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OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The Teams Final on Saturday will be fought out between

McGann (2)

**Hugh McGann, Matthew Thomson, Fiona Brown, Tony Nunn, Michael Ware, Geo Tislevoll
 and**

China Nangang (9)

Zhang Bankxiang, Shen Jiaxing, Gan Xinli, Wang Ru, Li Xin

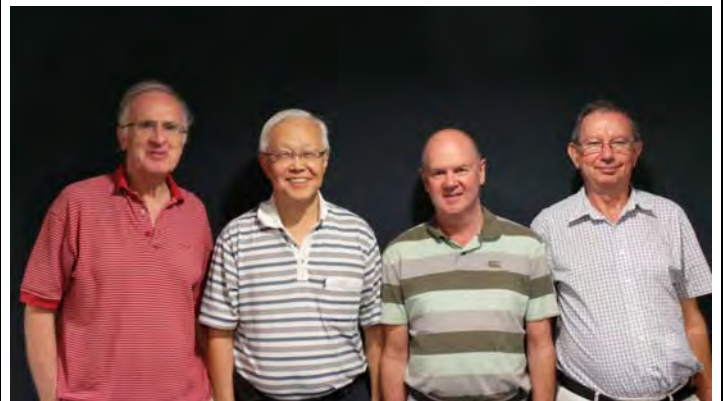
after their wins over Bourke and Fischer Respectively. Follow all the action on
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Winners Seniors Teams Championship



Winners 79 to 56 IMPs - Steven Bock, Martin Bloom,
 Nigel Rosendorff & Les Grewcock

Runners-Up Seniors Teams Championship



Roger Januszke, Peter Chan,
 Richard Brightling & David Hoffman

Winners Intermediate Teams Championship



Winners 83 to 51 IMPs Bob Hunt, Kevin Dean,
 Bastian Bolt & Geoffrey Roberts

Runners-Up Intermediate Teams Championship



Nikolas Moore, Craig Francis,
 Tim Runting & Murray Perrin

Winners Restricted Teams Championship



Winners 103 to 93 IMPs Laurie Skeate, Denis Ward, Monty Dale & Denis Moody

Runners-Up Restricted Teams Championship



Pam Hancox, Margaret Carr, David Gardiner & Jennette Rosetta

Winners Novice Teams Championship



Winners 91 to 81 Carmel Wikman, Kay Roberts, Linda Norman & Joan Jenkins

Runners-Up Novice Teams Championship



Michael McAuliffe, Susan Lipton, Maureen Gibney & Godfrey Baillon-Bending

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**Winners
Friday Teams**



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Winners Friday Novice Pairs

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SOME INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DIVISIONAL WINNERS

Brent Manley

Intermediate Teams: The winners are locals who play at the Gold Coast Bridge Club. Bastian Bolt, team captain, had never played with his partner, Geoffrey Roberts, prior to the tournament. They won all four sets on their way to victory.

Restricted Teams: Denis Ward, team captain, and Laurie Skeat are from Brisbane. Monty Dale is from Coolum, Denis Moody from Caloundra. The two pairs had never met before being matched up by Toni Bardon. Dale and Moody were members of the winning squad in the Novice Teams three years ago.

Novice Teams: All four players are from Brisbane. Linda Norman, team captain, and Kay Roberts have played together for three years. Joan Jenkins and Carmel Wikman formed their partnership only a couple of months ago.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL ROUND OF FOUR FIRST HALF - BIG NUMBERS

Brent Manley

In the Open Teams, round of four, the match between the No. 2 seed (Hugh McGann) and No. 6 (Joachim Haffer) featured four double-digit swings in 12 boards, and another couple that were close.

Playing for McGann in the first set were Fiona Brown, Tony Nunn, Michael Ware and GeO Tislevoll. Haffer played with Laura Ginnan. Mike Doecke and William Jenner-O'Shea were at the other table.

The first board gave McGann an 11-IMP lead when Tislevoll and Ware bid to a cold 6♠ not bid at the other table.

That was followed by a push, then McGann struck again.

Dealer: South	♠ Q 10 6 4	Tms Rnd of 4 1-12	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ A K 7 6 3		Brown	Ginnan	Nunn	Haffer
Brd 3	♦ A J 2					2♠
	♣ 10		Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
♠ A J 7 2		♠ 3	Pass	3♠	All Pass	
♥ Q J 5		♥ 10 4 2	Makeable Contracts			
♦ 10 5		♦ K Q 9 7 6	-	1	-	-
♣ 9 7 6 5		♣ A Q J 3	-	3	-	3
	♠ K 9 8 5		-	2	-	2
	♥ 9 8		1	-	1	-
	♦ 8 4 3		2	-	2	-
	♣ K 8 4 2		-	-	-	NT

Haffer's 2♠ showed a weak hand with spades and clubs. Unfortunately for his team, it kept East-West out of the bidding. Brown led the ♥Q to the ace. The ♥K came next, followed by a low heart, on which Haffer discarded a low diamond. Brown won and played a diamond. Haffer won with the ace and played a spade to his king, ducked by Brown. When the ♠9 held the next trick and Nunn showed out, Haffer led a diamond to dummy's jack and Nunn's queen. Haffer ruffed the diamond continuation and led a low club to dummy's 10. Nunn won the jack and played the ♣A, ruffed in dummy. That was it for declarer, who recorded minus 50.

West Doecke	North Tislevoll	East Jenner-O	South Ware
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

It was a different story at the other table.

Tislevoll started with a low spade to the king and ace. Doecke took the club finesse at trick two, Ware winning and pushing the ♠9 through. Two more spade tricks put South on lead again, and he exited with the ♥9. Tislevoll cleared the hearts and waited with the ♦A to collect two more tricks.

Plus 300 was worth 8 IMPs to McGann, now leading 19-0.

More IMPs were on the way on the next board

Dealer: West	♠ K 10 7 3	Tms Rnd of 4 1-12	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 4 3		Brown	Ginnan	Nunn	Haffer
Brd 4	♦ A 8 4		Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
	♣ Q 10 6 3		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ Q 9 6 4		♠ J 5 2	Makeable Contracts			
♥ J 10 7 5		♥ A K 6 2	-	2	-	2
♦ 7 6 3 2		♦ Q J	-	-	-	NT
♣ 7		♣ A J 9 2	1	-	1	♥
	♠ A 8		-	1	-	♦
	♥ Q 9 8		-	3	-	♣
	♦ K 10 9 5		-	-	-	-
	♣ K 8 5 4		-	-	-	-

Another weak 2♠ produced the same result as on the previous deal.

Brown got off to the good lead of a trump, South winning the ♣K when East inserted the ♣9. Haffer cashed the ♠A, played a spade to dummy's king and ruffed a spade. He entered dummy with the ♦A and ruffed another spade before getting out of his hand with a club. Nunn took dummy's ♣10 with his jack, cashed the ace and played the ♦J. The defence scored three trump tricks and two hearts for plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Doecke	Tislevoll	Jenner-O	Ware
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

At the other table, McGann scored plus 300 for the second consecutive board.

Ware led the ♦10 to Tislevoll's ace. A heart was returned, and Jenner-O'Shea erred by playing low. Ware won the queen and continued with a heart. The opponents were able to play a third round later, leaving declarer with only five tricks and minus 300.

Declarer can manage one down by taking the ♥A and exiting with his other diamond. South can win and play another trump – he gets the trick back later – but East will take six tricks in the form of one heart, one club and four ruffs, two in each hand.

The 9-IMP gain made it 28-0 for McGann.

Haffer started a comeback four boards later when Tislevoll and Ware bid to 7♥, down on a losing finesse, when stopping in six would have been an 11-IMP swing because Ginnan and Haffer did not get past 4♥.

Another 13 IMPs went to Haffer on Board 9.

Dealer: North
Vul: E-W
Brd 9

♠	K 10 9 2
♥	4 2
♦	K 6 5 3 2
♣	6 2

♠	5 3
♥	A K 10 8 3
♦	4
♣	A K J 5 3

♠	Q J 8 7 6
♥	7 5
♦	Q 9 8 7
♣	9 8

Tms Rnd of 4 1-12

♠	A 4
♥	Q J 9 6
♦	A J 10
♣	Q 10 7 4

West	North	East	South	
Doecke	Tislevoll	Jenner-O	Ware	
	Pass	1♦	1♠	
2♥	3♥	3♠	Pass	
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass	
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass	
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
7	-	7	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
7	-	7	-	♣

There was nothing to the play – plus 2140 for East-West.

West	North	East	South
Brown	Ginnan	Nunn	Haffer
	2♦	Double	4♠
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

At the other table, East-West had to contend with another two-suited opening bid.

Ginnan's 2♦ showed diamonds and spades, allowing Haffer to make life difficult for his opponents with the leap to 4♠. The pre-emption worked when Brown and Nunn stopped in six.

The score was 33-24 for McGann after 11 boards, and the No. 2 seed added to their lead in grand fashion on the final deal.

Dealer: West
Vul: N-S
Brd 12

♠	6
♥	J 10 8 7 6
♦	K Q 10
♣	9 6 5 3

♠	J 10 4 2
♥	A Q 9
♦	A 5 3
♣	A 10 2

♠	7 3
♥	K 5 3 2
♦	J 9 7 4 2
♣	7 4

Tms Rnd of 4 1-12

♠	A K Q 9 8 5
♥	4
♦	8 6
♣	K Q J 8

West	North	East	South	
Doecke	Tislevoll	Jenner-O	Ware	
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass	
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass	
Redbl	Pass	4NT	Pass	
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass	
6♠	All Pass			
Makeable Contracts				
7	-	7	-	NT
7	-	7	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
7	-	7	-	♣

West Brown	North Ginnan	East Nunn	South Haffer
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Dbl	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Doecke's 2♥ showed a "good" spade raise. Cuebidding and Blackwood helped Jenner-O'Shea determine that he could not count 13 tricks (there was a king missing), so he settled for the small slam. On the diamond lead, Jenner-O'Shea won the ace and ran most of his black-suit winners, hoping for some revealing discards, but in the end he simply played a heart to the ace for plus 980.

At the other table a diamond lead would have caused some anxiety – the only chance for 13 tricks is the heart finesse – but Ginnan put those concerns to rest by leading the ♥J. Plus 1510 meant an 11-IMP swing to McGann, who finished the set with a 44-24 lead.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL ROUND OF FOUR SECOND HALF

Fischer started the second segment of the Quarter Final knockout against Gue with a slender 4 IMP margin. That margin increased to 17 after the first board when Gue and Hirst went one down in 3NT while the closed room made 3NT on the same lead but from the other hand.

Dealer: North	♠ A 7 3	Tms Rnd of 4 13-24
Vul: Both	♥ K 9 7 6 2	
Brd 13	♦ 9	
	♣ A K 10 2	
♠ Q 6 2		♠ 10 9 8 5
♥ A 5 4		♥ J 10 8
♦ J 6 5		♦ K 10 3 2
♣ 9 8 4 3		♣ Q 6
	♠ K J 4	
	♥ Q 3	
	♦ A Q 8 7 4	
	♣ J 7 5	

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

Hirst playing 3NT from the North seat got the unfriendly 9♠ lead. He won in hand and, played a heart to the queen and ace and won the club return with the Ace. He then played ♥K and another heart to establish the suit. East, winning the ♥J continued spades and now declarer was at the crossroads needing to decide on the club finesse or the diamond finesse for his ninth trick (two spades, three hearts, two clubs and a diamond). Hirst opted for the club finesse and went down losing two spades two hearts and club. The alternative line appears to combine the two chances doesn't it?

The next hand saw an overtrick imp to Gue now trailing by 18. Gue recouped 12 of those IMPs on the very next deal

Dealer: South	♠ A K Q 8	Tms Rnd of 4 13-24
Vul: N-S	♥ A 8	
Brd 15	♦ K Q 5 2	
	♣ K 8 7	
♠ 10 7 3		♠ 9 4 2
♥ K Q J 10 6		♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ A 7 4		♦ 9 8 3
♣ 9 2		♣ A 10 3
	♠ J 6 5	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ J 10 6	
	♣ Q J 6 5 4	

West	North	East	South	
Weston	Bookallil	Foster	Tutty	Open
				Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Fischer	Hirst	Morgan	Gue	Closed
				Pass
1♥	Double	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Alerted by the light, nay super light opening by West, Gue in the Closed Room played in the Moysian (4-3) fit in spades. The favourable trump break allowed declarer to lose one heart and the two aces.

In the Open Room East, without the benefit of a light opening by partner, found the killing heart lead – his only four card suit - and declarer could not garner enough tricks without allowing the defence to take their four

hearts and at least one of the aces. I say one of the aces as East ducked the club to the queen and when declarer switched to diamonds, West rose and cashed out the heart and the ♣A went missing in action.

Board 16 saw an overtrick IMP to Fischer while the next board demonstrated a modern rarity, a hand being played in 1♥ doubled. In the modern game most players feel they are constantly being swindled and rarely attempt to punish their opponents in low level contracts. Here however South took good advantage of the situation.

Dealer: North	♠ Q 3 2	Tms Rnd of 4 13-24	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ Q		Weston	Bookallil	Foster	Tutty Open
Brd 17	♦ A Q 8 6			1♣	1♥	Pass
	♣ A K Q 6 3		Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
♠ 9 8 4		♠ A K 10 6	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
♥ 5 3		♥ A 10 9 8 2	Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
♦ 10 9 5		♦ 7 4 2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ J 10 7 5 2		♣ 4	Fischer	Hirst	Morgan	Gue Closed
	♠ J 7 5			1♣	1♥	Pass
	♥ K J 7 6 4		Pass	Double	All	Pass
	♦ K J 3		Makeable Contracts			
	♣ 9 8		-	3	-	3 NT
			-	2	-	2 ♠
			-	2	-	2 ♥
			-	4	-	4 ♦
			-	3	-	3 ♣

The par spot seems to be 3NT making seven minor suit tricks and two heart tricks without the defence being able to get more than 2 spades and a heart. However the Open Room's 5♣ three down +150 together with the +300 penalty against 1♥x saw those 10 IMPs to Gue put them in front 47-43.

Board 18 saw a difference of opinion as to level.

Dealer: East	♠ 7 5 4	Tms Rnd of 4 13-24				
Vul: N-S	♥ J 10 3					
Brd 18	♦ 10 4 3 2					
	♣ K Q J					
♠ A 9 8		♠ Q J 6 2				
♥ K 4 2		♥ Q 9 8 7 6 5				
♦ Q J 9 6		♦ 5				
♣ 10 9 3		♣ A 5				
	♠ K 10 3		Makeable Contracts			
	♥ A		-	-	-	- NT
	♦ A K 8 7		2	-	2	2 ♠
	♣ 8 7 6 4 2		3	-	3	3 ♥
			-	2	-	2 ♦
			-	2	-	2 ♣

Fischer/Morgan in the Closed Room bid to game with two top losers PLUS a trump suit of ♥K42 opposite ♥Q98765 for one loser AND needing a spade suit of ♠A98 opposite ♠QJ62 for no loser. Declarer picked the singleton ♥A to hold his trump loser to one but it was impossible to avoid a spade loser and game failed. In the Closed room Weston/Foster settled for a more modest 3♥ but declarer, Foster failed to play for spades to break and also failed by one trick.

Board 19 was one IMP to Gue with Fischer in the Closed Room playing in 4♥ making +620 while the Open Room decided to test matters and played in 5♥ for +650. Gue leading by 48 to 44.

Board 20 see paragraph above. Gue in the Closed Room playing in 4♥ making +680 while the Fischer Team in Open Room decided to test matters and played in 5♥ for +680. Gue still leading by 48 to 44.

The next board saw 6 IMPs to Fischer when both pairs stole the contract.

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Dealer: North
Vul: N-S
Brd 21

♠ J
♥ K 10 8 4 2
♦ J 3
♣ Q 10 9 7 4

Tms Rnd of 4 13-24

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ J 9 7
♦ 10 8 5
♣ K 3 2

♠ 10 6 5 4 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ J 5

♠ A 9 3
♥ Q 6
♦ K 9 7 4 2
♣ A 8 6

West	North	East	South	
Weston	Bookallil	Foster	Tutty	Open
	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Fischer	Hirst	Morgan	Gue	Closed
	Pass	1NT	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

In the Closed Room the diamond lead by East around to the ♦J allowed declarer to take the diamond finesse and dispose of the spade loser. Declarer started on clubs, and when the clubs and trumps broke was able to claim 10 tricks. Those six IMPs saw Fischer regain the lead 49 to 48 with 1NT making 8 tricks in the Closed Room.

Board 22 saw Hirst struggle in 3♥ finally going down two, but no worries - his teammates were in a very comfortable 4♦ making five and a two IMP pickup to see the lead change hands again Gue 50-49. Well.... Fischer comes into the match with a carry forward of 0.1 IMPs so let's call it as it should be, Gue 50 Fischer 49.1

Dealer: South
Vul: Both
Brd 23

♠ A 9 8
♥ 9
♦ K J 10 6 2
♣ 6 5 4 3

Tms Rnd of 4 13-24

♠ 10 3 2
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ Q 8
♣ A Q 9 2

♠ Q 6
♥ A K 10 6 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ K 8 7

♠ K J 7 5 4
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ J 10

West	North	East	South	
Weston	Bookallil	Foster	Tutty	Open
			1♥	
Pass	1NT	All Pass		
Fischer	Hirst	Morgan	Gue	Closed
			1♥	
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable				
1	-	-	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

It seems that 1NT in the Closed Room was forcing as it would be hard to imagine why South would bid 2♣ otherwise. With four clubs a diamond and a spade loser the hand travelled poorly and drifted one down -100. In the other room, without the system constraints, South was allowed to play 1NT making +120 when both spades and diamonds behaved for 6 IMPs to Fischer.

The last board was a flat four spades leaving the match Fischer 55.1 to Gue 50 as the final result with Fischer advancing to the Semi-Finals.

SEMI FINAL STANZA ONE OF FOUR

Barry Rigal

The two semi-finals would see McGann against Burke and China Nangang against Fischer. Morgan and Fischer play a complex strong club, Bookallil and Tutty a natural base. Equally, Li/Gan play Precision, Shen/Zhang natural.

Dealer: North
Vul: None
Brd 1

♠ A J 7 3 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ K 3 2
♣ 9 2

Teams SF1

♠ K
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 9 6 5 4
♣ A K Q 8

♠ Q 10 9 5 4
♥ A 8 4 3
♦ J 8
♣ 10 5

♠ 8 6
♥ J 9 7
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 7 6 4 3

West	North	East	South	
Shen	Bookallil	Zhang	Tutty	
	1♠	Pass	4♠	
Double	All Pass			
Fischer	Li	Morgan	Gan	
	1♠	Pass	2♠	
Double	4♠	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Both tables in our other match missed game, Gill after a limit raise of spades, Nunn after using Stayman facing a weak no-trump. While 4♠ is no better than the spade finesse, Zhang led a trump against 4♠x and declarer could pitch a club on the hearts for +690. Fischer led 7-0.

Dealer: East
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 2

♠ 9 8
 ♥ A 10 9 7 6
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ 9 7 6 4
 ♣ K 5

♠ Q 7 4 3
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ A Q J 2

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

West	North	East	South	
Shen	Bookallil	Zhang	Tutty	
		1♦	Dbl	
1♥	1♠	1NT	2♠ //	
Fischer	Li	Morgan	Gan	
		1NT	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2♥	All pass	
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

Morgan won the bidding battle, but after a spade lead to the ace and a shift to the ♣K and another club, Gan switched to trumps and then reverted to clubs when in with the ♦A to force the trump trick for down one. 2♠ looks easy to make but Bookallil discovered a problem. She won the ♦K lead and cashed four clubs pitching a diamond and a heart (yes two hearts would have been much better). The defenders ruffed in and now had two hearts and a diamond to cash. The third heart was ruffed and overruffed and a diamond allowed West to score a trump trick.

The winning line of course is simply to cash three clubs pitching a heart and play ace and another spade.

After a quiet game for East-West where Li-Gan had put up a good but ultimately unsuccessful smokescreen to keep Morgan-Fischer out, the Chinese did buy the next hand in both rooms going +170 and -200 to make the match score 8-4 for Fischer. Two overtricks in an unremarkable game contract made it 8-6, then Fischer bought the hand in both rooms, going +140 in 2♠, and going set 100 in 2♥. 9-6 now. Excitement wasn't the word for it!

Finally a real swing: and I have to say that in one room Fischer might not have expected this one to be in the 'IN' column.

Dealer: South
 Vul: Both
 Brd 7

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

♠ J 8 7 6
 ♥ K 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ 8 7 4

♠ A
 ♥ A J 9 2
 ♦ Q J 9 3
 ♣ A K J 2

Teams SF1
 ♠ K Q 10 9 2
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ Q 6 5 3

West	North	East	South	
Shen	Bookallil	Zhang	Tutty	
			1♣	
2♦	Pass	Pass	2NT //	
Fischer	Li	Morgan	Gan	
			2NT	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦	
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT //	
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

Without a detailed knowledge of the Closed Room version of puppet Stayman it is hard to attribute blame. In the USA it would be normal to bid 4♦ over 3♦ with both majors and no slam interest. Regardless, Morgan did well to lead his singleton and the defenders played three rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed high and led a trump to the jack but could not avoid two down now.

With 4♥ comfortable enough from the South seat this was not a triumph, but in the other room it was somewhat hard to see how to get there after the first round of the auction. When Tutty played 2NT Shen found the incisive spade lead. Maybe declarer should lead the heart nine to the king to preserve an entry to dummy. She did not do so, cashing four hearts then one club and exiting in diamonds. East had been forced down to two clubs and four spades, so could cash the spade winners but then had to lead clubs into the tenace and Tutty had 120 and 8 imps, to lead 17-6.

(For the record when Brown as North played 4♥ on a diamond lead through the ♦Q-J she simply discarded a club on the third diamond.) With the remaining trumps now 2-2 she had ten tricks without needing the club

finesse. That was worth 10 imps to give McGann an 18-0 lead, when Gill's 1♣ bid led to a partscore in hearts with both opponents bidding actively.

In our other match Tony Nunn then played a partscore three tricks better than his counterpart in saving undertricks than his counterpart, to make it 22-2.

Just as I was saying to my colleagues that the standard of bridge was remarkably high, along came the next deal and knocked all my previous judgments out of the window.

Dealer: East	♠ A J 3	Teams SF1	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 9 8 7 4		Shen	Bookallil	Zhang	Tutty
Brd 10	♦ A K 10				1♣	1♦
	♣ 8 7 6		1♠	Double	2♣	Pass
♠ K 10 9 6 4		♠ 5 2	2♠	2NT	All Pass	
♥ A 10 3		♥ Q J 6	Fischer	Li	Morgan	Gan
♦ J 7 4 2		♦ 6 3			Pass	Pass
♣ 4		♣ K Q J 5 3 2	1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
	♠ Q 8 7		3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♥ K 5 2		Makeable Contracts			
	♦ Q 9 8 5		-	1	-	1 ♠
	♣ A 10 9		-	1	-	1 ♥
			-	1	-	2 ♦
			1	-	1	- ♣

The auction from the Closed Room made perfect sense; Morgan showed a good hand with clubs as a passed hand, and his partner had the joy of playing in that suit with a singleton and an eight count. In the Open Room I can only assume that South had either missorted her hand or was using 1♦ as a catch-all overcall (which would be a first - but given that her partner never raised the suit, maybe that makes sense). The stopperless 2NT got what it deserved, -300 and the match was back to near equality at 18-17 for Fischer.

Thompson and McGann (not normally candidates for the 'Trappist' prize for silence) stayed silent with the East-West cards, and were rewarded with +200 against 3♦ while their teammates also stayed silent throughout to collect 200. The stanza closed at 31-2 for McGann. Those of you in search of real excitement would have to wait a little longer.

SEMI FINAL STANZA TWO OF FOUR

Barry Rigal

For the second stanza we shall switch our attention to McGann-Burke. Burke as a four man team would switch rooms, while Tislevoll-Ware would come in for Brown-Nunn.

Both tables reached a slightly pushy 4♠ and ran into a hostile trump break for two down to start the set. (Morgan-Fischer had totally misjudged the defence to let the game through and give China Nangang the lead)

Dealer: West	♠ 8 7	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ K 10 6	McGann	B'champ	Thompson	Hans
Brd 12	♦ A K 6 4	1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass
	♣ Q 6 4 2	Burke	GeO	Gill	Ware
♠ Q 5 4		Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
♥ A 8 5 4 2		Pass	1NT	All Pass	
♦ 7 2		Makeable Contracts			
♣ A J 7		-	-	-	- NT
	♠ A 9 6 3 2	-	1	-	1 ♠
	♥ Q J	1	-	1	- ♥
	♦ Q 8	1	-	1	- ♦
	♣ 9 8 5 3	-	2	-	2 ♣

Both partscores handled beautifully (1NT wasn't cold but Peter Gill's attempt to honour Tim Seres by leading a low diamond as East at trick one deserved a better fate than having dummy's ♦8 win the trick! Nangang also went plus in both rooms for 6 imps.

Both N/S pairs then played a diamond partscore for +110, Ware having the easier task since he had contracted only for eight tricks. However China Nangang made it three in a row when they stole the partscore in both rooms again and made both for a further 6 imps, to lead by 22-0 on the set and by 20 imps now.

Dealer: West ♠ 9
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 8 6 4
 Brd 16 ♦ K 7 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 8 6

♠ A 10 6 2
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ K Q J 5 3
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ J 4 2

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ K Q 9 5

West North East South
 Auction at Both Tables
 1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

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

Board 16 was the first opportunity for a swing in the play: everyone reached 3NT by West. Would declarer find a way to combine his chances? Both GeO and Beauchamp led a low diamond as North. McGann won in dummy and led a low spade from the board, and when Hans put up the king declarer was in good shape. He won the ace (yes ducking might have worked better) crossed to a club and led a second spade. Hans won the jack and fired back the heart ten! McGann covered with the jack, then when the queen appeared he paused for fully five minutes before winning the ace. He cleared spades, and of course Hans underled his hearts again. This time McGann was ready, and played the ♥9 immediately. The Bulletins Editors applauded, but no one was listening...

At the other table Burke won the diamond and led a low spade from dummy. Ware played low without a flicker...and declarer put in the ten! The Bulletin Editors gasped, and called for a recount....but no one was paying attention. An overtrick imp to McGann but what drama!

In our other match Shen played 3NT as West on a diamond lead. South split her spade honours at trick two and played on diamonds rather than broaching hearts. North continued diamonds, so declarer had nine tricks without breaking a sweat, good for 10 imps when they played partscore in the other room. It was 32-0 now in the set to China Nangang and 47-17 overall, which became 47-19 when Fischer broke their duck with two overtrick imps.

Both Easts then (according to the alienists in the audience) lost their respective minds simultaneously.

Dealer: East ♠ A Q J 10 7
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 2
 Brd 18 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 4 3 2

♠ K 8 6 3
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ K 7 6 5

♠ 9 4
 ♥ 8 5 4 3
 ♦ A Q 10 7
 ♣ 10 9 8

♠ 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 7 6
 ♦ K J 5 4
 ♣ A Q

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

After an unopposed auction 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♦ - 2♥ both Easts bid 2NT. Burke raised to 3NT, McGann passed. Much to my surprise Tislevoll as North did not double 3NT - I would have thought he had just the right hand for that action, but maybe he was worried about a run out. Against 2NT the defenders led clubs, and declarer simply led a heart towards the jack early on - following which (when he went up with ♠K on the spade shift, he lost five spades a heart and four diamonds. Down five, and gain 2 imps when Gill played 3NT with great pertinacity to escape for down four. The match score had advanced to 37-5 as the last deal appeared.

SLOW LEARNERS

Two hunters named Stosh and Thad, hired a pilot to fly them into the Canadian wilderness, where they managed to bag two big bull moose. As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only the hunters, their gear and one moose. The hunters objected strongly saying, "Last year we shot two, and the pilot let us take them both and he had exactly the same airplane as yours."

The pilot, not wanting to be outdone by another bush pilot, reluctantly gave in and everything was loaded.

However, even under full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down, crashing in the wooded wilderness. Somehow, surrounded by the moose, clothing and sleeping bags, Stosh and Thad survived the crash.

After climbing out of the wreckage, Thad asked Stosh, "Any idea where we are?"

Stosh replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

Dealer: West
Vul: Both
Brd 20

♠ A 10 5
♥ Q 5
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ K 7 5 2

♠ K Q 9 7 4
♥ K 9 8 3
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 3

♠ J 8 3 2
♥ A J 6
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 8 4

♠ 6
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ Q J 7 4 3
♣ J 9 6

West	North	East	South	
McGann	Thompson	B'champ	Hans	
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT //	
Burke	GeO	Gill	Ware	
Pass	1♦	1♠	3NT	
Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	3	NT
-	4	-	3	♠
-	2	-	1	♥
-	2	-	3	♦
-	5	-	4	♣

Beauchamp was very comfortably placed as North on a low heart lead and eventually wrapped up ten tricks. Ware received the heart two lead from the other side and this was covered by queen king and ace. He cleared clubs and ducked the next heart, won the third, and cashed his long club pitching a diamond from dummy, which just feels wrong to me. The best chance of setting up a trick is surely in diamonds - you can guess as to whether to play East for a small doubleton diamond or a doubleton honour, since hearts appear to be 4-4 from the carding thus far. Ware had reduced himself now to finding a singleton diamond honour in East or a singleton spade in West, and neither chance came in. Burke finally had some imps on the board, with the score 38-17 at the half, and 51-19 for China Nangang.

A SENSIBLE AUCTION

David Stern

	West	North	East	South
♠ A Q J				
♥ A J	2♥	Double	Pass	3♠
♦ K 5 2	Pass	4♣	Pass	6♣
♣ K Q J 9 8	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Teams Qual R10: Dlr W: Vul N/S				
Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
♠ K 10 8 5	-	6	-	♠
♥ 8 5 4	-	1	-	♥
♦ Q J 7	-	4	-	♦
♣ A 6 3	-	6	-	♣

I received a note in the Bulletin Submission box asking for a sensible auction to reach slam on this hand.

Now let me say that anybody who asks me for to formulate a sensible auction will be able to hear the mirth and laughter of my team mates from afar. That being the case I have referenced the question to my guru on these matters, Barry Rigal.

On the simple auction above, North shows a very strong hand with clubs and even if South simply raises to 5♣ North is likely to, or should bid six.

Most partnerships will play Lebensohl where 2NT asks partner to bid 3♣. South's intention would be to bid 3♠ showing a four card suit with invitational values and no heart stopper. On the actual hand North will however, bid 3NT showing a 21+ balanced hand with a heart stopper. South may then elect to bid 5NT asking partner to pick a slam.

The alternative might be to bid 5♠ which asks for partner to bid 5NT with a real minimum for the auction so far, i.e. 21 points. On the actual hand North will bid 6♣ with his source of tricks in that suit.

THE ONLY PETAL

By Brent Manley



Two years ago, at my first Gold Coast Congress as a Daily Bulletin editor, I ran into the Magnolias, a group of women from Townsville who play at the Cleveland Bay Bridge Club.

In talking to Glad Tulloch, Pat Leighton and Gayleen Brown, I learned that the Magnolias are a foursome. One "petal," Barbara Hospers, was unable to attend in 2012.

Last year, I met Barbara, who describes herself as the "quiet, retiring" member of the group. I was impressed by the Magnolias because they enjoy playing in the open games. They believe doing so helps improve their bridge.

This year, Hospers is the only petal to make it to the Gold Coast Congress. The rest, she says, are "off doing their own things."

For example, Tulloch is getting fit at a “boot camp.” The others are touring. They have been all over New Zealand. Barbara is driving a bus for players at the tournament this year.

The group will be back, she says. The Magnolias – named after the film Steel Magnolias – celebrated their 10th anniversary attending the Gold Coast Congress in 2010.

Just because the group isn't together this year does not mean the Magnolias are breaking up, Barbara says. “I don't think that's a possibility,” she notes. “We're stuck with each other for life.”

CRUEL GAME

Brent Manley

People like to blame computers for the foul splits and nasty layouts of the cards that result in torture for frustrated players. Those players forget that the cards can play their devilish tricks – pun intended – no matter who deals them.

That was the experience of the Ian Lisle team in their round nine match against the Barbara Starr-Nolan squad in the Intermediate Teams qualifying on Thursday. Lisle won a close match that didn't seem that way at Lisle's table, at least on a couple of boards.

Starr-Nolan was playing with Jocelyn Lawrence against Lisle and his wife, Vicky. At the other table, Lisle's teammates (Lee Weldon and Bijana Novakovic) opposed Catherine Ang and Lilio Ho.

The first swing went to Starr-Nolan.

Dealer: North	♠ Q 9 8 5	Teams Qual R9	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ J 8 6 4 2		V. Lisle	Starr-Nolan	I. Lisle	Lawrence
Brd 1	♦ Q 4		Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
	♣ 9 5		Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
			Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ K 4 2		♠ 10 7 3	Makeable Contracts			
♥ 7 5		♥ K 9	-	1	-	1 NT
♦ J 10 7 5 3		♦ K 9 8 6 2	-	4	-	4 ♠
♣ Q 10 6		♣ A 8 3	-	5	-	5 ♥
	♠ A J 6		-	-	1	-
	♥ A Q 10 3		-	2	-	2 ♣
	♦ A					
	♣ K J 7 4 2					

Lawrence didn't mess around with invitational jumps. She just bid what she thought her partner could make.

Ian led a low spade, ducked to Vicky's king. Looking at the diamond shortness in dummy, she switched to a heart, which went to dummy's 10. The ♥A picked up the two outstanding trumps and it wasn't long before Starr-Nolan was claiming plus 450 after a good guess in clubs.

At the other table, South opened 1♣ after two passes and was left to play there, taking nine tricks for an unsatisfying plus 110. That was 8 IMPs to Starr-Nolan.

The team scored another 5 IMPs on the second board when Starr-Nolan was one down in 1NT compared to three down in 3NT at the other table.

Two more IMPs went to Starr-Nolan when the Lisles had a system hiccup with an erroneous explanation to the opponents that brought a score adjustment from the tournament directors.

Board 12 was one of those boards with terrible breaks, suffered by Starr-Nolan as declarer in 4♠.

Dealer: West	♠ K Q 10 9 3	Teams Qual R9	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ J 9 2		V. Lisle	Starr-Nolan	I. Lisle	Lawrence
Brd 12	♦ A Q 9		Pass	1♠	2♥	3♥
	♣ J 6		Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
			Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ J 8 6 4 2		♠ A	Makeable Contracts			
♥ A 8 7 6		♥ K 10 5 4 3	-	1	-	1 NT
♦ ---		♦ K 10 8 7	-	2	-	3 ♠
♣ 9 5 3 2		♣ 10 7 4	3	-	3	-
	♠ 7 5		-	3	-	3 ♥
	♥ Q		-	1	-	1 ♣
	♦ J 6 5 4 3 2					
	♣ A K Q 8					

An overcall at the two level with the East hand is not recommended for everyone, but on this occasion it threw a spanner into the works for Starr-Nolan and Lawrence.

South, of course, must take some action, so a negative double seems best, but that would probably have resulted in the same 2♠ bid from North that she got at the table. It certainly sounded as though North had six spades, so Lawrence went for the game bonus.

The bad split in spades and West's void in diamonds was too much for Lawrence to overcome and she finished five down for minus 500. It would have been a bigger loss but for the North-South contract at the other table: 5♦ down two on the same bad breaks for minus 200. That was 7 IMPs to Lisle.

There were other sad stories thanks to the lie of the cards, and both teams had their troubles. The final score was 29-22 for Lisle.

TAKING YOUR CHANCES

Barry Rigal

Dealer: North ♠ 10 5 Teams Qual R10
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 5 2
 Brd 25 ♦ K J 7 5 4
 ♣ J 7 3

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

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

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

David Wilshire sat North on this deal, and defended 4♥ by East after repeated club leads. Declarer ruffed the second club and tried a heart to the queen, after which he looks well on the road to success. However, declarer was unhappy at the idea of losing the heart finesse to South and having that player cash the last trump and run clubs. So he ruffed a club to hand and played a spade to the queen (it was essential to cash the spade ace then lead to the queen) then ruffed another club. This allowed Wilshire to discard his second spade. He now ruffed the spade ace and had reached this position with two tricks in the bag for the defence.

♠ ---
 ♥ J
 ♦ K J 7 5 4
 ♣ ---

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

♠ J
 ♥ A
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ Q

Wilshire now made the killing play when he shifted to the ♦K! that is the only way to dislodge the entry from the East hand; after that play declarer had to lose two trumps or a trump and a diamond, for down one.

ROUND 12 TWO MEN ENTER, ONE MAN LEAVES (REDUX)

The last round saw two mouth-watering matches between the highest seeded teams in the event. One played four, two played three, and the other matches worked out in such a way that one team and one only from each head-to-head match would be likely to survive to the KO. (If Del'Monte lost by a medium margin then both teams might go through -- possibly at the expense of the winner of the other featured match).

It would be Del'Monte (Jacob, Klinger-Mullamphy) versus Burke (Gill, Beauchamp/Hans) and Milne (Griffiths Bach/Whibley) against McGann(Thompson GeO Tislevoll/Ware).

Best of order: game on, please!

An apparently quiet game on the first deal offered the opportunity for swing:

Dealer: South	♠ J 10 9	Teams Qual R12	West	North	East	South	
Vul: N-S	♥ 9		<hr/>				
Brd 15	♦ A 9 8 7 4						
	♣ Q 8 6 2						
♠ Q 5 4 2		♠ A 8	<hr/>				
♥ A K Q J 10		♥ 7 5 4 2	Makeable Contracts				
♦ K 5		♦ J 6 2	2	-	2	-	NT
♣ J 9		♣ A 10 5 3	2	-	2	-	♠
	♠ K 7 6 3		4	-	4	-	♥
	♥ 8 6 3		-	1	-	1	♦
	♦ Q 10 3		1	-	1	-	♣
	♣ K 7 4						

At every table the defence to 4♥ by West came to the same point. Early on in the deal South was on lead either with a spade or a club and shifted to a low diamond. What seems like a straight guess as to whether to play low or go up with the king was solved by three declarers out of four. Mullamphy misguessed, and Burke led 10-0.

On the next deal Ware over-competes in what felt like a clear breach of the Law of Total Tricks and turned +50 or +100 into -50. Milne led 4-0.

The next deal should have worked out well for those E/W pairs who had an unopposed auction:

Dealer: North	♠ K Q J 9	Teams Qual R12	West	North	East	South	
Vul: None	♥ ---				1♥		
Brd 17	♦ 7 6 3 2		2NT		3NT		
	♣ Q 8 7 6 3		4♣		4♦		
♠ 8 7 5		♠ A 3 2	4NT		5♠		
♥ A 9 4 3 2		♥ K Q J 10 5	5NT		7♥		
♦ A Q J 10		♦ K 4	<hr/>				
♣ K		♣ A 5 2	Makeable Contracts				
	♠ 10 6 4		6	-	6	-	NT
	♥ 8 7 6		3	-	3	-	♠
	♦ 9 8 5		7	-	7	-	♥
	♣ J 10 9 4		6	-	5	-	♦
			1	-	1	-	♣

Whibley-Bach had a sound auction to 7♥ as shown above. Once West finds East with three key-cards and the diamond king he can count 13 tricks. At the other table I was watching Beauchamp-Hans had to deal with a 2♠ opening bid by Jacob (spade two-suiter) and stopped in 6♥, while McGann-Thompson also missed the grand slam.

Dealer: South	♠ Q J 10 6 2		West	North	East	South	
Vul: E-W	♥ A K 10 2		<hr/>				
Brd 19	♦ 6						
	♣ J 5 2						
♠ 7		♠ 8 4 3	<hr/>				
♥ 6 5		♥ 9 7	Makeable Contracts				
♦ K 10 9 5 3		♦ Q 7 4 2	-	2	-	2	NT
♣ K Q 10 8 7		♣ A 9 4 3	-	6	-	6	♠
	♠ A K 9 5		-	6	-	6	♥
	♥ Q J 8 4 3		1	-	1	-	♦
	♦ A J 8		1	-	1	-	♣
	♣ 6						

Two of the four tables also bid this hand to the optimum spot - you can decide if they bid it effectively or well. Del'Monte-Jacob bid: 1♥-1♠-3♠-4NT-5♣-6♥ (I'd put that auction in the former category, myself). Ware-Geo bid: 1♥-2NT-3♣-3♦-4NT-5♥-6♥-Pass. Both 3♣ and 3♦ showed shortage but the 3♦ call showed a minimum at the same time; a nice hand for the methods. Each of those results was worth 11 imps. It was 21-10 to Del'Monte, 15-11 to Milne.

♠ J 9 5
♥ J 7 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ K 6 5 3

Del'Monte handed back 5 imps on a blind opening lead a deal or two later; what do you fancy against 1♣ - 1♠ - 1NT - 2NT?.

Del'Monte opted for a heart, and I can't say I blame him, but that was into declarer's tenace and his eighth trick.

Then Burke took the lead;

Dealer: East ♠ 7 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ A Q 8 6
 Brd 22 ♦ K 9 8 6
 ♣ 10 6 2

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

♠ J 10 9 6 2
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A Q J 7 4
 ♣ A K 9 5

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

Three of the four tables bid this hand accurately to 3NT - but allow me to put my foot down hard on the idea that (as happened at two of the tables that I was watching) after 1♦ - 1♥ - 3♣ there is ANY acceptable bid with the West cards except 3♦. A call of 3♠ shows weak length in spades, while 3♦ does not guarantee support and lets partner tell you why he forced. Not that I'm prejudiced, mind you. Klinger-Mullamphy played 5♦ and lost 12 imps for their pains. With six deals to go the scores were: 28-21 for Burke, 16-12 for Milne. At this rate both teams in the first match would go through, neither in the second match.

Burke added 3 imps for a vulnerable undertrick, then something more substantial -- but this one could certainly have gone either way.

Dealer: West ♠ A Q 10 7 4 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ 2
 Brd 24 ♦ A K Q 8
 ♣ 4

♠ K 5
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ A 9 7 5 3

♠ J 8 6
 ♥ K J 10 9
 ♦ 10 6 3
 ♣ 8 6 2

♠ 9
 ♥ Q 7 6 5 4
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 10

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

Three tables out of four played 4♠, Burke being doubled, but at the fourth table the auction started 1♣ - 4♠ - 5♣ - Pass - Pass - Dbl. That came back to Del'Monte, who knew that the double of 5♣ simply said that Jacob had bid 4♠ to make. Had he passed he would have collected 800 and 5 imps. When he removed to 5♠ he lost -50 and 12 imps in the process. It was 43-21 now and Del'Monte was in danger of slipping out of the qualifying zone.

Dealer: North ♠ A Q 5
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q J 10 8 7 2
 Brd 25 ♦
 ♣ A 6 5 4

♠ J 10 2
 ♥ K 4 3
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 2

♠ K 9 8 7
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A J 5 3 2
 ♣ 8 7 3

♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ K Q 10 9 6
 ♣ Q J

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

Board 25 gave Milne some hope. At most tables N/S played a club or heart partscore, which handled nicely enough. A trump lead is best, but the defence cannot take more than three clubs and two hearts. Griffiths/Milne bid to 4♠, and received a club lead. Despite the hugely favourable lie of the cards, declarer should not be allowed to make. After a club lead, ducked and club continuation declarer will try to run the ♥Q. East wins and shifts to a high diamond, after which the best South can do is win the ace, cross to a trump, and pass the ♥Q, pitching his club. When West wins, a second diamond takes the trump entry out of dummy and cuts him off from the hearts. The defenders slipped and allowed the game to come home, so it was 24-12 to Milne, now in front of McGann and needing Burke not to slip up against Del'Monte and allow them back into the match.

In fact it was Milne who slipped up themselves (as did Burke) when they missed a non-vulnerable game after their opponents opened and responded with a combined 15 HCP. Milne had won 24-18 but McGann was a VP in front of them at match-end. However, it wasn't over yet. Del'Monte had picked up the same 6 imp swing to overtake McGann, and now could still qualify if the last board was flat or a pick-up for them.

And here it is, the pivotal board which saw two highly favoured contenders (the first and third seeds) exit the tournament:

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

	West	North	East	South	
	Makeable Contracts				
	3	-	3	-	NT
	1	-	1	-	♠
	1	-	1	-	♥
	3	-	3	-	♦
	5	-	5	-	♣

If you open the West hand 1NT I can sympathize with you - but it is rather strong in the context of a 14+-17 base. Beauchamp did open 1NT and played 3NT for a painless +400. Klinger opened 1♣ and got his side to the superb 6♣, needing just one of two finesses. When the cards refused to cooperate, with both finesses losing, Burke had another 10 imps, Del'Monte was out, and McGann would live to fight another day.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR - PLAYING CARDS FROM DUMMY

Laurie Kelso

As a declarer playing from dummy, a card is played if you name the card or deliberately touch a card in dummy. An exception to the latter is if you, as declarer, are re-arranging dummy, or if you accidentally touch another card, when selecting the one intended. (Laws 45B, 45C3)

There are a couple of issues that arise from calling for cards from dummy that need to be noted.

What happens if dummy picks up the wrong card from their hand and a defender plays a card before it can be corrected? For example, Dummy may be a bit deaf and hear "8" instead of "Ace".

This is covered by Law 45D. "If dummy places in the played position a card that declarer did not name, the card must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played to the next trick, and a defender may withdraw and return to his hand a card played after the error but before attention was drawn to it."

As in the example, if the "8" was played from dummy and a defender plays the King before dummy's error is pointed out, then the defender can take the King back into their hand when the correct card is played by Dummy. If declarer had also played a card to the trick then declarer can change their card after the defender has played their new card. If the defender does not change their card, then neither can declarer.

Sometimes we become a little lazy with how we call for cards from dummy and say things like "diamond" or "low". Declarer "should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card" (Law 46A), however when the call is incomplete these are the restrictions that apply:

- "High" means the highest card in the suit.
- "Win the trick", means use the lowest card that will win.
- "Low" means play the lowest card in the suit.

- Naming a suit and not a rank means play the lowest card in that suit.
- When leading from dummy, naming a rank and not a suit means play the card of that rank from the same suit which won the previous trick.
- In all other cases declarer must play a card of the rank designated, if one exists, and if two exist then declarer decides which one.
- When declarer nominates a card not in dummy, the call is cancelled and declarer gets to try again.
- Finally, if declarer instructs dummy to play 'any card', then this is the only situation where either defender may designate which card is to be played! (Law 46B)

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED

Brent Manley

At a bridge club in the USA, a handful of players had convinced the director that they really needed North-South entries – bad back, bad feet, illness, pregnant, not pregnant, etc., etc. Then in walked bridge legend Benito Garozzo, who was given a North-South seat. All of a sudden, all the hurting bridge players rushed back to the entry desk so they could be East-West and play against Benito (he won).

Most players know that when partner opens and the next person makes a takeout double, a redouble shows 10 high-card points. Is that all there is? Do you have to redouble when you have 10 HCP? Are there other options?

Actually, there are many occasions when you will decide not to redouble because of what might happen afterwards. Here's an example: Your partner opens 1♥ and your right-hand opponent doubles for takeout. You hold:

♠ 4 3
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ K J 6 5 4
♣ 10 5

That's 10 high-card points, enough – technically – to redouble, but consider how the auction might go from there. It is likely that the opponents have a spade fit, so if you redouble, the auction might be at the three level or higher by the time it gets back to you.

In an earlier instalment of this series, you learned that when your partner doubles and the next player redoubles, a jump by doubler's partner (advancer) does not show strength – it shows a long suit and weakness.

So, how would you like it if you redouble with the example hand and the next player bids 3♠, weak and preemptive? It is unlikely that opener will have a hand strong enough to bid at the four level – you and RHO likely have more than half the high-card points and LHO has a little something.

So partner, not knowing you have that excellent heart support, most likely will pass. Now it's back to you. Yikes! You want to bid 4♥, but what if partner has a minimum opener? Now you've let them stampede you into a contract that might well go down. Okay, partner might have a hand good enough to make game, but why guess?

In yesterday's article, you learned that there is a good way to show your support for partner's suit and more than just a simple, competitive raise. Over an opening of one of a major, when the next player doubles, 2NT tells partner you have good trump support and at least 10-11 support points.

You can use this convention when you have enough for game because 2NT is not a natural bid.

Partner must bid again. If she signs off in three of her suit, you can raise to game to indicate the stronger hand – or you could bid another suit to show even more and at least mild interest in slam.

Remember, your 2NT showed support for partner's opener, so partner won't think you are trying to play in a new suit. You established the trump suit with your 2NT bid.

Always strive to show support when you have it. That's far better than trying to catch up in an auction that has taken off on you.

It is common practice to agree that redouble, especially when partner has opened a major suit, implies no fit. That tells you just about all you need to know. When you can't raise partner's opener, a redouble conveys two pieces of information – at least 10 HCP and at most a doubleton in partner's suit. This will help partner make

better decisions if the auction becomes competitive – and it will help in the defense should the other side win the auction. This is an ideal hand for a redouble, especially if the opponents are vulnerable:

♠ 6
♥ Q 9 8 7
♦ A J 9 4
♣ Q J 10 5.

Unless the opponents want to defend 1♠ redoubled – doubtful – they're going to have to bid 1NT or something at the two level. You will double whatever they bid and expect to get a good plus score. I have seen many low-level doubled contracts produce 800 or 1100 for the doublers.

Tomorrow: More tips for dealing with competition.

IMPROVING YOUR GAME

Barry Rigal

Dealer: West
Vul: All
♠ 8 7 5 3 2
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 10 6
♣ 7 4 3

♠ K 9
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 8 5 4 3
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ A Q
♥ A K J 10 7 2
♦ A J
♣ A 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ K 9 7 2
♣ K Q 5

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

South picks up a rock-crusher, and starts by bidding 2♣, to show his game-forcing values. North's initial 2♦ response is a waiting bid, consistent with a negative, but when he follows up with 3♣ this is an artificial double negative, nothing to do with clubs, suggesting 0-4 HCP. Now South has a problem; he suggests 3NT as a possible alternative contract, since there could easily only be nine tricks in either hearts or notrump. When North converts to 4♥ and that ends the auction of course.

When West leads the ♣J, South regrets North's entirely rational decision to play in hearts, since notrump had nine top tricks. But 4♥ should come home, so long as South focuses on the point at issue, which is to get one extra trick out of the spade suit. There are two ways to do that; one is to cross to dummy with a trump and take the spade finesse, a 50% chance. But if the finesse loses and a heart comes back, South can kiss his contract goodbye. Can you do better than that?

The right line in 4♥ is to disdain the spade finesse but instead to take the opening lead to play ace then queen of spades. The defence can win this trick and take their two club tricks, then play a trump. But South can win in dummy, ruff a spade high, cross back to dummy in trumps, and ruff another spade high. Now he goes over to dummy in trumps one more time, and takes the thirteenth spade, for his tenth trick.

The chance of a 4-2 spade split (all you need for this line to succeed) is 84%. The finesse is a 50% chance. I know which of the two I prefer!

THE PSYCHIC BOOMERANG

Pietro Campanile

We may not often think about how much styles and habits change as the years roll by. Take fashion for instance: if you look at a movie scene of a crowd shot fifty years ago you will notice that almost every single man is wearing a hat. Nowadays you would be lucky to find one in a hundred. Surprisingly enough, bridge is no exception and perusing the records of events played sixty or more years ago one sees a huge difference in the auctions as opposed to today's ones. Bidding was less partnership oriented and more of a one-man show: sequences like 1♥-3♥-6♥, when successful, would be taken as examples of great judgment and psychic bidding was considered a normal expert gadget to fool the opposition. The latter became so popular in the thirties that when Hal and Dorothy Sims, two of the leading experts of the time, wrote a manual on Contract Bridge, they dedicated more than 30 pages to the subject. Here is how Dorothy Sims runs through the mental checks the would-be psychic bidder needs to be aware of:

"A hand may often need a certain amount of preparation. Firstly to be sure that you are in the right contract and secondly, that the correct hand is declarer. For instance I recently held:

♠ Q J 5 4
 ♥ 7 6 5
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ A K 3

Not wishing to open 1♠ on ♠ QJxx and not willing to chance 1NT without a heart stopper, I opened 1♥!!! reserving the option, should partner support me, to then announce No Trumps. Partner replied 1♠. Three spades was my next call followed by 3NT from partner.

Knowing that a fine player must have at least one honour in my suit to bid 3NT(!!!), I scented something fishy. You see, my double raise in spades stated clearly that according to my judgment the hand must be played there, so partner must have some reason for deliberately rejecting my advice. So I passed. We got a top board as this was partner's holding:

♠ 3 2
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ Q J 7 6 5 3 2
 ♣ J 4

Given the incredible bidding and the even more amazing inferences on the lines of "It takes one to know one", it is easy to see how much times have changed!! Dorothy's advice would be today considered much more suited to a game like poker with its bluff and counter-bluff nuances and would surely appall a modern bridge player. In fact, the popularity of psychic bidding declined as bidding systems became more accurate and by the late 50s there were only a few top experts who would indulge in it. Most of those were British: players like Adam Meredith, Skid Simon, Harrison Gray and, later, Boris Shapiro, Jeremy Flint and John Collings were known for the occasional psyche which sometimes would work and more often would lead to catastrophic results.

Let us go back to the 1965 European Championships, a time where psychic bidding had almost completely disappeared as expert practice. In the match between England and Germany there was a rather interesting result in this board:

Dealer: West ♠ Q 5 2
 Vul: E/W ♥ 8 3
 ♦ Q 10 9 4 3
 ♣ 10 7 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Deneke	Cansino	Chodziesner	Collings
2♣	Pass	2♥	4♠
5NT	7♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

The German West opened 2♣, not my favourite call with his hand as it makes too difficult to bid its shape accurately. North passed and Chodziesner in East replied 2♥. Collings decided to stir the waters bidding 4♠!!! His plan may have been to retreat to 5♣ after he got doubled and hope to get the opponents to double him again in what looked like to be a very cheap save given the favourable vulnerability.

Alas, Deneke realized that he could now count on partner to take care of his two small spades and continued with 5NT asking East to specify if he held a top honour in hearts. Cansino was not a shy bidder himself and since he thought to have no defense against 7♥ (I am sure that he would never dreamed of considering the ♠Q as a potential defensive trick!), he bid 7♠ which became the final contract, well 7♠ doubled actually.

So it was that John Collings found himself playing in 7♠ with a trump holding of ♠Q-5-2 facing ♠10-6! The British declarer guessed to rise with the ♠Q when West tried to slip past him a deceptive ♠9 and added a diamond ruff and the DxQ to gather three tricks and finish only 10 down! 7♠ doubled -10 was 1900 at the old scoring table for a loss of 14 IMPs when at the other table the Germans found a rather better spot to sacrifice in: 7♣, which went five off. After the match the psyche caused an enormous backlash in England and Collings was widely censored for his recklessness and his disregard of team spirit, yet I must admit that I would apportion some of the blame also to Cansino for his strange 7♠ bid. The idea of high level sacrificing is to find a cheaper spot but also to give the opponents a guess: 6♠ is a much better bid and might have reaped ample

dividends if the Germans had gone on to 7♥. As it happened it would also have given Collings the chance to retreat to 7♣ and save himself acute embarrassment.

As Dorothy Sims put it in the final lines of her chapter on psychic bidding:

“One partner can make a dangerous bid; but it generally takes cooperation to turn it into an utter disaster”.



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BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

North (Dummy)

♠ 7 5

West

♠ J 8 6 4 2

Against no-trumps you lead the ♠4, ♠5 ♠10 from East – ♠A from South. What is South's holding in this suit? What do you play when you regain the lead?

Solution: When the card led is not winning the trick and dummy plays low, third hand normally plays high. From equally high cards, third player plays the cheapest. With ♠K-10 or ♠Q-10, East should have played the higher honour. That means declarer has the ♠K and ♠Q as well as the ace. In addition, since third player plays the cheapest of equally high cards, the card played by third hand as third-hand-high denies the next lower card. Thus the ten denies the nine. Hence declarer began with ♠A-K-Q-9 and the layout is probably like this:

	North	
	♠ 7 5	
West		East
♠ J 8 6 4 2		♠ 10 3
	South	
	♠ A K Q 9	

When you regain the lead you should play some suit other than this one. If you play it again you will be giving declarer a fourth trick there.

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Pair	Average	Pair	Average		
1	Graham CARSON - Ian PICK	59.26	23	Del DUDMAN - Judith BENNETT	50.36
2	Sheena POLLOCK - Denise MERRIN	58.56	24	Suzi LEDGER - Barbara SIMPSON	49.83
3	Charlotte HARRISON - Shelley TAYLOR	57.98	25	Lucy PARKER - Lesley MEYER	49.61
4	Keith THORBURN - Diana BERGMARK	57.81	26	Sally MORTON - Derek PONSFORD	49.47
5	Fiona LAW - Norma HALE	56.84	27	Roland TREVISANELLO - Louise SMITH	48.72
6	Terry CLARKE - Sean QUINN	56.70	27	Ian HOSCHKE - Sylvia BILLINGHAM	48.72
7	Chris GARVEY - Geoff SAXBY	55.69	29	Raymond POWLEY - Susan POWLEY	47.58
8	Gabrielle ELICH - Justine WLODARCZYK	55.38	30	Joan ELLIOTT - Margaret DOUSSET	47.31
9	Marylou SHAW - Michelle JAMES	55.25	31	Deanne GASKILL - Ming Shu YANG	47.27
10	Odette HALL - Connie CASSAR	54.94	32	Susan WRIGHT - Patricia GARNER	47.05
11	Rena INDERMAUR - Annie SINCLAIR	53.27	33	Valerie BUCK - Yvonne WAIN	47.00
12	Anne RUSSELL - Diane MCCLINTOCK	53.09	34	Anita TAYLOR - Susan MCLEAN	46.83
13	Reid ARCHIBALD - Cheryl ARCHIBALD	52.52	35	Al WANG - Rhonda WANG	46.70
13	Helen BLAIR - Anthony MARSLAND	52.52	36	Lesley BOWEN-THOMAS - Charles BOWEN	46.65
15	Sonia BRODMAN - Jackie YUNG	51.81	37	Denise COLLISTER - Robyn HENWOOD	46.21
16	John WILSON - Geoff WILLSON	51.77	38	Leonie ELPHINSTONE - May WADDELL	45.81
17	Julie STOCKLEY - Wendy CROMBIE	51.41	39	Sandra COOL - Daniele ESCREET	45.59
18	Kenneth GRIGGS - Fay JEPPESEN	51.37	40	Karin IOVANNELLA - Leonie BROWN	44.09
19	Leslie DECKER - Rosemary MCCALLUM	51.24	41	Stephanie MATHEWS - Martie PETTIFER	41.80
20	Georgina HOWITT - Ann CARTER	50.75	42	Marguerite BETTINGTON - Jan DEAVILLE	38.41
21	Renuka MAHADEVAN - Lyn TRACEY	50.58	43	John BURT - Janice LITTLE	38.01
22	John KENNY - Frank COARD	50.53	44	Mike SCOTT - Bev SCOTT	37.83

Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	1	Margaret Bourke - Neil Ewart - Felicity Beale - Robbie Van Riel	103.85
2	13	Judith Gaspar - Pablo Lambardi - Anna St Clair - Dee Harley	90.56
3	17	George Biro - Kitty Biro - Desmond Mcglashan - Megan McGlashan	87.45
4	2	Mike Robson - Betty Lee - Alan Smith - Robyn Clayton	83.94

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	6	Arber	83.41	16	7	Palmer	66.08
6	11	Curry	82.63	17	24	Mitchell	64.01
7	9	Martin	82.07	18	4	Smee	62.97
8	16	Perl	79.74	19	12	Weathered	61.09
9	8	Korenhof	78.03	20	19	Long	60.07
10	10	Marr	77.71	21	20	Grant	57.60
11	5	Schokman	77.26	22	21	Baker	55.82
12	3	Wallis	71.38	23	23	Doddridge	55.67
13	14	Meldrum	69.68	24	25	Lawrence	53.44
14	15	Moffat	67.80	25	18	Pollett	42.49
15	26	Millar	66.45	26	22	Mundell	38.80

Friday Teams

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	8	Andy Hung - Liam Milne - Michael Whibley - Adam Edgton	108.45
2	9	Chris Williams - Ian Lincoln - Helen Wilson - Jane North	92.55
3	14	Peter Grant - Tony Marinos - Arjuna De Livera - Elizabeth Havas	87.81
4	18	Kathie De Palo - Carol Sheldrake - Margaret Driscoll - Philip Moroney	79.89

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	19	Nice	78.67	13	10	Mould	66.95
6	1	Millar	78.15	14	3	Tully	64.31
7	11	Halford	74.19	15	17	Watson	57.17
8	6	Dickson	71.89	16	16	Roughley	54.15
9	12	Bugeia	71.16	17	13	Jones	53.07
10	15	Mcdonald	70.99	18	2	Ohlsen	51.85
11	5	Porter	70.84	19	20	Edwards	50.93
12	7	Hoenig	67.68	20	4	O'Brien	49.30

Holiday Pairs Event 3 Session 1

Pair	N-S	Average	Pair	E-W	Average
		Score			Score
1	Linda OSMUND - Danny OSMUND	63.26	1	Mary RYAN - Sunil MUKHERJEE	62.64
2	Dale PEAK - Roger PEAK	58.97	2	Paul THIEM - Jim WOOD	57.97
3	Kay GOODWIN - Sharon CLIFFORD	57.39	3	Daniel HATCHER - Michael AIKIN	57.05
4	Larry ATTWOOD - Kathryn ATTWOOD	54.04	4	Jane SWANSON - Lance COFFEY	55.68
5	Philip HOULTON - Rod BINSTED	53.07	5	Robert SUTTON - Robert COWLEY	55.46
6	Helen FLEET - Robert FLEET	52.27	6	Jillian GRIFFITH - Norma BROWNE	51.28
7	Teena MCKENZIE - Jane GRAY	51.43	7	Carol COWLEY - Sandor VARGA	50.16
8	Fran CAMPBELL - Sallie QUARLES	48.51	8	Rob GAULT - Rob ZIFFER	49.86
9	Dawn BENES - Glenys BOBERMIEN	48.16	9	Catherine MCPAUL - John CORREY	49.61
10	Gail PERRY - Tom LYONS	47.28	10	Robert HURST - Robin ERSKINE	49.20
11	Edith GRUNWALD - Elaine WARD	47.14	11	Sue DUFF - Suzanne ROBINSON	48.78
12	Malcolm ADAMS - Prunella ADAMS	46.10	12	Anne GHUSN - Tony GHUSN	48.22
13	William HEATH - John BELWARD	45.34	13	Minnie BRAGG - Chris BRAGG	46.97
14	Thea CATSOULIS - Ann SLADE	44.64	14	Margaret BRADFORD - Carol MCALISTER	46.70
15	Carol HOCKING - Jill THEAKSTONE	44.03	15	Bruce GOUGH - Joan ANDERSON	42.17
16	Lillian PEARCE - Marcia KRAMPPEL	38.37	16	Paddie ENGLEMAN - Molly BUTCHER	40.34
			17	Dianne MUSGRAVE - Denise CRANFIELD	37.12

Holiday Pairs Event 3 Session 2

Pair	N-S	Average	Pair	E-W	Average
		Score			Score
1	Robin ERSKINE - Robert HURST	63.41	1	Arthur ROBBINS - Gary RIDGWAY	65.22
2	Linda OSMUND - Danny OSMUND	61.89	2	Jenna GIBBONS - Julian FOSTER	62.62
3	Douglas NEWLANDS - David HAPPELL	59.78	3	Paul THIEM - Jim WOOD	54.21
4	Cheryl HENSEL - Denise RICHARDS	55.38	4	Margaret WALTERS - Phil GUE	53.21
5	Larry ATTWOOD - Kathryn ATTWOOD	53.04	4	Philip HOULTON - Rod BINSTED	53.21
6	David STEWART - Diana STEWART	51.32	6	Bruce GOUGH - Joan ANDERSON	53.11
7	Garry SMITH - Marleen SMITH	50.68	7	Robert FLEET - Helen FLEET	52.35
8	William HEATH - John BELWARD	50.64	8	Robert SUTTON - Robert COWLEY	49.73
9	Edith GRUNWALD - Elaine WARD	50.27	9	Dasha BRANDT - David BOWERMAN	49.55
10	Barbara HUNTER - Judy PAUL	49.00	10	Margaret LIVERSAGE - Sharon CLIFFORD	47.01
11	Lilli ALLGOOD - Gordon SHINEWELL	44.85	11	Anne ROSENGREN - Molly BUTCHER	46.29
12	Sandra HILTON - Mary STALEY	44.34	12	Jane SWANSON - Lance COFFEY	44.76
13	Gail PERRY - Tom LYONS	42.96	13	June PERRY - Henry HIRSCHHORN	44.22
14	Dale PEAK - Roger PEAK	42.95	14	Rhonda THORPE - Rowan CORBETT	42.63
15	Carol HOCKING - Jill THEAKSTONE	41.24	15	Minnie BRAGG - Chris BRAGG	41.87
16	Thea CATSOULIS - Ann SLADE	38.26	16	Maureen CHAPMAN - Kevin MCMENAMIN	40.02

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3	176	Kelvin RAYWOOD - Martin	103.27	133	221	Deborah COOPER - Bruce BATCHELOR	69.05
4	5	Sue INGHAM - Michael COURTNEY	102.34	134	200	Ellie SPIRO - Beth GUTTERIDGE	68.88
5	43	Michael WILKINSON - Susan	99.60	135	190	Frank KOVACS - David MCRAE	68.84
6	47	Niek VAN VUCHT - Judith TOBIN	98.24	136	141	Vona HADFIELD - Lynn BAKER	68.82
7	107	Geoff EYLES - Anne SOMERVILLE	98.18	137	96	Ken CARMICHAEL - Glenys DEAN	68.56
8	62	Patricia HOBSON - Helen	96.63	138	146	Elaine LEACH - John BROCKWELL	68.49
9	83	Herve CHEVAL - Gilles JOSNIN	96.14	139	130	Tipa GOODWIN - Ella GRAY	68.45
10	243	Carol DE LUCA - Bev HENTON	95.56	140	89	Richard TOUTON - Ryan TOUTON	68.22
11	234	Susan RODGERS - Diana STAGG	95.31	141	121	Lisa MA - Emlyn WILLIAMS	67.99
12	98	Lyn MULLER - Sandra CALVERT	94.75	142	12	Vivienne OTTO - Freda HADWEN	67.91
13	85	Alan GLASSON - Geoff THOMAS	94.21	143	115	Jan TUNKS - Jan CLYNE	67.77
14	33	Eva SAMUEL - Jeff FUST	93.50	144	218	Pam SCHOEN - Phil HALE	67.72
15	75	Michael JOHNSON - Michael SIMES	93.27	145	15	Eva BERGER - Kathy JOHNSON	67.69
16	188	Bente HANSEN - Madge MYBURGH	92.94	146	39	Ivy LUCK - John LUCK	67.50
17	125	Wayne BURROWS - Kaylee LEMON	92.42	147	203	Margaret AISTON - Jenny CRAWT	67.49
18	231	Judy HOLDOM - Jenny CLEAVER	92.14	148	131	Lorraine CARR - John KABLE	67.40
19	28	Judith APFELBAUM - Trish THATCHER	91.21	149	26	Ken MOFFITT - Sue MOFFITT	67.36
20	159	Diane QUIGLEY - Ross GYDE	89.72	150	14	Gwen CORDINGLEY - Desma	67.22
21	140	Peter HAINSWORTH - Joan BUTTS	89.69	151	73	Wendy HARMAN - Carmen JACKSON	66.95
22	21	Magnus MOREN - Paul WYER	89.68	152	147	Marilyn WHIGHAM - Judy WULFF	66.77
23	59	Richard GRENSIDE - Sue GRENSIDE	89.32	154	184	Marian OBENCHAIN - Tania GARIEPY	66.72
24	67	Tony BOND - Tony ONG	89.02	153	195	Ruth YOUNG - Dale WELLS	66.73
25	194	Michael PEMBERTON - Graham	88.76	155	227	Brian FITZSIMONS - Mairi FITZSIMONS	66.71
26	102	Edward BURROWES - James COUTTS	88.75	156	166	Coral AIKIN - Linda ABBENBROEK	66.54
27	222	Matt BLACKHAM - Michele	88.06	157	69	Julie SHERIDAN - Karen MARTELLETTI	66.50
28	158	Peter STRASSER - Peter FORDHAM	87.76	158	36	Katrina HEWINGS - Jenny WILLIAMS	66.48
29	138	Maxim HENBEST - Kim MORRISON	87.56	159	167	Jim THATCHER - Carolyn SEYMOUR	66.44
30	116	Judy JOHNSON - Joan MCCARTHY	87.14	160	260	Roy ROBERTS - Barbara COXON	66.22

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31	53	Ellie FITZ-GERALD - Jim FITZ-	85.99	161	135	Brian HORAN - Lorraine COLLINS	65.50
32	111	Catherine RITTER - Moss WYLIE	85.60	162	199	Brian LEACH - Peter MIKA	65.48
33	173	Don LEVIN - Bob ASHMAN	85.39	163	66	Noriko NISHIGAMI - Trevor	65.43
34	161	Mahinder RANDHAWA - Ruth	84.86	164	51	Larry MOSES - John GOUGH	65.28
35	31	Heather CUSWORTH - Frances	84.67	165	124	Ron HUMPHREYS - Warren LUEY	65.16
35	81	Lorraine STACHURSKI - Mindy WU	84.67	166	191	Trish ANAGNOSTOU - Gillian	64.75
37	9	Eric HURLEY - Janet BROWN	84.66	167	60	Sue EASTMAN - Diane NICHOLS	64.72
38	23	Sharmini HOOLE - David ANDERSON	84.50	168	122	Karen ERENSTROM - James FYFE	64.38
39	55	Pele RANKIN - Anita CURTIS	84.35	169	232	Patricia MANN - Ron SPEISER	64.34
40	82	Robin WEBCKE - Julia GARDINER	84.22	170	187	Tessa TOWNEND - Colleen GRANT	64.28
41	87	Ervin OTVOSI - Jeremi STEPINSKI	84.14	171	171	Carol WILSON - Laurie-Mar	64.13
42	113	Roman MORAWIECKI - Lynne GRAY	84.10	172	259	Sue BROWN - Robert BROWN	63.79
42	103	Frances THOMPSON - Ken SMITH	84.10	173	151	John LANHAM - Donna SMITH	63.76
44	169	Hugh MCALISTER - Diana	83.53	174	88	Sue CHAPMAN - Sally MOORE	63.58
45	78	Rosemary GLASTONBURY - Marlies	83.46	175	16	Beryl DAWSON - Maureen COOKSLEY	63.28
46	46	Alan DAVIES - Vivien ELDRIDGE	83.39	176	49	Kerry WOOD - Charles HOWARD	63.22
47	252	Graham RUSHER - Stephen STENING	82.97	177	214	Gabor FLEISZIG - Janina FLEISZIG	63.21
48	237	Johan ROOSE - Judith ROOSE-	82.84	178	50	Rodney CURTIN - Heather ENGLAND	62.72
49	58	Lex RANKE - Jack ROHDE	82.82	179	3	Bill HUNT - Rosa LACHMAN	62.62
50	61	Alasdair BECK - Tom KISS	82.81	180	29	Tom STRONG - Edda STRONG	62.28
51	150	Tony HUTTON - Malcolm CARTER	82.72	181	145	David SHARMAN - Irene HAMILTON	62.25
52	226	Shirley WANZ - Susanne MOULD	82.59	182	114	Murray WIGGINS - Rosa MISHKIN	62.19
54	30	Simon STANCU - Alex DUMITRESCU	82.50	183	93	Eileen LI - Charlie LU	62.13
53	162	Ranjit LIMAYE - Michael DRAPER	82.51	184	233	Benjamin RIEDLER - Roger CAEL	62.04
55	41	Sophie ASHTON - Paul GOSNEY	82.38	185	257	Patricia KNIGHT - Eileen GRAY	62.02
56	99	Roger THOMAS - Margaret DYER	81.87	186	77	Timothy RIDLEY - David HARRIS	61.93
57	7	Nicky STRASSER - George BILSKI	81.83	187	241	Allan MORRIS - Beverley MORRIS	61.03
58	17	Nicoleta GIURA - Nick HUGHES	81.72	188	63	Ian BROOKES - Joyce O'BRIEN	60.46
59	230	Paul WEAVER - Terry BODYCOTE	81.34	189	48	Andrew WOOLLONS - Richard FOX	60.41
60	92	Russell WILSON - Alister STUCK	81.29	190	10	Jens NORLYNG - Annabel NORLYNG	60.37
61	27	Greg MAYO - Sharon MAYO	81.09	191	224	Eileen JOSEY - Valma MCCLEMENT	60.34
62	109	Errol MILLER - Dorothy GEHRKE	80.97	192	86	Mary PENINGTON - Margaret	60.27
63	137	Peter EVANS - Tony TRELOAR	80.95	193	182	Theo MANGOS - Leigh FORAN	59.81
64	19	Leigh GOLD - Maurice BRUMER	80.84	194	193	Dianne MULLIN - Eddie MULLIN	59.75
65	156	Paula MCLEISH - David MCLEISH	80.63	195	196	Kath POOLE - Monica DARLEY	59.61
66	123	Maruta BOYD - Bert FORAGE	80.31	196	229	Geoffrey NORRIS - Erin BATCHELOR	59.47
67	133	Stephen GRAY - Lindsey GUY	80.06	197	22	Frances GARRICK - Bruce DAGLISH	59.45
68	209	Bianca GOLD - Tere WOTHERSPOON	79.95	198	201	Keith LONG - Brodie LOXTON	59.40
69	72	Joy TRIGG - Karin OLISLAGERS	79.87	200	185	Edgar BECKETT - Janice BECKETT	59.36
70	11	Helen MILWARD - Eily URBACH	79.61	199	139	Ruth CHAPMAN - Lucy BARUA	59.38
71	225	Glen COUTTS - James FERGUSON	79.55	201	108	Lorraine INGLIS - Judy PLIMMER	59.26
72	142	Jeannette COLLINS - Peter KAHLER	79.49	202	164	Sally CLARKE - Garry CLARKE	59.22
73	45	Mirosław MILASZEWSKI - Andrzej	79.36	203	170	Ronald SMITH - Anne SMALL	59.01
74	100	John NEWMAN - Michael GEARING	79.21	204	118	Catherine ANG - Chris MARSHALL	58.84
75	91	Kaye HART - Jeff CARBERRY	79.07	205	54	Paul BRAKE - Margaret CHESSER	58.80
76	1	Terry BROWN - Peter BUCHEN	78.94	206	219	Eric BAKER - Chris STEAD	58.63
77	148	Jill MAGEE - Terry STRONG	78.64	207	94	Debbie MCLEOD - Will ADLER	58.51
78	179	Lise ALLAN - Rilla ENGLAND	78.63	208	186	Ken STORR - Phaik YAO	58.45
79	249	Yuzhong CHEN - Gary FOIDL	78.16	209	57	Betty PRIESTLEY - Patricia LACEY	58.37
80	105	Rosalind TREND - Alan HARROP	78.14	210	228	Steven WHITE - Christina MACQUARRIE	58.22
81	180	Adam RUTKOWSKI - Judy MARKS	77.86	211	212	Connie SCHOUTROP - Jan MALINAS	58.06
82	217	Alan DORMER - Peter BACH	77.79	212	236	Derek STRINGFELLOW - Eunice	57.79
83	256	Pat WALKER - Ian LISLE	77.30	213	20	Ros WARNOCK - Valerie ISLE	57.65
84	52	Arthur BENNETT - Gillian BENNETT	77.19	214	35	Ann MELLINGS - Marion SPURRIER	57.56
85	168	George FINIKIOTIS - Milan DUROVIC	76.93	215	181	Margie KNOX - Barry O'DONOHUE	57.42
86	38	Bert ROMEIJN - Chris FERNANDO	76.91	216	120	Barbara DALY - Lyn MANSFIELD	57.30
87	153	Carolyn LEACH - Sandy LEACH	76.55	217	74	Carole HAMILTON - Elizabeth	57.26
88	192	Tony BERGER - Merle BOGATIE	76.31	218	80	Barbara O'CONNOR - Robin	56.97
89	202	Maggie CALLANDER - Alison TALBOT	75.74	219	112	Morgan SVENSSON - Xue Kui JI	56.57
90	258	Veronica ROZIER - Cheryl STONE	75.65	220	34	Helen CRISP - Carolyn ROXBURGH	56.43
91	177	Jan RANDALL - Peter RANDALL	75.27	221	97	Betty MILL - Vicki TAYLOR	56.35
92	172	Ken WILKS - Rosalie BROUGHTON	75.08	222	246	Donald KNAGGS - Vicky LISLE	56.29
93	84	Noel GRIGG - Bruce TURNER	74.79	223	110	Rosemary MATSKOWS - Gillian	55.98
94	216	Brian CLEAVER - Mark SIEGRIST	74.49	224	205	Susanne GAMMON - Helen HELLSTEN	55.71
95	248	Denise KEENAN - Jenny HOMER	74.44	225	253	Lucie ARMSTRONG - Rua FREEBORN	55.43
96	215	Brian SOUTTER - Diana SAVILL	74.37	226	134	Marilyn CHADWICK - Toni SHARP	54.81

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97	155	Jenny DATE - Jacqui MORTON	73.84	227	25	Astrid GONCHAROFF - James WALLIS	54.27
98	143	Joan WALDVOGEL - Max WIGBOUT	73.79	228	189	Kemal AVUNDUK - Kiyomi AVUNDUK	54.08
99	6	Michael STONEMAN - Val ROLAND	73.75	229	127	Bruce FRASER - Helen KEMP	54.06
10	220	Marie PURKISS - Toni DIXON	73.52	230	255	Janice QUIGLEY - Barbara GORDON	53.90
10	129	Freda BANNER - Helen STEWART	73.43	231	132	Charles PAGE - Terry SHEADY	53.51
10	13	Annette MALUISH - Neville FRANCIS	73.26	232	64	Frank VEARING - Jo-Anne HEYWOOD	53.38
10	144	Julia HOFFMAN - Noelene LAW	72.96	233	90	Brian ASHWELL - Wayne GYDE	52.75
10	56	Tony JACOB - Stephanie JACOB	72.86	234	4	Penny SYKES - Elizabeth FRENCH	52.36
10	152	Kuldip BEDI - Robert MILWARD	72.78	235	119	Ian PATTERSON - Phil RAINS	52.12
10	238	Susan SYKES - Gerard PALMER	72.55	236	104	Helen HEALY - Tim HEALY	52.08
10	223	Noel WOODHALL - Brett GLASS	72.52	237	18	Fifine HUTTON - Wendy HUTTON	51.75
10	71	Jeanne HEY - Joan VALENTINE	72.41	238	157	Peter NILSSON - Deborah NILSSON	51.74
10	32	Kathy PALMER - Helen CLAYTON	72.40	239	206	Jan HACKETT - Tom HACKETT	51.33
11	136	Andrew HEGEDUS - Andrew MILL	72.35	240	251	Lesley GILHOOLY - Paula JENNER	50.59
11	178	Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ	72.25	241	250	Val CHURCHILL - Helga CORBETT	49.61
11	154	Nicole MCMANAMNY - Kathy YANG	72.21	242	183	Jillian TUCKEY - Rozanne THOMAS	49.41
11	37	Pam MORGAN-KING - Leigh	72.18	243	175	Ken MOSCHNER - Saftica POPA	47.47
11	76	Greg NICHOLSON - Jean BARBOUR	72.03	244	42	Robina MCCONNELL - Eugene	46.53
11	126	Peter LANGSTON - Marit LANGSTON	71.94	245	24	Robert WYLIE - Merleine WYLIE	46.15
11	240	Arch MORRISON - Ines DAWES	71.77	246	242	Therese GARBUTT - Vivian ZOTTI	45.74
11	106	Bev GUILFORD - Sue SPENCER	71.72	247	8	Chris TURNER - Ian BRASH	45.03
11	197	Cecile SENIOR - Gwenda MEALYEA	71.60	248	211	Barbara STARR-NOLAN - Jocelyn	44.68
11	245	Jill CHURCH - Rhondda SWEETMAN	71.60	249	40	Darrell WILLIAMS - Jackie WILLIAMS	44.53
12	244	Christine HOUGHTON - Wayne	71.40	250	213	Terence FARRALL - Betty DAY	44.39
12	239	Bruce INGLIS - Stephen GOODMAN	71.32	251	235	Stephen BARON - Anita THIRTLE	43.97
12	165	Bev CROSSMAN - Bruce CROSSMAN	71.05	252	44	John COX - Margaret PISKO	43.38
12	210	Denis GRAHAME - Jeanette	70.94	253	149	Gwen GRAY - Lyn TURNER	42.64
12	128	Michael NEELS - Jan SPAANS	70.84	254	70	Helen KITE - Helen ROLLOND	42.52
12	204	Peter ANDERSSON - Ashok TULPULE	70.59	255	208	Bill NASH - Alex MCAULEY	41.96
12	65	Pat BACK - Jim ASCIONE	70.45	256	160	Ron LORRAWAY - Jan DOONER	39.72
12	101	Gizella MICKEVICS - Mary	70.43	257	117	Lex BOURKE - Lesley BEASLEY	39.29
12	2	Heather FLANDERS - Judith CRAFTI	70.38	258	95	Sandra MILNER - Jeanette REITZER	38.87
12	247	Kate TERRY - Tracey LEWIS	69.73	259	163	Marion BUCENS - Mike ROBERTSON	38.05
13	174	John JOHNSON - Geoff ALLEN	69.47	260	68	Joan LECKIE - Margaret WILLIAMSON	28.27

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Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	27	Deana WILSON - Jo SKLARZ	108.16	31	5	Christine PERKINS - Yvonne HOUBOLT	68.48
2	51	Dennis SULLIVAN - Sheila WILLS	98.33	32	26	Arjen DRAAISMA - Margot HARRIS	68.40
3	56	Maurice LOOMES - Rachael LOOMES	93.54	33	34	Neil STRUTTON - Helen CHAMBERLIN	67.17
4	36	Alan BOYCE - Monica PRITCHARD	93.43	34	17	Anne MCNAUGHTON - Margot MOYLAN	67.12
5	7	Jennifer HOLLINGWORTH - Peter COPPIN	90.21	35	15	Dot PIDDINGTON - Carole ROACHE	66.63
6	32	Margaret ROGERS - John ROGERS	86.27	36	2	Robyn CLARK - Brigid MARLAND	65.85
7	60	Allan PIKE - Kathryn HAWKE	85.50	37	41	Renee HOY - Lynette FRASER	65.80
8	46	Wendy GIBSON - Misako JAMES	85.38	38	42	Paul WILLIAMS - Barry WILLIAMS	65.34
9	57	Keith MABIN - Fiona SMITH	84.71	39	14	Archibald FRASER - Greta DAVIS	64.93
10	38	Cassie MORIN - Helen ARENDTS	84.51	40	20	Nannette JONES - Renate PETTIT	64.85
11	3	Gregory GOSNEY - Judy WILKINSON	84.33	41	23	Gordon BROADLEY - Ian BROADLEY	64.39
12	18	Malcolm MOORE - Fran MARTIN	81.79	42	35	Barbara WIPPELL - Brian WIPPELL	63.70
13	39	Barbara O'SHEA - Glenda PARMENTER	81.20	43	47	Margaret BAKER - Audrey WEBSTER	63.26
14	50	Carole ROBINSON - Susan O'NEILL	79.46	44	31	Jim TAYLOR - Cora TAYLOR	59.84
15	24	Ella LUPUL - George LUPUL	78.41	45	19	Marie IRVING - Allison SIMON	59.04
16	4	Camille HIRSCHOWITZ - Allan ROSENBERG	77.63	46	49	Norma CAMERON - Patrick EATHER	59.02
17	22	Peter SCHMIDT - Suzanne SCHMIDT	76.62	47	43	Raymond JONES - Rita JONES	59.01
18	58	Max GILBERT - Kathy GILBERT	76.39	48	53	Peter HOOPER - Susie HERRING	58.33
19	29	Kevin BALKIN - Pauline BALKIN	76.13	49	12	David CORNEY - Margaret CORNEY	57.80
20	40	Malcolm CLIFT - Kathy CLIFT	75.91	50	8	Jessica MORRIS - Patricia POMEROY	57.60
21	9	Evelyn STEPHENSON - Linda HEALY	75.41	51	10	Janette KOLLISCH - Natasha THOMAS	55.20
22	16	Diana PERRY - Heather BROATCH	74.99	52	37	Diane CONNORS - Sally GRAHAM	55.18
23	13	Genie HARBAND - Lea WOOLF	74.93	53	52	Faye BELL - Jennifer MILLAR	54.07
24	1	Hope TOMLINSON - Martin JOHNSON	74.83	54	59	Ian CAMERON - Daria WILLIAMS	53.64
25	55	Dov BERNS - Sandra BERNS	74.75	55	30	George KRUZ - Milton HART	52.31
26	6	John SHARP - Meg SHARP	72.89	56	45	Helen BARKER - Anne SHEARER	49.37
27	33	Ashok CHOTAI - Veena CHOTAI	72.05	57	25	Wendy MCENTEGART - Nicolette BARTOLI	48.60
28	11	Arne JONSBORG - John LAHEY	71.12	58	28	Gwyneth HOPKINS - Linda WHITE	48.44
29	48	Heath COOK - Barry COOK	70.40	59	21	Wendy BRISTOW - Trish DOLPHIN	46.73
30	54	Maureen TREACEY - Kath PEEVER	69.98	60	44	Barbara ANDERSON - Janet BELL	45.80

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

216×		0-		480×	6+
0-				15+	9+
1-		15+			
7+			2:		

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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				1			8	5
7				9		2		
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YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

6×	3	2	9+	1	4	6	6	1-	7	7-	0	0×	5
4-	5	0:	3	4	2:	1	2	2	6	7	7	0	0
	1	0	2:	3	2	12+	5	48×	4	6	6	7	7
9+	4	5	6	0:	0	7	2	3	3	1	1	1	1
4-	7	1	0:	5	6	0:	0	2-	3	2	2-	4	4
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6	5-	7	2	5	0×	1	0	4	4	4	3	3	3

YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

LISTEN UP

An (Insert a nationality of your choice – see how PC your editors can be), who had a little too much to drink, is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road.

A cop pulls him over.

"So", says the cop to the driver, "Where have ya been"?

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well", says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening".

"I did all right", the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know", says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car"?

"Oh, thank heavens", sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf".

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