark 2$ |
| - Q 87 |  | -K93 |
| \&4 4 |  | \&QJ752 |
|  | AQ95 |  |
|  | - AK 86 |  |
|  | - A J 10 |  |
|  | \& AK 6 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Serry |  | Fox |
|  | Pass | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |


| Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | 1 | - | 1 | NT |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | $\uparrow$ |
| - | - | - | 1 |  |
| - | 1 | - | 1 |  |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | $\%$ |

West started with the $\nabla J$, taken by Fox in hand, he played the $\$ 10$ from hand, taken by East with king. A diamond continuation would have been better, but East exited with a low club. Given a chance to avoid two down, Fox took it, ducking the club to dummy's 8 . By scoring seven tricks, he earned a $57 \%$ score. Down two would have given the pair only $25 \%$.

| Dealer: East | ^J9432 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vul: N-S | --- |
| Brd 18 | K 10 |
| Pairs Sess 1 | \& A K 10 74 |


|  | West | North Serry | East | South Fox |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Pass | $1 \%$ |  |
|  | Pass | 14 | Pass | 1NT |  |
| A 5 | Pass | 3\% | Pass | 34 |  |
| -K873 | Pass | 44 | All Pass |  |  |
| -987652 | Makeable Contracts |  |  |  |  |
| * Q 2 | - | 5 | - | 5 | NT |
|  | - | 5 | - | 5 | $\uparrow$ |
|  | 1 | - | - | - | $\checkmark$ |
|  | - | 1 | - | 1 | * |
|  |  | 5 | - | 5 | $\%$ |

The play of the trump suit was key on this deal. If East has four spades to the king, it's right to run the trump jack in playing the suit. If it's West, playing low to the queen gets the job done, holding the trump losers to one because the position will be revealed on the next round of the suit.

East led the 9 , taken by West with the ace as Serry followed with the queen. He won the diamond continuation with the king and played a low spade to dummy's queen. He won the club exit in hand and played another spade. When East showed out, Serry had a marked finesse against West's $\uparrow 10$. When the $\& \mathrm{Q}$ fell, Serry had 11 tricks, plus 650 and $85 \%$ of the matchpoints.

The following deal was another poor one for Fox and Serry, this time engineered by Joan Elliott and Margaret Dousset of Townsville.


Elliott had only 10 high-card points, but she had something more important in deciding what to do when her partner invited game: tricks. If the \&K was onside, dummy would be worth at least six tricks, making game was a reasonable bet. She was right.

Fox started with a spade to the jack, queen and ace. With clubs behaving, declarer ended with nine tricks for plus 600: losing the VA and three diamonds. Elliott and Dousset earned $90 \%$ on the board.

Over their final five boards, Serry and Fox averaged $65 \%$ as the opponents stumbled in the bidding.
Serry is a psychiatrist, Fox a retired businessman and they have been playing together for six years.

## MORE ON BOBBY RICHMAN - A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

## Charles Klassen

When Bobby Richman died last June, the outpouring of tributes both on Facebook and at his memorial service mourned Australia's startling tragic loss. My personal response is driven by the good fortune of having played against him both at Club level and National events and by sitting next to him on a flight to Adelaide a few weeks before he died. Bobby not only had gravitas as a great Bridge player, he was an exemplary ambassador for the game. My comments merely provide substance for what many others have already ably said.

Any attempt to list his virtues would have to include his strength of character, pragmatic acceptance of life and his quiet dignity. He was unassuming, unpretentious, unaffected and self-deprecating as well. A few examples:
My first introduction to him was at a robust post mortem in a pub, regarding a difficult bidding problem hand with 17 points and a singleton $\uparrow \mathbb{Q}$. When someone commented that Bobby had succeeded by opening the hand 1NT, a reverential awed silence filled the room as players reflected on the simplicity of the solution.
Bobby was not a stickler for the rules. At a State Selection event he failed to produce a system card. When the director was called, his characteristic shrug of the shoulders conceded regret, but life somehow went on. The next time I played against him, I commented on the lack of a system card. Picking up on my mischievousness he first claimed "I've been looking for it but I couldn't find it", then with a twinkle added "I think the dog ate it". The next time, lo and behold, there was a system card, but when examined, his name did not appear on it. However, the last time we played against him in the first round of the Autumn Swiss Pairs in Adelaide, there he was filling out a system card. I assured him if he were to put his name on it, it could become a collector's item. I am sure it will.
His casual approach to the game is further illustrated when electronic scorers were introduced. Playing in a 14 board match, I asked him who was going to verify the scores, and both he and his partner said they would be happy to check at the end. When we finished, I inquired again and both declined - the scores really didn't matter to them as they hurried away. It took a little bit of fiddling but that was the first time we beat an international partnership 25 - zip!
Though he could get upset with other players, he seldom called the director. In Adelaide after we had a systemic mix-up preventing them reaching an optimal 6 NT , I suggested they call the director. He declined, saying, "No, l'd rather not get the lawyers involved in our game".
There also is overwhelming evidence of his humility, self-deprecation or simple realistic acceptance of fate. He embodied Kipling's
"If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:"

When asked how his team would perform at an international event, he stoically commented, "I've been on lots of good teams that haven't done well and on lots of poor teams that have done very well."

On a plane to Adelaide, who should sit next to us but Bobby. While he usually didn't suffer fools gladly, this time he made an exception and we discussed many things, including his career. He grew up in Cleveland, really enjoyed his University days in Melbourne and then moved to Sydney for the bridge - a lot of it rubber bridge with Tim Seres. Not only did he learn a lot about bridge, I gather he adopted Seres' gentlemanly and gracious table manners and cool as a cucumber attitude to the game as well.

Reading a book of bridge problems, I showed Bobby a challenging one. He admitted he wasn't as sharp as he used to be, (I suggested he didn't let his patrons in on that) but he would attempt it.. He looked at the problem briefly, gave the book back and told me the answer, but then suggested how the defence could thwart his plan by unblocking. He got up to walk around a bit and came back a few minutes later with a counter plan - all from only seeing the hand for a short time. It was enough to make me despair - how can someone like me with a literary bent, compete with a mind like his? He questioned, why did I even attempt bridge? To me it is simply a diversion- not my life.
When discussing his varied partners I detected a strongly positive attitude. Bobby pointed out their strengths and focussed on their good points. No wonder he had so many friends.

I have no doubt he was one of Australia's formidable bridge players, but most importantly, he was a decent human being. We are all better people for having known him and miss his exemplary sportsmanship.

For those interested, here is the bridge problem Bobby solved in seconds:
You are West in $6 \star$ after East has opened 1A and South overcalls $2 \boldsymbol{*}$.
A ---

- A643
-AKQJ106
A AKQJ 10
North leads the 7V.
\& A Q 4
$\checkmark 95$
- 542
\& J 103

The solution assumes South holds six hearts, so you play two rounds of trumps. If diamonds split 2-2, give up a heart to South and the heart ruff will provide an entry to dummy.

Should South shows out on the second round of diamonds, then lead a small trump allowing North to win with the $\downarrow 7$ and he must now must lead a black suit.

Bobby pondered the predicament what if North unblocks the seven of diamonds and then planned some sort of squeeze that lost me and the book does not consider. You will find the FULL answer in Reece and Trezel's book, Elimination Play in Bridge - Master Bridge Series Hand15- Page 33.


## BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

| Dealer: South Vul: Nil | North <br> A Q 83 | West | North | East | South <br> $1 *$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -KJ873 | Pass | $1 \checkmark$ | Pass | 14 |
|  | - 83 | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 34 |
| West | * A J 9 | Pass | 4* | All Pass |  |
| AK 96 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ A 64 |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 75 |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Q 10642 |  |  |  |  |  |

West leads the \&4. Dummy’s \&A wins. $\& 7$ from East, $\& 8$ from South. South plays the $\checkmark 3$ from dummy: $\downarrow, \downarrow$ Q, $\downarrow$. South now leads the $\geqslant 2$. Do you play the ace or do you play low?
Solution: South's hand pattern is known: five spades (they were rebid), six diamonds (South opened 1 when holding five spades, hence the diamonds are longer than the spades), one club (trick 1) and hence only one heart. You must play the VA.
If not, South will play the VK from dummy and you never make a heart trick.

## BIG EFFORT FOR THE CHILDREN

## Brent Manley

The Make-A-Wish Foundation came to Australia 28 years ago and now has one of the most active organizations among those operating in 47 different countries.

Make-A-Wish was founded in the U.S. in 1980 to serve children with life-threatening medical conditions. A child's wish granted, says Make-A-Wish, "can be a game changer."

Australia came on board in 1985 and now has 57 chapters with more than 1,200 volunteers. The Gold Coast chapter has 38 volunteers, four of whom were in attendance on the opening day of the Gold Coast Congress.
Chapter President Bette Parsons was joined by Jessica Smith, Jill Spencer and Sharon Williams near the entrance to the playing area at the Gold Coast soliciting donations. If you missed your chance to donate on Saturday and wish to help, look for the foursome on Thursday.
Parsons speaks proudly of the Australian Make-A-Wish efforts, which have resulted in more than 7,000 wishes granted since 1985.
"It's very important work," Parson said, "and very worthwhile to see the smiles on the childrens' faces when they get their wishes."

She said local auctioneer Tony Mansfield has become a dedicated Make-A-Wish volunteer. In 2012, he decided to try to set a record for auctioning items to raise funds for the organization. Parsons says Mansfield managed to auction off more than 400 items in a short period of time at the Robina Town Centre. That event produced more than $\$ 17,000$ for Make-A-Wish. He topped that last year by getting people to buy 450 items in about two and a half hours at the same venue. She said he is going for another record this year.
On Saturday, Smith was having a good time working her first event as a Gold Coast chapter volunteer. "I love it," she said. "lt's such an important cause.


Jessica Smith, Bette Parsons, Jill Spencer and Sharon Williams

## IMPROVING YOUR GAME

Barry Rigal

| Dealer: EastVul: $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ | AKJ42 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\checkmark 1064$ |  |  |  | Pass | 1\% |
|  | - AK4 |  | Pass | 14 | Pass | 1NT |
|  | \& K 73 |  | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |
| A 10963 <br> $\checkmark$ KJ <br> - J 653 <br> \& J 96 |  | ^ Q 8 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | -Q975 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | -Q 87 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | \& 10854 |  |  |  |  |
|  | A A 75 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | - 832 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -1092 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \& $A$ Q 2 |  |  |  |  |  |

South has a balanced hand, but only a 14-count, not powerful enough to open a strong no trump. Naturally therefore he will open 1\% rather than 10 since he cannot introduce a four-card major initially, and North will respond 1n. That forces South to rebid 1NT; true, there is no great diamond stop - but a balanced hand is a balanced hand, after all. It would be a mistake to raise spades with only three of them; if you do support your partner's suit at your second turn, you should have four trumps; if you only have three trumps, you should have an unbalanced hand. Since North has no slam ambitions, he has no reason to do more than simply raise to the obvious no trump game.

West's natural lead is a diamond against 3NT, and South should realize that despite the combined 28HCP there are only eight top tricks; he should play low from dummy at the first trick, hoping that West has underled the queen-jack of diamonds. However, East wins the $\downarrow$ Q and continues the suit, for want of anything better to do.

Now it is up to declarer to decide the best way to generate an extra trick. The right play to take four tricks in spades would be to lead the ace, then low to the jack.
However, South only needs THREE spade tricks for his contract. That being the case, the correct play in spades is to play off the $\wedge K$, then lead low to the $\uparrow A$, and finally lead up to the $\AA \mathrm{J}$.
This is a safety play, and ensures on the actual lie of the cards that South can get three tricks in spades enough for his contract.

## HAVE YOU DISCUSSED

Brent Manley
During a tournament in the USA back in the 1970s, it was quiet in the ballroom where the Life Master Pairs was in progress. All of a sudden, a baby let out a big wail. One player muttered, "Somebody just saw the dummy."
You don't want that to be your partner, but if the two of you are not on the same page with your takeout doubles, it could be.

The best way to make sure you don't give partner heartburn in that way - or suffer it yourself - is to make sure you are using the takeout double properly. This is a prime item for your Have You Discussed? agenda.
I have lost count of the number of times l've seen players double an opening bid for takeout with the wrong shape - that is, without support for unbid suits - and when someone looks askance at dummy, they say defensively, "But I have an opening hand!"
Wrong, wrong, wrong. Suppose you are dealt
A A 65
-KQ54

- 32
\& Q J 87
and your right-hand opponent, the dealer, opens 1A. What is your call?
If you selected pass, you might not need to read the rest of this article. Too often, I have seen players double for takeout with hands such as this.
 will partner like it if his hand is

AJ432

- J 65
-K764
\& K 3?
But, you say, "If partner bids 2*, l'll just bid 2NT." Again - Wrong, wrong, wrong!
When you double and bid notrump over partner's response, you are showing a balanced hand too strong for a 1NT overcall, which I recommend to show 15-18 with a stopper in the suit that was opened.
Doubling and bidding notrump is like opening one of a suit and rebidding 2NT when partner responds at the one level.
If you don't have an agreement about doubling and bidding notrump, how would you ever describe a balanced 19-point hand when RHO opens at the one level? If you can overcall 1NT with a 19-point hand, how will partner ever know what to do with 6 HCP? If he passes and you have the 19-pointer, you probably missed game. If he bids on and you have the 15-pointer, you're probably too high.

Back to the original hand. You must pass because you don't have the right shape for making a takeout double, but suppose LHO bids 1NT, partner passes and RHO bids $2 \star$. Now you're in business. You can double $2 \star$ to show that you have an opener (or close to it) and support for the unbid suits.
It's good that you want to compete, but you must be disciplined when your hand is not right for a takeout double.
Partner won't be happy to see a singleton or doubleton in the suit he picked after your bid promised support for the unbid suits - and over time he will start to hold back and not bid the full value of his hand for fear that you will produce an unsuitable dummy.

In tomorrow's edition, we will discuss proper responses to takeout doubles and another exception to the rule about having support for the unbid suits.

| OPEN - Leading Scores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | N/S 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate | S1 | S2 | Avge |  | E/W 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate | S1 | S2 | Avge |
| 1 | Liam Milne - Nye Griffiths | 64.80 | 55.98 | 60.39 | 1 | Michael Ware - Geo Tislevoll | 64.12 | 56.53 | 60.33 |
| 2 | Peter Fordham - Chris Sundstrom | 56.11 | 63.93 | 60.03 | 2 | Terry Brown - Paul Wyer | 59.76 | 60.08 | 59.92 |
| 3 | Noel Woodhall - Brett Glass | 62.77 | 57.13 | 59.96 | 3 | Robert Krochmalik - Paul Lavings | 57.13 | 62.46 | 59.80 |
| 4 | Barbara Travis - Howard Melbourne | 62.22 | 56.72 | 59.47 | 4 | Ashley Bach - Michael Whibley | 56.02 | 63.12 | 59.58 |
| 5 | Arjuna De Livera - Bruce Neill | 53.67 | 63.61 | 58.64 | 5 | Eva Berger - Tony Berger | 51.78 | 63.60 | 57.69 |
| 6 | Anthony Burke - Peter Gill | 62.27 | 54.56 | 58.42 | 6 | Felicity Beale - Robbie Van Riel | 59.10 | 55.17 | 57.14 |
| 7 | Stephen Williams - Shane Harrison | 58.65 | 57.39 | 58.02 | 7 | Phil Gue - Bill Hirst | 56.11 | 57.71 | 56.91 |
| 8 | Hugh Mcgann - Fiona Brown | 61.57 | 53.78 | 57.68 | 8 | James Wallis - Siegfried Konig | 53.53 | 59.76 | 56.65 |
| 9 | Andrew Gal - George Fleischer | 58.98 | 54.99 | 56.99 | 9 | Attilio De Luca - Susan Emerson | 55.50 | 57.55 | 56.53 |
| 10 | Fraser Rew - James Coutts | 54.97 | 58.99 | 56.98 | 10 | Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer | 51.09 | 61.04 | 56.07 |
| 11 | Rena Kaplan - Nevena Djurovic | 58.24 | 55.71 | 56.97 | 11 | Robert Sebesfi - Brad Coles | 56.97 | 54.36 | 55.67 |
| 12 | Justin Howard - Ishmael Del'Monte | 54.47 | 58.55 | 56.51 | 12 | Ron Klinger - Andrew Peake | 48.75 | 62.27 | 55.52 |
| 13 | Magnus Moren - Neville Francis | 60.58 | 52.00 | 56.29 | 13 | Kim Morrison - Simon Hinge | 55.02 | 55.40 | 55.21 |
| 14 | Bob Scott - John Wignall | 57.86 | 53.95 | 55.91 | 14 | Wayne Smith - Chris Dibley | 46.39 | 63.74 | 55.07 |
| 15 | Laura Ginnan - Joachim Haffer | 54.62 | 55.56 | 55.09 | 15 | Mindy Wu - Lorraine Stachurski | 54.84 | 55.17 | 55.01 |
| 16 | Steve Boughey - Carol Richardson | 57.29 | 52.47 | 54.88 | 16 | Stephen Fischer - David Morgan | 54.31 | 55.51 | 54.91 |
| 17 | Ranjit Limaye - Michael Draper | 55.78 | 53.39 | 54.59 | 17 | David Beauchamp - Therese Demarco | 55.61 | 53.93 | 54.77 |
| 18 | Moss Wylie - Peter Hall | 52.35 | 55.91 | 54.14 | 18 | Ivy Luck - John Luck | 53.90 | 55.63 | 54.77 |
| 19 | Pranjal Chakradeo - Gary Malinas | 48.53 | 59.57 | 54.05 | 19 | David Lilley - Zolly Nagy | 48.07 | 61.29 | 54.68 |
| 20 | Peter Reynolds - David Appleton | 53.43 | 54.64 | 54.04 | 20 | Normand Maclaurin - Ken Berry | 57.65 | 51.50 | 54.57 |
| 21 | Denis Grahame - Jeanette Grahame | 52.20 | 55.87 | 54.04 | 21 | Brian Jacobson - Bill Webster | 62.37 | 46.16 | 54.26 |
| 22 | Doreen Jones - Catherine Hood | 51.10 | 56.31 | 53.71 | 22 | Sam Arber - George Gaspar | 51.79 | 56.74 | 54.26 |
| 23 | Avril Zets - Judy Mott | 55.72 | 51.64 | 53.68 | 23 | Martin Henneberger - Kelvin Raywood | 59.90 | 47.75 | 53.83 |
| 24 | Jenny Cleaver - Judy Holdom | 45.82 | 61.19 | 53.50 | 24 | Glen Coutts - Nick Jacob | 49.54 | 58.04 | 53.80 |
| 25 | Rochelle Pelkman - Murray Wood | 55.46 | 51.39 | 53.43 | 25 | Mark Siegristt - Debbie Mcleod | 48.11 | 59.27 | 53.69 |
| 26 | Elainne Leach - Mary Tough | 53.07 | 53.19 | 53.13 | 26 | Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes | 53.78 | 53.18 | 53.48 |
| 27 | Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder | 51.31 | 54.83 | 53.07 | 27 | Glenis Palmer - Christine Wilson | 53.66 | 53.30 | 53.48 |
| 28 | Simon Stancu - Alex Dumitrescu | 54.31 | 51.81 | 53.07 | 28 | Jan Randall - Peter Randall | 56.35 | 50.44 | 53.40 |
| SENIORS - Leading Scores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | N/S 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate | S1 | S2 | Avge |  | E/W 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate | S1 | S2 | Avge |
| 1 | Niek Van Vucht - Peter Quach | 65.69 | 55.84 | 60.77 | 1 | Sybil Hurwitz - Monica Ginsberg | 67.37 | 53.65 | 60.52 |
| 2 | Martin Bloom - Nigel Rosendorff | 66.23 | 55.14 | 60.69 | 2 | Ian Clayton- Cynthia Clayton | 56.59 | 58.70 | 57.65 |

3 Roy Nixon - Bernard Waters
Marilyn Chadwick - Toni Sharp
Derek Evennett - Lynne Geursen
6 Peter Langston - Marit Langston
7 Johan Roose - Judith Roose-Driver
Janet Kahler - Bill Tutty
9 Elizabeth Havas - Gordon Schmidt
10 Richard Brightling - David Hoffman
11 Robert Milward - Les Grewcock
12 Eric Ramshaw - John Brockwell
13 Alison Fallon - Gordon Fallon
14 Trevor Robb - Andrew Janisz
15 Peter Kahler - Jeannette Collins
16 Tony Marinos - Gytis Danta
17 John Kenyon - Roman Morawiecki
18 Andrzej Gorzynski - Miroslaw Milaszewski
19 Patricia Lacey - Denise Keenan
20 Robyn Freeman-Greene - Tony Lenart
21 Jeanne Hey - Joan Valentine
22 Gary Lynn - Jack Pierce
23 Peter Tootell - Helen Tootell
24 Helen Thomson - Tony Thomson
25 Lester Kalmin - Mannie Ichilcik
$\begin{array}{ll}26 & \text { Jenny Date - Jacqui Morton } \\ 27 & \text { Nicole Mcmanamny - Kathy Yang } \\ 28 & \text { John Mottram - Lorraine Schaap }\end{array}$

| 58.44 | 55.84 | 57.14 | 3 |
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| 60.13 | 50.94 | 55.54 | 4 |
| 55.99 | 54.98 | 55.49 | 5 |
| 56.26 | 52.65 | 54.46 | 6 |
| 48.69 | 58.54 | 53.62 | 7 |
| 51.31 | 55.68 | 53.49 | 8 |
| 57.57 | 48.72 | 53.15 | 9 |
| 56.26 | 48.88 | 52.57 | 10 |
| 51.31 | 52.88 | 52.09 | 11 |
| 51.91 | 50.99 | 51.45 | 12 |
| 51.85 | 50.01 | 50.93 | 13 |
| 50.38 | 51.17 | 50.78 | 14 |
| 48.75 | 52.53 | 50.64 | 15 |
| 46.35 | 54.43 | 50.39 | 16 |
| 51.25 | 49.39 | 50.32 | 17 |
| 51.36 | 48.27 | 49.82 | 18 |
| 47.49 | 51.39 | 49.45 | 19 |
| 50.16 | 47.17 | 48.67 | 20 |
| 40.41 | 56.64 | 48.53 | 21 |
| 48.47 | 48.19 | 48.34 | 22 |
| 49.67 | 46.67 | 48.18 | 23 |
| 45.97 | 49.97 | 47.97 | 24 |
| 53.21 | 42.41 | 47.81 | 25 |
| 43.36 | 50.21 | 46.79 | 26 |
| 45.26 | 48.27 | 46.77 | 27 |
| 41.18 | 51.06 | 46.12 | 28 |
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| Malcolm Carter - Tony Hutton | 56.70 | 57.33 | 57.02 |
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| Devorah Lees - Egon Auerbach | 55.01 | 58.75 | 56.88 |
| Peter Chan - Roger Januszke | 54.85 | 57.55 | 56.20 |
| Jennifer Lee - Patricia Frost | 53.92 | 55.77 | 54.85 |
| Peter Livesey - Roger Thomas | 49.73 | 59.26 | 54.50 |
| Alasdair Beck - Tom Kiss | 57.95 | 50.28 | 54.12 |
| Elly Urbach - John Scudder | 56.75 | 51.44 | 54.10 |
| Stephen Mendick - Andrew Creet | 56.70 | 51.46 | 54.08 |
| Larry Moses - John Gough | 46.08 | 61.64 | 53.86 |
| Ron Clark - Tony Jackman | 56.43 | 50.32 | 53.37 |
| Alan Glasson - Ross Murray | 57.30 | 48.25 | 52.77 |
| Dave Munro - David Schokman | 52.94 | 52.59 | 52.77 |
| Frank Kovacs - David Mcrae | 52.34 | 52.92 | 52.63 |
| Ross Crichton - Pam Crichton | 49.78 | 54.06 | 51.92 |
| Lorraine Inglis - Judy Plimmer | 56.81 | 46.22 | 51.52 |
| Jim Ascione - Pat Back | 50.65 | 51.23 | 50.94 |
| David Harris - Timothy Ridley | 53.87 | 47.53 | 50.70 |
| Frances Thompson - Ken Smith | 44.66 | 55.75 | 50.21 |
| Judy Hocking - Kevin Lange | 42.76 | 57.61 | 50.19 |
| Graham Rusher - Ian Walker | 49.73 | 49.91 | 49.82 |
| Helen Milward - Steven Bock | 51.20 | 47.43 | 49.32 |
| Wally Malaczynski - Kendall Early | 48.91 | 49.10 | 49.01 |
| Tim Davis - Geoffrey Toon | 40.20 | 55.52 | 47.86 |
| Peter Buchen - Kathy Buchen | 52.51 | 41.87 | 47.19 |
| Bruce Marr - Merle Marr | 47.93 | 45.29 | 46.61 |
| Sonia Young - Dorothy Kemeny | 49.84 | 43.21 | 46.52 | NTERMEDIATE - Leading Scores

1 Margaret Pisko - Trish Anagnostou
2 Nikolas Moore - Patrick Bugler
3 Margaret Owen - Sunny Pang
4 Adel Abdelhamid - Xue Kui Ji
5 Stephen Hughes - Andrew Dunlop
6 Bert Romeijn - Chris Fernando
7 Frances Garrick - Bruce Daglish
8 Helen Walker - Kevin Walker
9 Diane Quigley - Ross Gyde
10 Peter Gordon - Hugh O'Malley
11 Susanne Gammon - Helen Hellsten
12 Larry Attwood - Kathryn Attwood
13 Robert Hurst - Rowan Corbett
14 David Sharman - Irene Hamilton
15 Susan Capp - Robin Ho
16 Alison Dawson - Elizabeth Zeller
17 Penny Sykes - Elizabeth French
18 Ros Warnock - Valerie Isle
19 Lex Ranke - Jack Rohde
20 David Featherstone - John Sherlock
21 Ellie Sheffield - Betty Andison
22 Chris Stead - Eric Baker
23 Anne Morris - Noreen Grant
24 Colleen Bosci - Maria Remedios
25 Kev Ward - Jan Ward
26 Keith Barrie - Tim O'Loughlin
27 Philip Thompson - Molly O'Donohue
28 Alan Brown - Frances Brown

1 | N/S 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate |
| :--- |
| 1 Jim Taylor - Cora Taylor |

2 Margaret Stevens - Sue Luby
3 Sudi Horsfield - Annie Pilcher
4 Denis Ward - Laurie Skeate
5 Alan Clague - Terry Khoo
6 Allan Mcintyre - Terry Nowitzki
7 Chris Duggin - Faye Carnovale
8 Gerald Embery - Helen Reeves

| S1 | S2 | Avge |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 55.33 | 67.64 | 61.49 | 1 |
| 63.39 | 56.56 | 59.98 | 2 |
| 57.67 | 58.74 | 58.21 | 3 |
| 49.12 | 66.34 | 57.73 | 4 |
| 57.54 | 56.08 | 56.81 | 5 |
| 59.52 | 51.88 | 55.70 | 6 |
| 51.36 | 59.58 | 55.48 | 7 |
| 49.48 | 60.92 | 55.20 | 8 |
| 51.88 | 57.41 | 54.65 | 9 |
| 47.82 | 60.98 | 54.40 | 10 |
| 48.15 | 60.27 | 54.21 | 11 |
| 55.26 | 52.50 | 53.88 | 11 |
| 60.46 | 46.98 | 53.72 | 13 |
| 52.50 | 53.83 | 53.17 | 13 |
| 51.10 | 54.65 | 52.88 | 15 |
| 59.68 | 45.87 | 52.78 | 16 |
| 52.73 | 52.79 | 52.76 | 17 |
| 53.74 | 51.66 | 52.70 | 18 |
| 53.96 | 50.62 | 52.29 | 19 |
| 48.51 | 55.72 | 52.11 | 20 |
| 53.61 | 50.36 | 51.98 | 21 |
| 54.55 | 49.42 | 51.98 | 22 |
| 49.16 | 54.58 | 51.87 | 23 |
| 55.30 | 47.99 | 51.64 | 24 |
| 51.36 | 51.69 | 51.53 | 25 |
| 51.01 | 51.33 | 51.17 | 26 |
| 54.22 | 47.47 | 50.85 | 27 |
| 50.00 | 50.91 | 50.46 | 28 |

Jill Haworth - Frank Mcconvill Arne Jonsberg - Graham Baker Marlise Jones - Kerry Watson Deana Wilson - Jo Sklarz Merilyn Paris - Chris Barnwell Jim Smith - Wendy Smith Wayne Carroll - Fran Carroll Julie Mansfield - Margaret Mahony Leslie Treasure - Yvonne Perkins Bridget Ryan - Jane Doig Margaret Rogers - John Rogers Ross Currin - Karen Elmes Barbara Rydon - Rosemary Chalk Frank Spurway - Sue Spurway Diane Connors - Sally Graham Keith Mabin - Fiona Smith John Dunlop - Jill Dunlop Barbara Wippell - Kim Nicoll Anne Rosengren - Molly Butcher John Stuart - Frances Stuart
$55.41 \quad 54.78$ $\begin{array}{ll}51.28 & 54.78\end{array}$ 55.10 54.65 9
10 9
10 Angela Hall - Susan Lee Dot Piddington - Carole Roache Ruth Wirth - Gloria Simmons Ruth Neild - Sue Ferris Honor Middleton - Sarah Livingston Gregory Gosney - Margaret Plunkett Barry Foster - Hope Tomlinson Patrick Wallas - Brian Borrell Jill Byrne - Sue Ormsby Denis Moody - Monty Dale Margaret Meakin - Sue Cameron David Pincus - Joan Pincus Monica Britten - Joan Campbell Martin Johnson - Jenny Buckley Cherry Trengove - Margaret Rex Brian Wippell - Michael Doherty Max Gilbert - Kathy Gilbert Sue Paul - Anne Cooper Helen Clugston - Toni Pfafflin
John Allen - Geoff Taylor

Joan Jenkins - Carmel Wikman Albert Loh - Fran Price Teena Mckenzie - Jane Gray Prunella Adams - Malcolm Adams Sheila Wills - Jane Postle Pauline Webb - Philippa Catley Barbara Lane - Gail Thompson Jennifer Ardill - Suzanne Cole John Serry - John Fox Shirley Burgess - Dell Macneil Mick Fawcett - Tracey Macbeth-Dunn Alan Anderson - Greg Kerswell Kerrie Hayes - Stephen Price Jannifer Newman - Helene Solley Georgina Howitt - Ann Carter Ross Shardlow - Gary Ypinazar Susan Wright - Patricia Garner Roland Trevisanello - Louise Smith Jenny Mawson - Sandra Cool Jennifer Vickers - Betty English Geoffrey Lawson - Kathy Lawson Kerry Bartlett - Christine Bartlett Janice Clark - Grace Ireland Sue Falkingham - Dot Saxon-Williams Dianne Carlton-Smith - Julie Heib Brodie Loxton - Lynn Kelly Sewyoon Yap-Giles - Irene Chau Cherry Barnett - Moira Gibbens
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| 60.37 | 61.55 | 60.96 |
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| 56.11 | 64.27 | 60.19 |


| 56.11 | 64.27 | 60.19 |
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| 62.35 | 50.38 | 56.37 |

60.05
51.51

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48.84
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52.43
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50.91
$45.03 \quad 46.7$

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E/W 1-14 Final 15-28 Plate
Sarah Carradine - Michael Young

| 55.15 | 59.69 | 57.42 |
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| 55.53 | 58.71 | 57.12 |

$56.29 \quad 55.61 \quad 55.95$
$\begin{array}{lll}48.03 & 62.75 & 55.39\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}56.14 & 52.45 & 54.30\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}60.32 & 41.18 & 50.75\end{array}$
Roslyn Hunyor - Alex Hunyor Joan Elliot - Margar George Lupul - Ella Lupul Kenneth Griggs - Fay Jeppesen Walter Hugentobler - Annemarie Hugentobler Maureen Gibney - Susan Lipton Daria Williams - Lynne Gray Leanne Nugent - Jenny Iliescu Susan Kennard - Beverley O'Hara Lynne Layton - George Gibson Rebecca Knight - Naureen Gearon Denise Cranfield - Dianne Musgrave
Roxane Brayshaw - Gaynor Rogers John Elich - Gabrielle Elich Lesleigh Egan - Lynne Henley Rob Ziffer - Margaret Ziffer Paul Hughes - Judith Hughes Jackin Clare - Elsie Chua Jane Ackman - Narelle Jackson Adrienne Du Temple - Don Du Temple Raymond Powley - Susan Powley Nannette Jones - Renate Pettit Cherylene Stimpson - John Stimpson Jenny Fox - Pauline Wrobel Ian Hoschke - Sylvia Billingham
$\begin{array}{lll}62.35 & 50.38 & 56.37 \\ 44.40 & 65.52 & 54.96\end{array}$
$59.00 \quad 50.65 \quad 54.83$
$52.48 \quad 55.01 \quad 53.75$

| 53.73 | 53.05 | 53.39 |
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| 57.83 | 47.88 | 52.86 |
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| 58.24 | 46.46 | 52.35 |
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| 50.87 | 53.54 | 52.21 |


| 44.56 | 59.48 | 52.02 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$53.19 \quad 50.38 \quad 51.79$
$47.52 \quad 55.07 \quad 51.30$

| 41.62 | 60.73 | 51.18 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 57.69 | 44.61 | 51.15 |


| 53.39 | 48.80 | 51.10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 45.20 | 56.37 | 50.79 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 59.60 | 41.29 | 50.44 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 51.42 | 49.46 | 50.44 |


| 47.90 | 52.78 | 50.34 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 54.00 | 46.08 | 50.04 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$41.49 \quad 57.73 \quad 49.62$

| 60.99 | 36.11 | 48.55 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$48.12 \quad 48.58 \quad 48.35$
$40.00 \quad 56.64 \quad 48.33$
$\begin{array}{lll}50.28 & 45.48 & 47.88\end{array}$
$46.38 \quad 48.42 \quad 47.40$
$46.49 \quad 47.66 \quad 47.07$

Holiday Pairs Event 1 - Session 1
Leading Scores

|  | N-S | Score |  | E-W | Score |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | ANN WOODHEAD - BOB LAWRENCE | 63.39 | 1 | MARTIN HENNEBERGER - KELVIN RAYWOOD | 74.77 |
| 2 | DALE PEAK - ROGER PEAK | 60.52 | 2 | BOB ASHMAN - DON LEVIN | 61.97 |
| 3 | CAROL SINGH - SHANGA SINGH | 60.03 | 3 | ROGER CAEL - RENATE HAMID | 61.39 |
| 4 | PETER HOLLOWAY - PHIL MCAREAVEY | 59.09 | 4 | ROBERTA TAIT - ROSEMARY MOONEY | 59.56 |
| 5 | TONY JACKMAN - RICHARD WALLIS | 58.59 | 5 | MAUREEN COSBY - HERSCHEL BAKER | 59.41 |
| 6 | FRAN MARTIN - MALCOLM MOORE | 57.82 | 6 | KATHRYN ATTWOOD - LARRY ATTWOOD | 57.05 |
| 7 | HELEN KITE - HELEN ROLLOND | 55.81 | 7 | BRUCE CARROLL - PAUL ROBERTS | 56.76 |
| 8 | VEENA CHOTAI - ASHOK CHOTAI | 55.39 | 8 | SUSANNE GAMMON - HELEN HELLSTEN | 56.58 |
| 9 | FAYE CARNOVALE - CHRIS DUGGIN | 54.54 | 9 | ANNE ROSENGREN - MOLLY BUTCHER | 55.98 |
| 10 | JOHN ALLEN - GEOFF TAYLOR | 54.05 | 10 | GEOFFREY LAWSON - KATHY LAWSON | 52.94 |

## EXCERPT FROM NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE MAGAZINE Brad Coles

Of all the decisive swings in the National Open Teams semi-finals, this one was the most unexpected. You hold:

A 109 『 10754 - 65 \& 108754
You wisely pass your zero HCP hand, and your left hand opponent opens a strong 2NT. What would you say if I told you that you are about to double two part-scores for penalties?

Here's how it happened:

| Deal: 51 | A AKQ7 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DIr: South | -K86 |  | Del'Monte | Gill | Hollands | Hans |
| Vul: E/W | -KQ97 |  |  |  |  | Pass |
|  | * K 2 |  | Pass | 2NT | Double | Pass |
| A 109 |  | A 8654 | Pass | Rdble | Pass | 3\% |
| $\checkmark 10754$ |  | $\checkmark$ AQ | Double | Rdble | Pass | 39 |
| - 65 |  | - A J 108 | Double | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| \& 108754 |  | * A Q 6 |  |  |  |  |
|  | AJ 32 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | - J 932 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -432 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | * J 93 |  |  |  |  |  |

You don't often see a penalty double of a 2NT opening. There has been some speculation that Pete Hollands thought Peter Gill had psyched the 2NT opening (third seat, favourable) but the truth is he just thought 2NT was in trouble. He was right - 2NT undoubled failed by two tricks at the other table, although it was possible to get out for one off.
If Gill had stayed in 2NT, even if he had gone two off doubled, he would have won the match. However, Gill placed the doubler with something like:

which would take him for at least 500 . He initiated a rescue sequence, and his partner tried 3*.
Ishmael Del'Monte, West, was about to drop his pass card on the tray, and then suddenly realised his hand wasn't as bad as he'd first thought. He went on a doubling spree, and Gill's feared 500 penalty became a reality. This was worth 9 imps for Milne, just enough to snatch a 3 imp win.

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Holiday Pairs Event 1-Session 2

| 1 | 8 | Kitty BIRO - George BIRO | 93 | 64.58 | 0.75 |
| :---: | ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 3 | Rebecca WOOD - Wayne BURROWS | 89 | 61.81 | 0.53 |
| 3 | 6 | Jim WOOD - Paul THIEM | 84 | 58.33 | 0.38 |
| 4 | 5 | Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ | 77 | 53.47 | 0.25 |
| 5 | 9 | Steve BARON - Anita THIRTLE | 73 | 50.69 | 0.19 |
| 6 | 7 | Linda OSMUND - Danny OSMUND | 71 | 49.31 |  |
| 7 | 1 | Wendy HUTTON - Fifine HUTTON | 65 | 45.14 |  |
| 8 | 4 | Rosemary MATSKOWS - Jan ASHWELL | 57 | 39.58 |  |
| 9 | 10 | Wendy HARRISON - David GILLARD | 39 | 27.08 |  |

MAYBE GIVEN THE AUSTRALIAN SCORE IN SOUTH AFRICA....I SHOULDN'T....BUT I WILL
Q: What do you get if you cross the English cricket team with an OXO cube?
A: A laughing stock.
Q: What does an English batsman who is playing in The Ashes have in common with Michael Jackson?
A: They both wore gloves for no apparent reason.
Q: What is the difference between Cinderella and the Pommies?
A: Cinderella knew when to leave the ball.

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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR GET TOGETHER

A meet and greet for all tournament directors
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First Floor Upstairs Opposite the Bridge Administration Office 8:00am to 9:30am
Wednesday $\mathbf{2 6}^{\text {th }}$ February
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|  |  |  | Sunday <br> 23rd February | Monday <br> 24th February | Tuesday 25th February | Wednesday <br> 26th February | Thursday <br> 27th February |
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| The Forcing 1NT with Joan Butts |  | Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. | 9:00am | Her passion is bridge education. In 2011, she was appointed the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains <br> teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan has a BA Dip Ed and Dip Ed Psych from the Uni of Qld and has been the official bridge teacher in Queensland for the past 12 years. Joan is now involved with bridge online. |  |  |  |
| Ask the Experts Ishmael Del'Monte Ron Klinger Matt Mullamphy |  |  | 4:45pm | Your opportunity to discuss any hands that have proved interesting or troublesome and ask experts for their opinions |  |  |  |
| How High to Pre-empt with Ishmael Del'Monte |  | Ishmael Del'Monte was born in New Zealand and started playing bridge at 16 with his father. Came to Australia 25 years ago and has represented NZ and Australia in youth and open Bridge. |  | 4:45pm | He lives in Sydney and plays bridge all around the world. Since 1993, Ish has won numerous titles in Australia, NZ and USA. Five times he has achieved the most masterpoints in the year. Ish is on WBF Masterpoint committee and High Level Players Committee and is Chairman of Australian Youth Committee and youth Coach/Captain |  |  |
| Competitive Bidding with Peter Gill |  | Peter Gill is the winner of over 30 National championships. In $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ he won the Best Defended Hand in the World award. Peter plays and teaches bridge for a living. His hobby is reading about the latest advances in neuroscience in order to improve performance at bridge. |  |  | 2:10pm | He was a member of the Australian Open Team in 1984, 1991, 1993, 2003, 2007, 2008 and 2010. |  |
| Understanding the New WBF VP Scales: How and Why They Work <br> with Peter Buchen |  | The new WBF scale for RR teams has caused comment, controversy and in some cases even confusion. Why does the scale go from 0 to 20 and 2 decimal places? Peter Buchen, a member of the WBF Scoring Panel that introduced the scale, discusses its history and motivation, and answers the most strident of the criticisms. |  |  | 8:45am <br> NO MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION THIS SESSION | Much of the published commentary has been uninformed. To get informed - this seminar is a must! |  |
| Trendy Transfers (Responses to Minor openings in Competition) <br> with Pablo Lambardi |  | Pablo Lambardi lives and works as a bridge teacher in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has won national and South American Championships, and represented Argentina in seven Bermuda Bowls <br> \& six Olympiads. He has won the NEC tournament in Japan and played in many international tournaments. His hobbies include reading good literature, eating good food, watching tennis, and everything esoteric and paranormal (he is a non-practising astrologer). |  |  |  |  | 9:00am |
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| GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Sunday 23rd February | Monday 24th February | Tuesday 25th February | Wednesday 26th February | Thursday 27th February | Friday 28th February | Saturday 1st March |
| OPEN EVENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bobby Richman Open Pairs Championship <br> Open Teams <br> Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs <br> Monday Butler Swiss Pairs <br> Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs <br> Friday Teams | 1:00pm 7:30pm <br> F1/3 F2/3 <br>   <br>   <br> 10:00am $2 / 3$ $1: 00 \mathrm{pm} 3 / 3$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1:00pm } \\ & \text { F3/3 } \end{aligned}$ | 10:00am Start $4 \times 14$ Brds R1-R4 | 10:00am Start <br> $4 \times 14$ Brds R5-R8 | 10:00am Start $4 \times 14$ Brds $\mathrm{R} 9-\mathrm{Rl} 2$ | QFF Teams SFF Teams <br> 9:00am 2×12 <br> Brds 2:00pm $4 \times 10$ <br> Brds <br>   <br> 09:30am1/3 2:00pm $2 / 3$ <br> 09:30am13 2:00pm $2 / 3$ | 9:00am Start 4×12 Brds Final 10:30am 3/3 |
| SENIORS EVENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seniors Pairs Championship <br> Seniors Teams | $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $\mathrm{F} 1 / 3$ F 23 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1:00pm } \\ \text { F3/3 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R1-R4 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R5-R8 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R9-R12 } \end{gathered}$ | 10:00am Start $4 \times 12$ Brds Final |  |
| INTERMEDIATE EVENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  | All Are Dirner <br> Invited Dance |
| Intermediate Pairs Championship <br> Intermediate Teams | 1:00pm 7:30pm <br> $\mathrm{F} 1 / 3$ $\mathrm{~F} 2 / 3$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1:00pm } \\ \text { F3/3 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R1-R4 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R5-R8 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R9-R12 } \end{gathered}$ | 10:00am Start <br> $4 \times 12$ Brds Final | 7:30pm Bookings <br> for are <br> $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ Essential |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Restricted Pairs Championship <br> Restricted Teams <br> Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs | 1:00pm 7:30pm <br> $\mathrm{F} 1 / 3$ $\mathrm{~F} 2 / 3$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1:00pm } \\ \text { F3/3 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R1-R4 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R5-R8 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R9-R12 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 12 \text { Brds Final } \\ 09: 30 \mathrm{am} 1 / 3 \quad 2: 00 \mathrm{pm} 2 / 3 \end{gathered}$ | 10:30am 3/3 |
| NOVICE EVENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Novice Pairs Championship <br> Novice Teams <br> Friday Novice Pairs | 1:00pm $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> $\mathrm{F} 1 / 3$ $\mathrm{~F} 2 / 3$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1:00pm } \\ & \text { F3/3 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R1-R4 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10:00am Start } \\ 4 \times 14 \text { Brds R5-R8 } \end{gathered}$ | 10:00am Start $4 \times 14$ Brds R9-R12 | $\qquad$ |  |
| ROOKIE PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events | 1:00pm1/1 |  |  |  | 10:00am1/1 |  |  |
| UNDER 50MP PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs |  |  |  | 10:00am 1/1 |  |  |  |
| MIXED TEAMS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams |  |  |  |  |  | 09:30am1/2 2:00pm2/2 |  |
| WALK-IN PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holiday Walk-In Pairs - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions | 7:30pm 3/3 |  | 3:00pm1/3 | 3:00pm2/3 | 3:00pm 3/3 | 09:30am1/3 2:000m2/3 | 10:30am $3 / 3$ |
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Leading bridge player Richard Brightling has kindly provided the following Cryptic Crossword Puzzle. Solution on Wednesday.


Down
1 Autopsied with tops removed intoxicated fond farewell. (5)

2 Bring before a judge after peeling greens or two 17 downswill be nleeded. (2-5)
3 Contractors dunk Clare reds. (9)

5 Obit shortened in the big house or a small house. (5)
6 In the past I led Tom astray. (3-4)
7 Audiences risk Bizet composition. (9)

10 See 13 across. (9)

Across
1 Scour a beard perhaps. (6)
4 Start out with timekeeper on the hour. (1'5)

8 Permit convention wingless insects even unscrew. (7)
9 Babied Y generation! Accept the ruling! $(5,2)$
11 Qantas is a natural. Go figure! (10)
12 Even minor tsar is a tiny amount. (4)
13 and 10 down. Third publisher of 11 and 26 across chosen in Col Joy arrangement. $(5,9)$
14 Very drunk and badly beaten. (8)

13 The average man takes nothing from Google'sjob anyhow. $(3,6)$

15 On declarer's right he confuses. (9)
17 Items in a written record partly sent riesling back. (7)
19 Head matron left maddened,
confused and with no where to go. (4, 3)

21 Legitimises without limits confused military tactic. (5)
22 No French takeaway from "de Nounce" leaves the smallest spot. (5)

16 Unusual play requiring careful use of 17 down or it's a tragedy. (8)

18 Accompaniments are not tops or bottoms. (5)
20 Odd call out for someone clumsy. (4)

21 Records twenty humourous people. (10)

23 I ingest mysterious lights. (7)
24 Made sense of when summed. (5, 2)

25 Precision stereo. (6)

26 Arch support for the strings in an orchestra. (6)

## Skin Transplant

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft the skin from her body, so the husband offered to donate some of his own skin.

However, the only skin on his body that the doctor found suitable would have to come from his rear end. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no-one about where the skin came from, and requested that the doctor also honour their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the woman's new beauty. She looked more beautiful than she ever had before. All her friends and relatives just went on and on about her youthful beauty.
One day, she was alone with her husband, and she was overcome with emotion at his sacrifice. She said:
"Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. There is no way I could ever repay you."
"My darling," he replied," think nothing of it. I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

# SQUEEZE ME, PLEASE ME - RECOLLECTIONS FROM THE NEC 2014 <br> Barry Rigal 

This deal was discussed in a bulletin at the tournament, and saw that East might have a squeeze here. When Newell-Reid took on Patrick Huang-Sun Ming

| Deal: 13 | AKJ106 |  | West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DIr: North | $\checkmark 102$ |  | Reid | Huang | Newell | Sun |
| Vul: All | $\begin{aligned} & \text { K K } \\ & \& \text { K J } 874 \end{aligned}$ |  | Pass | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{q} \\ & \text { Pass } \end{aligned}$ | 3NT | Pass |
| A A 987 |  | ヘ Q 3 |  |  |  |  |
| - J 96 |  | $\checkmark$ AK3 |  |  |  |  |
| - 742 |  | - A 10853 |  |  |  |  |
| \& 1095 |  | * A Q 6 |  |  |  |  |
|  | A 542 <br> - Q 8754 <br> - Q J 6 <br> - 32 |  |  |  |  |  |

Sun led a club to the ten, jack and queen and when Newell cashed his $\Downarrow$ A Huang did not unblock his king. So he won the second diamond to shift to a low heart. Newell ducked, and Sun won to play a second heart. Declarer won, and cleared diamonds.

At this point Sun could see that if she reverted to clubs or hearts her partner would get endoplayed in clubs to lead spades. She therefore shifted to spades, and Newell hopped up with the ace, led a diamond to hand, and ran his diamonds. This was the ending:

|  | $\text { A K } 10$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | - --- |  |
|  | \& K 8 |  |
| A 98 |  | A Q |
| - --- |  | $\vee$--- |
| --- |  | - 3 |
| *9 5 |  | ¢ A 6 |
|  | A 42 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 87$ |  |
|  | ---- |  |
|  | \& --- |  |

When the last diamond was led South pitched a heart, dummy a spade, and North was strip-squeezed to let go a spade and be endplayed to open up clubs. Note that had South retained her second club, declarer would have had to decide if North had pitched a club at trick 10 whether he had begun life with a 3-2-2-6 pattern or his actual 4-2-2-5 shape. Once South's second club is visible there is no ambiguity in the count any more.

CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION FROM THE SUMMER FESTIVAL ON BRIDGE FOR BRAINS Who says older people aren't tech savvy?


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NeuRA's Dr Kim Delbaere is part of a new project that sees older people embracing the latest technology. Through an exciting project called iStoppFalls, Kim is working with international research and industry partners developing technology-based monitoring and exercise programs providing individual assessments, by-passing the need for human assessors. A sensor pendant designed to detect falls is modified to assess balance, strength and mobility of the wearer and indicate where they might be at risk. Information is fed into a software program and will automatically design an individualised falls prevention exercise program using video games. This will see older people having access to a falls prevention program that helps them regain their confidence. Losing their fear of falling improves their quality of life.

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

| $14+$ |  | $13+$ |  | $1:$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | $3-$ |  | $7+$ |  |
| $18+$ |  | $60 \times$ |  | $13+$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2-$ |

YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

| ${ }_{5}^{90 x_{5}}$ | ${ }^{18+}$ | 6 | 2 | 1 | ${ }_{3}^{90 \times}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | $\text { 2- } 4$ | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | 3 | $2{ }_{2}$ | 6 | $\begin{array}{r} 240 x \\ 4 \end{array}$ | 5 |
| $13+$ | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| $7$ | 5 | ${ }^{8+} 4$ | 1 | $\begin{array}{\|r} 360 \times \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 6 |
| 4 | $2$ | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 |

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

| 1 | 3 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 7 |  |  |  | 4 |  | 3 | 9 |
|  | 6 |  | 9 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  |

YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

A REMINDER MONDAY FINAL ( $\left.3^{\text {RD }}\right)$ SESSION OF PAIRS FINAL
We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for the final session of the Pairs Final on Monday. The theme is Denim and Lace - make of it what you will!


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