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WINNERS WINNERS EVERYWHERE



Winners Seniors Teams
Arjuna De Livera, Elizabeth Havas, Alan Walsh
and Barbara McDonald 110-78.1 IMPs

Runners-Up Seniors Teams
Roger Januszke, John Zollo, Peter Chan
and Robert Sebesfi



Winners Intermediate Teams
Margaret Rogers, John Rogers, Sue Moffitt
and Ken Moffitt 100.1-73 IMPs

Runners-Up Intermediate Teams
David Johnson, Mandy Johnson, Ian Doland
and John Watson



Winners Restricted Teams
Jessica Chew, Rez Karim, Yuning Zheng
and Zhongjie Xiao 114-76.1 IMPs

Runners-Up Restricted Teams
Kinga Hajmasi, Andrew Michl, Barry Whale
and Jody Whale



Winners Novice Teams
Allan Byrnes, Steven Parkes, Unis Suliman
and Peter Taylor 137.1-57 IMPs

Runners-Up Novice Teams
Barry Koster, Kiku Mukai, Loretta Lovett
and Peter Heard



Missing yesterday due to work commitments
Standing: Therese Tully, Tournament Organiser.
Seated: Gay Tully, Hospitality and Anne Russell
Photography.

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND



These guys are in charge of transporting you to and from the venue.

Geoff Goulding and Ben Travers

Rank No.	Player	Total	Rank No.	Player	Total	Rank No.	Player	Total	Rank No.	Player	Total
1	49 Tant - Brockwell	95.7	15	21 Goodman - Webber	71.6	1	52 Elkington - Rayfield	90.3	15	5 Nugent - Iliescu	66.0
2	24 Kuo - So	86.0	16	29 Stuckey - Palmer	70.6	2	51 Miller - Silberberg	81.1	16	37 Bustany - Caust	66.0
3	5 Grant - Marinos	85.0	17	28 Norris - Allanson	69.7	3	33 Huxley - Hansen	79.8	17	45 Wilson - Willson	66.0
4	59 Hurley - Hurley	84.0	18	15 Bell - Nothing	69.1	4	32 Kerr - Kerr	79.0	18	48 Rissler - Coyle	66.0
5	25 Williams - Ma	81.0	19	14 Carter - Jones	68.3	5	70 Pinsky - Hunt	78.6	19	27 Harridge - Fouras	66.0
6	37 Brockwell - Brockwell	80.0	20	13 Burnett - Green	68.3	6	31 Skye - Laing	78.9	20	24 McDowell - Bryant	66.0
7	58 Matskowsky - Gyda	78.0	21	12 Henbest - Henbest	68.3	7	34 Harlington - Harlington	75.5	21	23 Thomson - Jarrett	66.0
8	40 Palmer - Wilson	78.0	22	11 Cogswick - Cogswick	66.0	8	29 King - King	73.0	22	22 Anderson - Smith	66.0
9	39 Tucker - Strickland	78.0	23	31 Bock - Bock	66.0	9	17 Bussell - Bussell	72.0	23	21 Reeder - Reeder	66.0
10	51 Gaspar - Small	78.0	24	13 Olsen - Olsen	63.0	10	56 List - List	69.0	24	19 Simpson - Simpson	66.0
						11	6 Day - Day	68.0			

Winners of the Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs
Kevin Tant and John Brockwell (missing)

Winners of the Friday Novice Pairs
Paul Elkington and - Trevor Rayfield

Saturday's Open Teams Final over 48 Boards

BRAUN npc
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Andy Hung - Nye Griffiths - Liam Milne - Kornel Lazar - Michael Whibley - Roger Lee
Vytautas Vainikonis - Wojtek Olanski - Mikhail Krasnoselskiy - Erikas Vainikonis

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Prizes Available in the Admin Office

OPEN

Men's: Ervin Otvosi–Kennet Christiansen–Ashley Bach–Murray Green
Overseas: Joann Sprung–Danny Sprung–Paul Lewis–Linda Lewis
Queensland: Tony Treloar–Peter Evans–Richard Fox–Andrew Woollons
Women's: Carol De Luca–Ben Henton–Cheryl Winsor–Gillian Alexander
Mixed: Vanessa Brown–Leigh Gold–William Jenner–O'Shea–Mike Doecke–Joe Haffer–Matt Smith

SENIORS

Same Sex: Martin Bloom–Nigel Rosendorff–Steven Bock–Les Grewcock
Mixed: David Stern–Robert Grynberg–Tom Moss–Dennis Zines–Sue Picus - Brent Manley

INTERMEDIATE

Same Sex: Lex Ranke–Jack Rhode–Alexander Hewart–John Dovovan
Mixed: Kevin Dean–Bob Hunt–Vivien Eldridge–Alan Davies
QLD: Stephen Hughes–Andrew Dunlop–Randall Rusk–George Kruz–Geoff Olsen–Chris Palmer

RESTRICTED

Same Sex: Andrew Gosney–Jack Luke–Paredi–Chris Later–William Brazier – Alec Gillispie
Mixed: Warren Cousins–Dell Macneik–Lanny Chan–Trevor Healey
Queensland: Gabrielle Elich–John Elich–Mearon Geldard–Jane Lindenberg

NOVICE

Same Sex: Wilma Coloper–Jennifer Simpson–Nola Anderson–Diane Smith
Mixed: Jim Skeen–Lisa Yoffa–Derek Poulton–Nick Walsh

Friday is one of our 'most number of winners' day where four divisions of the Teams are decided along with the Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and The Friday Novice Pairs. We are pleased to present our six winners as well as Runners-Up in the Teams.

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VOLUNTEERS: to all those players, friends and family members who donate their hours to make this event the success it is.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU MENTIONED ABOVE.

Therese Tully and Kim Ellaway

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 11

Barry Rigal

Dealer: West ♠ 10 6 2
Vul: Both ♥ A 10 9 7 4
Brd 4 ♦ K 10
Open Tms Qual 11 ♣ 10 7 5
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ 8 2

♠ K Q J
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 9 3
♣ A K J 6 3

♠ A 9 5
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 8 6
♣ Q 9 4

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

This board featured a Golden Yarborough (no honour cards or nines or a 16,959 to 1 chance). I was playing my fourth and last match of the event and was tempted to open the West hand. 30 years ago David Burn had done the same thing with me to talk the opponents out of slam and had told me opening was mandatory. I've done the same every time since and am definitely plus imps on the experiment.

This time I wimped out and passed, and when my partner opened a strong no-trump I used Stayman and put the dummy down in 2♦. Down two was a push; but of course N/S make 3NT in a canter and on defence to 1NTx the defence can collect 800 painlessly enough.

Dealer: East ♠ J 10 9 7 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ 8 6 5
 Brd 6 ♦ Q J 7
 Open Tms Qual 11 ♣ 9 3
 ♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ K 4 3
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ K 6 4

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

♠ K Q
 ♥ Q J 10 2
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ Q J 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
Rigal	Scales	da Rosa	Colbert
	Pass	1♦	2♣
Double	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

Maybe my 3♦ call was ill-judged but my kings looked well placed and I thought the opponents rated to have eight hearts between them. Rodrigo da Rosa received a top spade lead and won to play a diamond. Colbert won, cashed his top spade, and exited with a top club (yes a top heart would have worked better). Da Rosa won, drew a second trump, then played ♥K, ♥A and a third heart. When South won, he was end-played to lead a second club and declarer had his contract.

There WAS a second trap to the defence though. Imagine South does shift to a top heart, and da Rosa clears trumps. This is the ending:

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

It is tempting but unsuccessful for North to force declarer with a spade. East discards a club instead of ruffing and then has the timing for a club/heart squeeze on South. North must play a club or a heart – and if he leads a club then when declarer wins in dummy and puts North in with a spade (East pitching a club) North must now play a heart.

Dealer: North ♠ A 9 8 7
 Vul: E-W ♥ 10 6 4
 Brd 9 ♦ K 3
 Open Tms Qual 11 ♣ A Q 10 3
 ♠ K J 6 4 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ 7 5 2

♠ 10 3
 ♥ K 9 8 7
 ♦ A J 8 7
 ♣ K J 8

♠ Q 5
 ♥ A J 3 2
 ♦ 10 9 5 4
 ♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
Rigal	Scales	da Rosa	Colbert
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

The contract was 1NT at more tables than not. When declared by North, East was immediately end-played. A heart looks best, but when West shifts to clubs it will be very hard for East to keep his fingers off the spade 10 here. Now beating 1NT is possible – but somewhat unlikely (West needs to play diamonds through). Our teammates duly recorded +120.

At our table after an unopposed to 1NT by South it looked right to go passive with a club lead. Da Rosa won cheaply and shifted to hearts, and I continued the suit to the nine and jack. Declarer won in hand to repeat the

club finesse, Da Rosa won and played ♥K to set up the fourth round of the suit. When declarer cashed his clubs to lead a low spade to the queen and king, the defence had eight winners.

Dealer: North ♠ Q 10 6
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 10
 Brd 13 ♦ A Q J 10 5 2
 Open Tms Qual 11 ♣ 9 8
 ♠ A 9 8 4 3 2
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K 6

♠ 5
 ♥ A 7 5 4
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 10 5 3 2

♠ K J 7
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ Q J 7 4

West Rigal	North Scales	East da Rosa	South Colbert
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	1	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

This hand has a useful message I believe. Since it was one I failed to follow maybe I need to learn it too...

North leads ♥Q against 3♠ and South continues the suit, and when you play low from hand the ten appears. Who should you play for the ♠Q? Answer: nobody. Instead, drive out the club ace. If South has it and gives his partner a heart ruff they can only get one diamond trick, if he leads a diamond you cover his card to make sure he can't get back in again to give the heart ruff. Now you know to finesse in spades as North needs that card for her opening bid.

This line fails when South has two diamonds higher than the eight, but if you lead a club and it is North who has the ♣A you play trumps from the top. North can't prevent you playing winners to discard your diamond loser. What I did was play trumps from the top at once and now North can ruff a heart and lead a club to partner's ace for the killing diamond shift.

Dealer: East ♠ 8 3
 Vul: None ♥ Q 10 9 3 2
 Brd 14 ♦ Q 8 4
 Open Tms Qual 11 ♣ A 8 2
 ♠ A Q 10
 ♥ A 6 5 4
 ♦ 10 6 3
 ♣ K 5 3

♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 9 7 5 2
 ♣ Q J 6 4

♠ K 7 6 4
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 10 9 7

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

Finally, a take all your chances problem. After 1NT-3NT South finds the annoying ♣Q lead, covered all round. Back comes the ♣8, and when you cover South ducks. Clubs appear to be 4-3; which order should you take your chances?

I believe the right sequence is spade queen, heart finesse. If it loses and they cash clubs you pitch a heart from hand then win the return (a heart say) play ♠K ♠A ♥A. If neither major has split you need the diamond finesse.

An alternative might be to take the diamond finesse since if it loses you can then pitch a diamond on the fourth club. This allows you to make when ♠J is doubleton, but you don't get to test hearts 3-3.

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 12

Barry Rigal

Going into the final 14 deals of the qualifying series, I would have the opportunity to watch four contending teams fighting it out in an attempt to get to 160 (the magic number for qualifying, it would transpire). All VP numbers will be rounded for this article – as indeed many believe they should be in perpetuity, but that is another matter.

Sprung on 144 played Morrison on 142, Kanetkar on 152 played Vanessa Brown on 145.

Here are some of the highlights:

After a strong no-trump passed out, what would you lead holding:

♠ 10 6 5 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ 5 2 ?

In order my choices would be diamond, spade, club then heart. Keiran Crowe-Mai selected the heart queen; the good news was that his partner had the king, the bad news was that it was singleton, and that meant 1NT made instead of going down one. That was 5 IMPs to Sprung.

Dealer: South
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 19
 Open Tms Qual 12

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ A K J 2
 ♣ K 7 6

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

♠ K 3
 ♥ A K 5 4
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ Q 9 5 3 2

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

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

Danny and Joann Sprung stopped in 3♠ after a transfer auction following Danny's overcall of 1NT over 1♣. Linda Lewis, as South opened a weak no-trump, doubled for penalty by Morrison. Linda escaped to 2♣, and when Crowe-Mai balanced with 2♠, Morrison bid 2NT, raised to 3NT. After a club lead from North that was three down.

The same contract was reached by Doecke/Jenner-O'Shea but Kanetkar untrustingly led a diamond (surely the least likely suit for a 1♣ opener to hold). This still wasn't fatal, so long as the defenders shift to hearts when in with the first spade. When they missed their second chance, declarer had 600 (three spades, four diamonds and two clubs) and 12 IMPs against 4♠ down one in the other room for Brown.

Dealer: West
 Vul: Both
 Brd 20
 Open Tms Qual 12

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A Q 7 5 2
 ♣ Q J 7 6 4

♠ A J 7 5 4 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ K 10 6 4
 ♣ 3

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

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	4	-	3	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

Two of the four tables declared 4♠ here. After the singleton heart lead the players (Smith for the Brown team and Linda Lewis for Sprung) played it card for card the same. They cashed the aces and kings in dummy to pitch the heart, led the diamond eight to the nine ten and queen, then won the spade shift to ruff a diamond. Now they ruffed a club to hand, played ace and another spade, and could not avoid losing two diamond tricks when the jack was covered by king and ace, and their six lost to the seven. That was the Beer Card!!

Bruce Neill was in a far more parlous spot after some insouciant actions by Kanetkar.

West	North	East	South
Doecke	Kanetkar	J-O'Shea	Neill
1♦	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Double	All Pass

After Doecke's incisive trump lead, East took a very long time to play to the first trick. I'm sure it must be right to win the ♥Q and return a trump, but he took the ♥K and played back a spade. That let the queen score and now declarer must have had hopes to make. He played trumps from the top, getting the bad news, and tried to drive the ♥10. Now Jenner-O'Shea shifted to the ♦J, covered all round, and when West cashed ♦Q Neill pitched a club from dummy. A third diamond let declarer win in hand, cross to the ♣K to draw trumps, and now the spade finesse let him out with nine tricks.

Finally Chris Mulley declared 3NT on a diamond lead to the jack and king. When he took the heart finesse the defenders could run diamonds, and declarer pitched a spade from dummy gambling on the hearts running. When they didn't he took only five tricks, for down four.

Dealer: East ♠ 9
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 9 7 6
 Brd 22 ♦ K J 3
 Open Tms Qual 12 ♣ A K Q 10 8
 ♠ J 6
 ♥ A K 10 8 4 2
 ♦ A 8 7 2
 ♣ J

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

♠ K Q 7 3 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 7 6 5 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Morrison	Paul	Crowe-Mai	Linda
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	Double	3♠(fit)
4♦	5♣	5♦	6♣
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

Sprung's hopes must have been high here, where they defended 3NT down four by North on a diamond lead. But Linda Lewis got a little carried away here.

You can understand Paul's decision to bid 5♣, though double to show extras and a defensive hand might have seen him play 5♣ undoubled. As it was 5♦ makes ten tricks, but Linda was hoping for her partner's cards to be in other places. 6♣x meant a loss of 4 IMPs not a gain of 6.

Dealer: West ♠ K 10 8 6
 Vul: None ♥ 5 3
 Brd 24 ♦ A 6 2
 Open Tms Qual 12 ♣ A 10 8 7
 ♠ A 7 2
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ K 8 7 4
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ 9 5
 ♥ K Q 10 6 4 2
 ♦ Q J 10 9
 ♣ Q

♠ Q J 4 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ K 9 5 4 3

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

If you open the North hand you might get to game, and have to negotiate the restricted choice position in clubs to make. Kanetkar did open the North hand but after a 3♥ overcall Neill doubled and let Kanetkar out in 3♠ for 170. Haffer misguessed clubs in 4♠ in the other room to swing 6 out instead of 6 in. The Lewises stayed out of game and made 140, Brayshaw/Mulley bid and made game to pick up 7 IMPs. At this point Brown led by 5, Sprung by 9.

Haffer-Smith then bid to a hopeless game to swing 6 away, while the Sprungs defended part-score for 4 IMPs in. Brown had their hopes renewed on the next deal.

Dealer: East ♠ A 7 6
 Vul: Both ♥ A Q J
 Brd 26 ♦ A Q 9 4 3 2
 Open Tms Qual 12 ♣ Q
 ♠ K 4 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 10 7 6 5
 ♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ Q J 5
 ♥ K 9 7 5 4 3
 ♦ J
 ♣ A 10 8

♠ 10 9 8 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K J 7 6

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	3	-	2	♠
-	1	-	-	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	1	-	-	♣

The North players all heard 1♥ passed round to them. They doubled, and converted 1♠ to 2NT, raised to 3NT. Two tables had it relatively easy on a heart lead. They played on clubs, and when the defenders shifted to spades they set up the long spade. That meant two clubs, two spades, two hearts and three diamonds.

Paul Lewis received the ♣10 lead. He won in hand and played on diamonds from the top. To defeat the game Morrison had to shift to spades not hearts, but Crowe-Mai had called for a heart, so he followed orders. Lewis

now had two hearts, one club, one spade and five diamonds. Kanetkar received the devilish lead of $\heartsuit J$. He won in hand and played $\clubsuit Q$. Jenner-O'Shea won and played back a club, and now Kanetkar simply cashed the clubs before playing $\heartsuit K$, and it was West who had a diamond and two clubs to cash to beat him. With two boards to go both Sprung and Brown were very close to qualifying, and Kanetkar was in danger of dropping out.

Dealer: South \spadesuit Q 7 6 3 2
 Vul: None \heartsuit 7 6
 Brd 27 \diamondsuit 7 5 4
 \clubsuit A 7 5

\spadesuit 10 5
 \heartsuit 10 9 2
 \diamondsuit K Q 9 6 3 2
 \clubsuit 3 2

\spadesuit A J 8 4
 \heartsuit A K 5 4
 \diamondsuit 8
 \clubsuit J 10 8 6

\spadesuit K 9
 \heartsuit Q J 8 3
 \diamondsuit A J 10
 \clubsuit K Q 9 4

West North East South

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	4	-	4	\spadesuit
-	-	-	-	\heartsuit
1	-	1	-	\diamondsuit
-	3	-	2	\clubsuit

When Morrison held the West cards he jumped to $2\diamond$ over $1\clubsuit$ and Crowe-Mai bid 3NT. A nice shot, but after a top heart lead and spade shift declarer had only seven winners. He scrambled an 8th when South kept too many clubs on the run of the diamonds, but that was still one down. In the other room N/S bought the hand in a spade part-score for 170, and so Morrison gained 3 IMPs, and a couple of overtricks on the last deal saw a 9 IMP win for Sprung, enough to stop both teams advancing.

The real action on 27 came when Kanetkar (steaming from the previous deal?) doubled 3NT.

West	North	East	South
Doecke	Kanetkar	J-O'Shea	Neill
			$1\clubsuit$
$2\diamond$	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Neill led his club jack, and Kanetkar won and fired back a spade, letting the defenders run spades and hearts. The penalty was only 500 (another Neill revoke!) but that was still 8 IMPs to Kanetkar, enough to scramble to a 3 IMP loss, good for a qualifying place for them.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SERIES QUARTER FINAL BOARDS 1-12

Finishing first in the qualifying was Braun (NPC) Hung, Griffiths, Milne, Lazar, Whibley and Lee while second was Konig, Wallis, Nunn and Howard. These teams qualified automatically to the Friday afternoon Semi-Finals.

In the 24 board Quarter-Finals the matches would be:

- Vytautas Vainikonis, Wojtek Olanski, Mikhail Krasnoselskiy, Erikas Vainikonis and Juste Rotomskyte versus Bill Haughie, Simon Hinge, Matthew Mullamphy and Ron Klinger; and
- Avi Kanetkar, Bruce Neill, Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer versus Fiona Brown, Hugh McGann, Matthew Thomson, Michael Ware, Geo Tislevoll and David Beauchamp

Your editor's fingers are numb from all the typing this week so here is the code for the following report. MK=Mikhail=Krasnoselskiy, Vitas=Vytautas Vainikonis and EK=Erikas=Erikas Vainikonis. Poor old Wojtek Olanski just gets Olanski.

The match proved to be a three consecutive board set (3,4, and 5) as we will see.

Let's start with a lead problem:

\spadesuit 9 8 7 5 4 \heartsuit J 7 \diamondsuit 7 5 2 \clubsuit K Q 10

You hear the unopposed bidding starting on your right $1\diamond-3\diamond-3\spadesuit-5\diamond-6\diamond$ after which you have to select your lead. Thoughts?

Bill Haughie opted for the not-unreasonable $\clubsuit Q$. Your editors have discussed this and can't see any other lead that lends it itself to more worth consideration. Bad luck – you write -920 on your scorecard when only a club or heart (least likely) lead allows declarer to make.

Dealer: South ♠ K 10
 Vul: E-W ♥ 10 8 4
 Brd 3 ♦ K Q 10 8 3
 Open Tms QF1/2 ♣ J 9 5

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

♠ A
 ♥ A K 9 2
 ♦ A J 6 4
 ♣ A 7 6 4

West	North	East	South	
Olanski	Klinger	Vitas	Mullamphy	
				1♣
Pass	1♠ ^(♦s)	Pass		2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass		3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass		4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	5	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

In the Closed Room Klinger-Mullamphy played in 5♦ making 11 tricks when Olanski opted for the 'safe' diamond lead. That was 11 IMPs to Vainikonis to open the scoring.

More excitement on the very next board. Let's switch to a bidding problem. You hold the following hand and hear this auction: ♠ A Q J 4 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ — ♣ A 10 8 7 6 5.

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Klinger	V Vainikonis	Mullamphy
2♦	2♥	Double	3♦
Pass	Pass	??	

The 2♥ overcall was a takeout of hearts. Your editors were discussing this hand and one commented "I don't see any reason not to bid 4♦", and everybody nodded approvingly.

Dealer: West ♠ K 10 5 2
 Vul: Both ♥ J 6
 Brd 4 ♦ K Q 6 2
 Open Tms QF1/2 ♣ K 4 2

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

♠ 9 7 3
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ A J 8 7 3
 ♣ Q J 3

West	North	East	South	
Haughie	Mikhail	Hinge	Erikas	
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
Olanski	Klinger	Vitas	Mullamphy	
2♦ ^{WkMaj}	2♥ ^{T/O}	Double	3♦	
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
7	-	7	-	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

Well if there was no reason not to bid 4♦, we could clearly count one more reason not to do anything else. Vitas opted to bid 4♣ and watched as everybody passed. Mercifully the Vainikonis Team wasn't punished to the max when, after making 11 tricks in 4♣, the other table subsided in 4♥ making just 12 tricks when 13 were available. That was 11 IMP's back to Klinger and 11 IMPs apiece.

The third hand of the scoring trio was the very next board.

Dealer: North ♠ 6 5 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 2
 Brd 5 ♦ J 10 5 4 2
 Open Tms QF1/2 ♣ A 8

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Haughie	Mikhail	Hinge	Erikas	
				1♠
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass	
Olanski	Klinger	Vitas	Mullamphy	
				1♠
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

In the modern world 24 points seems like a good reason to bid game, whereas in the 'old world' misfits were reasons not to. And so it was on this board. In the Closed Room, Vitas took the not unreasonable approach of rebidding 3♠ to show a better than minimum hand. The quality of the suit as well as singleton adds to the merit of this bid. In the Open Room however, Hinge opted for a more conservative 2♠ rebid which is certainly understandable if not necessarily your choice. Over 2♠ Haughie bid 2NT, and it isn't clear why Hinge opted to bid 3♦ rather than 3♣ given his equal length but the result was running into the 5-1 trump break and going one down when better places to play were available.

In the Open Room, Olanski showed good technique in the play of the hand in 3NT. The defence started with three rounds of hearts followed by a fourth heart won by declarer's ♥J with dummy pitching three spades. He played a club to the queen which held, which indicated to him that North held the ♣A else South would have won this trick and cashed the setting trick in hearts. He then cashed two spades followed by two diamonds finishing in dummy. He dare not cash a third spade lest he set up the defence's fifth trick in spades so simply took his only chance and finessed South for the ♣J – nine tricks. Vainikonis 21-11.

The rest of the boards were relatively tame, with only 9 IMPs changing hands and finishing the set Vainikonis 24 Haughie 17.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL SERIES QUARTER FINAL BOARDS 13-24

The two matches Brown-Kanetkar and Vainikonis-Haughie were each close after 12, but the first-mentioned team added significantly to their lead on the first deal out.

The Vainikonis father and son will be referred to by their first names Vitas and Erikas, Krasnoselskiy's name will be abbreviated.

Dealer: North ♠ A Q J 10 4
 Vul: Both ♥ J 6 3
 Brd 13 ♦ A
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ A Q 8 5
 ♠ 5 3
 ♥ Q 7 5 4
 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 3
 ♣ ---

♠ K 9 6 2
 ♥ K 10 2
 ♦ 10 6 5 2
 ♣ 10 6

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	2	-	3	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	5	-	4	♣

♠ 8 7
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ K
 ♣ K J 9 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Olanski	Klinger	Vitas	Mullamphy	Haughie	K'skiy	Hinge	Erikas
	1♠	Pass	2♣ ¹		1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Pass	7♣	All Pass					

1 Some Type of Invitation

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Lazer	Thompson	Gumby	McGann	Beauchamp	Kanetkar	Brown	Neill
	1♠	Pass	3♣		1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦\
Pass	3NT	All Pass		Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
				Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
				Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Klinger found out he was facing long clubs and 10-12. When Mullamphy confirmed all the aces Klinger knew the grand slam could be no worse than a ruffing finesse in spades and on a heart lead 6♣ would probably need the same thing. So it did; alas, Bill Haughie led a diamond against 6♣. As my grandmother said 'If you can't think of anything nice to say, don't say it.' So I won't – but I'm tempted.

Personally I think in the other match it was Kanetkar who deserved to gain IMPs, given the evaluations from the open room. But the great scorer did not agree. At least Beauchamp did not fail on opening lead against the small slam.

Two boards later Neill's three-card raise of a 1♠ response on ♠AK7 (and ♥102) met a far worse fate than it deserved – trumps 5-1 facing an honourless four-card suit, and Brown had another 5 IMPs.

Dealer: North ♠ K
 Vul: None ♥ 10 5 4
 Brd 17 ♦ K Q 6 4 3 2
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ Q 5 3

♠ 10 8 7 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A K

♠ Q 9
 ♥ Q J 9 8
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ A J 6
 ♥ A K 7 6
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ J 10 9 7

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Klinger and Mullamphy bid this to 3NT, a hopeless spot on a spade lead. The best declarer can do is come to hand in hearts to lead diamonds up. West ducks, then wins declarer's minor-suit play to clear spades, and the defence is a tempo in front. Declarer can take two clubs, one diamond two hearts and three spades, but that is it.

On the next deal an 8-11 2♠ opening by Mullamphy saw Olanski overcall 2NT on ♠A10 in a 17-count rather than double. Right he was, in that his side had eight top tricks (they were off five heart winners but the defence was never going to take them) and finished with +150 while in the other room Hinge/Haughie defended to 2♣ making eight tricks with 24 high cards between them.

With four deals to go both matches appeared to have subsided (after the first deal the rest of the boards had not generated a significant swing in Brown-Kanetkar while Vainikonis led 16-0 on the balance of the set).

Dealer: West ♠ 7 2
 Vul: Both ♥ A K 6 3
 Brd 20 ♦ A K Q
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ 10 8 5 3

♠ 6 5
 ♥ J 10 8 7 5
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ K 7 2

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

♠ K 3
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ 9 8 5 2
 ♣ A 9 6 4

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

Vainikonis added to their lead when both N/S pairs could double a spade call for takeout, but only one side could find their best fit. In each room North opened 1NT, and East showed spades.

In one room North for Vainikonis doubled 2♠ in balancing seat, letting South bid 2NT as a scramble and getting N/S to 3♣. In the other room it was South for Haughie who doubled 2♠ for take-out, and now North, the no-trump opener could not bid 2NT as that would be natural. So he had to pick a suit, and guessed wrong when he bid 3♥. Naturally, given the way things had worked out this set for Haughie, hearts were 5-1.

Klinger-Mullamphy clawed back a little of the deficit with a nice auction to 5♦ in a 4-4 fit with the cards lying in friendly fashion, but it was too little too late. On the same deal Thompson-McGann were falling into 3NT, which also came home, to sew up their match.

The matches finished 63-31 to Vainikonis, and 60-26 to Brown who both advance to the Semi-Finals.

SEMI-FINAL STANZA ONE BOARDS 1-10

Barry Rigal

The match would be played in four stanzas of ten boards each. As before we would use first names for Vainikonis pere et fils.

Clearly five diamonds is the best game here, but it was no surprise that the lure of 3NT proved too much for our field. Three of the four tables settled there and no doubt they felt fortunate to come home with 11 or 12 tricks. As we shall see though, the eclectic (there's a charitable word!) methods used by Wallis-Konig are always prone to yielding a swing. This board was no exception

Dealer: North
 Vul: None
 Brd 1
 Open Semis 1/1-10
 ♠ J 10 8 4
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ K 9 5

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

♠ 3
 ♥ A 10 7 4 2
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A 6 4 3 2

1 12-16 good one suiter OR 16+ any

West Olanski	North Wallis	East Vitas	South Konig
	1♣ ¹	2♠	3♥
3♠	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts

-	6	-	6	NT
1	-	-	-	♠
-	7	-	7	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

We aren't here to justify the technical merits of the N/S system (just as well) but the key was whether South would sit for 3NT or look for a better game or slam. In 6♣ Wallis received a helpful diamond lead to the king and ace. He ruffed a spade to lead a trump to the...10 and was down at once. Note that with the cards as they lay, Olanski had missed the sure beat of rising with ♣K to play diamonds, so Wallis was no doubt influenced by that factor. 11 out instead of 10 IMPs in.

Then a very large cow flew by:

Dealer: South
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 3
 Open Semis 1/1-10
 ♠ A J 7
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ A 9 6 3
 ♣ K 5

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

♠ 9 5 3 2
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ K J 10 7
 ♣ 9 8

West Beauchamp	North Lee	East Brown	South Whibley
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Double	Redble	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts

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

Brown's pass of 4♣ looks strange. Even if partner had some 2-3-4-4 pattern 4♥ looks playable with the force being taken in dummy. As it was Beauchamp thought his partner was slamming and was starting to cuebid. 14 IMPs away seemed a fair enough result for this.

The margin in Vainikonis-Konig had risen to 20 via a five-level sacrifice for 500 against a vulnerable game (on a hand where Konig-Wallis never bid) and a pushy 3NT (with a 2♣ opener facing a Yarborough) off five running heart tricks, where Nunn-Howard bid hearts to alert their opponents to the danger to persuade Erikas to stop in part-score. It got quickly worse:

Dealer: East
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 6
 Open Semis 1/1-10
 ♠ 3 2
 ♥ A 7 4 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 10 8 6

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

♠ K Q 9 7 4
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ 10 9 6
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South
-	2	-	2
-	2	-	2
-	1	-	1
-	3	-	3
-	2	-	2

Makeable Contracts

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

West Olanski	North Wallis	East Vitas	South Konig	West Nunn	North K'skiy	East Howard	South Erikas
		Pass	2♥ ¹			Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦	Double	Redble	2♥	Double
Pass	5♦	All Pass		Pass	Pass	Pass	
1 7-11 three-suiter short minor							

5♦ was not a thing of beauty, and drifted quietly two down. But it was a lot nicer contract than 2♥x. After the lead of ♣J declarer played on trumps to try to prevent the cross ruff but ended up with just five winners (two trumps two diamonds and a club). It was 34-0 for Vainikonis.

West Beauchamp	North Lee	East Brown	South Whibley	West Hung	North Tislevoll	East Lazar	South Ware
		Pass	1♠			Pass	1♠
Double	Redble	Pass	Pass	Double	2♦	Pass	2♥
1NT	Double	2♥	Double //	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
				Pass	3NT	All Pass	

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

Defending 3NT wasn't easy. You can hardly blame the defence for leading ♥J and shifting to clubs, setting up clubs for declarer in the process. He emerged with three clubs, one diamond and three spades, throwing Lazar in with the fourth spade at trick 11 to lead hearts into the tenace for nine tricks. Whibley led a diamond against 2♥x. Lee won to shift to a trump, and when Brown put in the ten Whibley was allowed to hold the queen. he continued the attack on hearts, so Brown won cheaply in hand, unblocked diamonds, led the ♣9 to the jack and ace, and cashed her winning diamond to pitch a club.

Now she led a spade from dummy and Lee would have done better to rise with the ace and play back a spade. Instead he ducked. Brown put in the ten to force the queen. Whibley returned

a small trump and now Brown drew the last trump, whereupon Lee's hand was high. This was the end-position where a spade exit would have ensured her two tricks. North can lead a diamond but South must over-ruff East and West wins ♥A and plays a top club to ensure his side a club trick.

Brown got their first score of any significance when Brown was doubled in game after a third in hand 4♥ opening was found by both Easts on a 5-6-1-1 pattern. Both tables took ten tricks.

But Hung took back those imps on the next deal when they doubled a 5♦ game that was set two tricks in each room.

Both tables had a reach chance on the final deal of the set.

Dealer: East	♠ K J 3 2	
Vul: Both	♥ ---	
Brd 10	♦ Q J 10 6 5 4 2	
Open Semis 1/1-10	♣ 5 3	
♠ Q 5		♠ 8 6 4
♥ A K Q 6 5 2		♥ J 10 8
♦ 9 8		♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7 4		♣ Q J 8 6 2
	♠ A 10 9 7	
	♥ 9 7 4 3	
	♦ A K	
	♣ A K 9	

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

With 7♦ on the spade finesse and 6♦ a spread, but 4♠ a little awkward to play, how would you get round the pre-emption in hearts? A strong club would make it easy for North to bid diamonds first. But at both tables North doubled a heart bid, then when partner forced they bid diamonds and passed partner's four spade bid. (What do YOU think: 1♣-(1♥)-Double-(2♥)-3♥-5♦ shows? If not a hand slightly less good than a direct 2♦ call with 7-4, what else is it?)

SEMI-FINAL STANZA ONE BOARDS 11-20

Barry Rigal

Vainikonis went in to the second quarter up 34-0, Hung up 24-7.

After four deals neither side had scored more than 2 imps on a board (it was 2-0 in one match 3-2 in the other). The crowds were getting restless.

On board 15 at least we had two tables bidding slam (somewhat worse than a finesse) while two tables stayed low, but the two aggressive pairs were both in the same match, so we had no swing. Thompson McGann at least protected their vulnerable king in slam, but with the ace inside they were not rewarded for their discretion.

Dealer: West ♠ ---
 Vul: E-W ♥ K J 9 2
 Brd 16 ♦ A J 10
 Open Semis 2/11-20 ♣ A K 9 8 7 3

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

♠ K 9 7 6 5 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q 6 5 4 2

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

West North East South

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Olanski	Wallis	Vitas	Konig	Nunn	K'skiy	Howard	Erikas
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦ ^(U-6)
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	3♣	Dbl.	2♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥				
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣ //				

1 12-16 one suiter or 16 any

To the best of my knowledge and belief Wallis showed a strong club at his second turn and after an exchange of cuebids he signed off and Konig bid on by virtue of this shape and trumps.

In the other room North showed clubs and hearts, with extras but not a monster and South named a final contract.

Vitas' lead of ♠A speeded up the play (not that this is needed when this N/S are at the table). A trump lead might have produced a more interesting set of options for declarer.

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
McGann	Milne	Thompson	Griffiths	Hung	Tislevoll	Lazar	Ware
Pass	1♣(16+)	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass		Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
				Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 5/4 either way NF

After Hung had added 8 IMPs for a good part-score result in each room, the last two deals of the set offered some interest in one match.

Both tables in Hung-Brown played 4♠, as did Krasnoselskiy-Erikas.

Dealer: South ♠ J 7 5
 Vul: E-W ♥ 5 4
 Brd 19 ♦ K Q J 7 6
 Open Semis 2/11-20 ♣ A Q 6

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

♠ A K Q 6 4 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ 2

♠ 9 8
 ♥ 10 8 6 2
 ♦ A 5 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

West North East South

Olanski	Wallis	Vitas	Konig
			1♣
Pass	2♣ ^(Relay)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
-	3	-	4
-	5	-	5
-	1	-	1
-	2	-	2

Had Olanski led a club, declarer might well have put in the queen (playing either for the club or heart king to be well placed) and gone down. Rising with the ace and playing on diamonds seems less attractive to me. But Olanski led a heart and Konig gained an IMP instead of losing 11. On the next board, naturally, he was prepared to return the favour.

Dealer: West ♠ 10
 Vul: Both ♥ K Q 9 4 2
 Brd 20 ♦ 10 8 6 3 2
 Open Semis 2/11-20 ♣ 9 4

♠ J 7
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ K Q J 6 2

♠ Q 9 8 4 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ A 10 5

♠ A K 6 5 3
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ 8 7 3

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

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Olanski	Wallis	Vitas	Konig	Nunn	K'skiy	Howard	Erikas
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass		3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
				4♣	Pass	Pass	Double
				Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

3NT made ten tricks on a low spade lead, but 4♠ was going quietly down one at least, until Konig doubled and Vainikonis ran to 5♣ (4NT has no play on a heart lead). Against 5♣ the singleton spade lead went to Ziggy's king. Had he shifted to hearts the defence is in front, but when he led a low spade for his partner to ruff declarer could win the heart shift, draw trumps, then ruff out spades for 11 tricks.

SEMI-FINAL STANZA ONE BOARDS 21-30

Barry Rigal

The third set started out with E/W having a hand in the slam zone and a reasonably favourable lie of the cards. Krasnoselskiy/Erikas tried to pre-empt their opponents out of the water; after all how bad could it be with a big fit their way and a source of tricks?

Dealer: North ♠ A Q 8 6 4
 Vul: None ♥ 8 5
 Brd 1 ♦ 8 2
 Open Semis 3-21/30 ♣ 10 7 6 2

♠ J 2
 ♥ Q 10 7 6
 ♦ Q 9 7 6
 ♣ K 5 3

♠ K 10
 ♥ A K 4 2
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ A Q J 8 4

♠ 9 7 5 3
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ K J 10 5 3
 ♣ 9

West	North	East	South
5	-	5	-
-	1	-	1
5	-	5	-
3	-	3	-
5	-	5	-

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Olanski	Wallis	Vitas	Konig	Nunn	K'skiy	Howard	Erikas
Double	Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass	2♠	Double	4♣
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass				

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
McGann	Milne	Thompson	Griffiths	Hung	Brown	Lazar	Beauchamp
2♠ ¹	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠(♥)	Double	3♦	Double	3♠(♥)	Dbl.	4NT	Pass
1 puppet to 2NT facing 20-22	4♥	All Pass	All Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

4♥ collected 480 in peace and quiet, while 4♠x looked likely to cost 300 or 500 depending on how the defence timed their plays, and what declarer did in trumps and diamonds. Howard cashed his three red suit winners and exited in hearts. Declarer ruffed and ducked a club, letting Howard win the jack and play a low club. Now Krasnoselskiy led a trump to his eight. Howard won the ten and played his second diamond. Declarer tried to ruff a diamond in hand, Howard over-ruffed and exited with a low club. In the ending neither diamonds nor clubs were established so declarer could not shut out the ♠J and had to go down 800. So much for pre-emption!

Reluctant as I am to criticize the auctions from the other match (yeah right) and admittedly I'm inferring the meanings of the sequences without complete confidence but...wasn't Thompson worth a 4♣ cuebid facing his partner's heart bid? They could always stop in hearts on the next round. Conversely, why didn't Lazar cuebid 4♣ to see if he could get a diamond cuebid out of his partner? The diamond loser had to be disposed of somewhere; admittedly, if partner had a third spade you might have 12 tricks when hearts broke. Having said all of that, after a spade lead to North's ace, Lazar was admittedly unlucky to buy the doubleton spade opposite which killed the hopes of a discard. 11 IMPs to Brown trailing 33-19. If one 11 IMP swing is good, two is even better.

What would you lead when your opponents have an abortive Stayman sequence to 3NT after a 2NT opening from:

♠ A K 3 ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 9 7 5 3

You could sell me on anything but a diamond. Beauchamp put his fingers unerringly on a low heart, and this was the story:

Dealer: East ♠ 8 7 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ J 8 7 6 4 3
 Brd 2 ♦ K 10
 Open Semis 3-21/30 ♣ Q 4
 ♠ Q 10 5 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ J 9 8 7 2
 ♣ 10 8 2

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A Q 5 4 3
 ♣ A J 6

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

In the other room Griffiths doubled a 1♦ opener, heard 3♦ to his left, 3♥ from partner and 3NT to his right. He led...a top spade and shifted to clubs, but after the original lead it was already too late if declarer was going to guess diamonds.

In our other match both Souths led a top spade – Konig after his partner had bid hearts. Colour me unimpressed, but no swing.

If two big swings are nice, thought Brown, wouldn't three be even nicer?

Dealer: South ♠ 9 6 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 9 4 3
 Brd 3 ♦ A 9 2
 Open Semis 3-21/30 ♣ J 7
 ♠ A J 8 5
 ♥ A 6 5 2
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ Q 2

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

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

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
McGann	Milne	Thompson	Griffiths	Hung	Brown	Lazar	Beauchamp
			2♣				1♣
Double	2♥	2♠	3♥	Double	1♥	1♠	Double
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Let he who is without sin cast the first stone; switch the club and spade queens and you aren't that unhappy to play 5♣. But maybe partner never has the perfect hand? Milne's decision to bid on over 4♠ turned a small plus into a large minus, when McGann led ace and another heart, gave partner a second ruff and got a diamond back. When declarer ducked, a third heart ruffed with ♣10 promoted a further trump for the defenders.

In the other room three rounds of clubs allowed declarer to pitch a diamond from dummy and come to nine tricks in peace and quiet. But that was still 8 IMPs for Brown, leading 38-33.

After an overtrick in 2NT the action started up again in both matches.

Dealer: North
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 5
 Open Semis 3-21/30

♠ 9 4
 ♥ K 10 9 7 5
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 8 6 4 3

♠ A J
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ A K 10 4
 ♣ A Q 9 5

♠ Q 8 6 3
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ J 8 7 5
 ♣ 10 7

♠ K 10 7 5 2
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ K J 2

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
McGann	Milne	Thompson	Griffiths	Hung	Brown	Lazar	Beauchamp
	1♣(16+)	Pass	1♥(♣s)		2♣	Pass	2♦(♣s)
Double	1NT	Pass	2NT(♠-11)	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥(♣s)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT ¹	All Pass	
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣				
Pass	6♠	All Pass					

1 doubleton spade

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Olanski	Wallis	Vitas	Konig	Nunn	K'skiy	Howard	Erikas
	1♣	Pass	1♠		1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣(Relay)	Pass	2NT	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass		Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
				Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
				Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣(1/4)
				Pass	5♦(♠Q?)	Pass	5♥(No)
				Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Krassoselskiy seems to have driven to slam facing five spades and a minimum positive (8+). Howard unerringly selected a small heart, and declarer won and crossed to a club to lead a spade to the jack – the right play in the suit for the five tricks he needed. Howard won and cashed out the hearts for four down. Since Konig had cashed his nine winners without getting fancy, that was 14 IMPs to his team, levelling the match at 40-40.

Beauchamp took a slightly conservative position not to look for slam at all when he found the doubleton spade opposite. Milne, having missed his side's best contract (1♥xx+2 for 1520) tried for the smaller jackpot. On a heart lead, 6♠ could not come home when Griffiths repeated Erikas' line in the spade suit. That made it 51-34 for Brown.

But both Vainikonis and Hung struck back immediately:

Dealer: East
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 6
 Open Semis 3-21/30

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

♠ 9
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ K 9 5 4 3
 ♣ K 10 7 6

♠ 8
 ♥ Q 8 4 2
 ♦ Q 8 7 6 2
 ♣ 8 5 2

♠ A K Q 10 6 3
 ♥ J 9 6
 ♦ A J
 ♣ Q J

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

West McGann	North Milne	East Thompson	South Griffiths	West Hung	North Brown	East Lazar	South Beauchamp
		Pass	1♣(16+)			Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣(♦)	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass		Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
				Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
				Pass	Pass	Pass	

West Olanski	North Wallis	East Vitas	South Konig	West Nunn	North K'skiy	East Howard	South Erikas
			1♣			Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣(R)	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♣(Relay)	Pass	2♦(6♣)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT	Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass	Pass	

The biter bit? It is very unusual to see matching contracts on consecutive deals with each side making 3NT and defeating 6♠ in turn. Here slam is about 50% though maybe 6NT offers some chances of establishing diamonds if spades do not break? When Hung collected his 100 in peace and quiet (I'm sure he had no thought of doubling and defending 6NT) his side had 11 IMPs to trail 51-45.

Konig tried underbidding once and didn't like it, hence his jump to 6NT. After Vitas' heard lead declarer can make at double-dummy, but I leave it to the reader to work out how. At the very least it requires a good guess at trick one, and Wallis put in the nine, and no longer had a chance to succeed.

That made it 51-40 for Vainikonis, and they put on another couple of medium-sized swings from silly part-score results from the open room, to lead 65-46 going into the final 10 deals.

The rest of the set in Hung-Brown went very quiet until the final deal, when after a loose 1♦ opening Milne-Griffiths doubled Nunn when he produced a delayed overcall of 2D and nipped him 500. It was 55-52 to Hung with ten to go.

ROGERS CAPTURES INTERMEDIATE TEAMS TITLE

Brent Manley

The team captained by Margaret Rogers jumped out to a big lead in the Intermediate Teams Final against the David Johnson team and survived a fourth-quarter rally to win the event 100-73.

Rogers and her husband, John, are from Sydney. Their teammates, Sue and Ken Moffitt, are from Darwin. The runners-up, all from Coffs Harbour, are Johnson, his wife Mandy, John Watson and Ian Doland.

The Rogers team started with a carryover edge of .1 IMPs and outscored their opponents 23-16 in the first stanza. This deal helped the winners to a 10-IMP gain.

Dealer: North
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 5
 Inter Final 1/1-24

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

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

♠ J 5 4
 ♥ K 7 5 3
 ♦ K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 5

West Sue M.	North Johnson	East Ken M.	South Watson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts

1	-	1	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Johnson led the ♣J, taken in hand by declarer. She ran the ♥J to Watson's king, and he got out with a low spade. Sue put in the queen, taken by Johnson with the ace to play a second round of clubs. Watson ruffed and played another spade, taken by Sue with the king. She cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, then called for a low club from dummy. Watson ruffed in and was over-ruffed. Sue then ruffed a second diamond in dummy, pulled the last trump with the ace and discarded her losing spade on the ♣A. That was plus 420 and 10 IMPs because the same contract failed at the other table.

This deal was another loss for Johnson.

Dealer: East ♠ J 6 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ A K
 Brd 6 ♦ A K Q 9 6 5
 Inter Final 1/1-24 ♣ J 7
 ♠ A K Q 10 8
 ♥ J 9 2
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ 4 2

♠ 9 7 5 2
 ♥ Q 8 6 3
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A Q 8

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

West	North	East	South	
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson	
	Pass	Pass		
2♠	Double	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥	
Pass	5♣	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Sue Moffitt led the ♠A and continued with the ♠K. Watson ruffed, played a heart to the king and called for the ♣J. Ken Moffitt won the ♣A and played a third round of spades. Watson could have returned to dummy to take a club finesse, but he cashed the ♣K and had to settle for 10 tricks when the queen didn't fall. At the other table, North played in 3♦, making 10 tricks for plus 130 and a 5-IMP gain for Rogers.

The Johnson team fought back on this board.

Dealer: South ♠ A K 4 3 2
 Vul: Both ♥ J 9
 Brd 7 ♦ 8 7 2
 Inter Final 1/1-24 ♣ K 8 6
 ♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ K Q 5 4 3
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 10 5

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

♠ J 6
 ♥ A 10 6 2
 ♦ Q J 6 4
 ♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South	
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson	
			1♥	
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT	
All Pass				
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	3	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	1	-	2	♣

Sue Moffitt started with the ♦A, shifting to the ♣10 at trick two. Watson took the trick in hand and played the ♦Q. Sue won the ♦A and played another club. Watson won in hand and cashed the ♦J. The 3-3 split gave declarer three diamond tricks to go with three clubs, one heart and two spades for plus 150.

At the other table, North-South played in 3NT but came to only eight tricks for minus 100. That was a 6-IMP gain for the Johnson team.

The second set was a low-scoring affair won by the Rogers foursome 15-3. At the halfway point in the match, Rogers was leading 38-19.

After eight boards in the third set, the Johnson team were holding their own, trailing by just 1 IMP with four deals to play. Two big swings for Rogers, however, threatened to put the match out of range for Johnson.

This was the first.

Dealer: East ♠ A 8
 Vul: Both ♥ K 10 9 6 4
 Brd 10 ♦ A Q 4 2
 Inter Final 2/1-24 ♣ 7 3
 ♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ Q J 6 4

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

♠ Q 6 2
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ K J 7
 ♣ A K 10 8 2

West	North	East	South	
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson	
		Pass	1NT	
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦	
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦	
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	4	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

Johnson's 2♦ was a transfer to hearts. His follow-up was natural and showed slam interest. The 4♦ bid was explained as an inquiry about key cards for diamonds, the answer being two key cards plus the trump queen.

Unfortunately for Johnson, the 4-3 fit did not play well and he was soon chalking up minus 200, a 13-IMP loss because the contract at the other table was 3NT with an overtrick for plus 630.

Another unsuccessful slam increased the deficit for Johnson.

Dealer: West
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 12
 Inter Final 2/1-24

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

♠ 3
 ♥ A Q 7 4
 ♦ A Q J 2
 ♣ 10 9 8 4

♠ 10 8 7 5 2
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 3
 ♣ J

♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson
1♦	Double	3♦	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	6♣	All Pass

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

Ken Moffitt led the ♦K, ruffed by Johnson. He played a club to dummy a trick two and called for the ♥J. Sue Moffitt rose with the ♥A and played a spade. Johnson tried the queen, but Ken won the ♠K and forced declarer with another diamond. When the smoke cleared, Johnson was down four for minus 400, which cost 11 IMPs because the contract at the other table was 3♣ by North, just making for plus 110.

With 12 boards to play Johnson was behind 741-28, but they did not give up.

The Rogers team gained 10 IMPs on the first board of the final set with a vulnerable game swing, but Johnson came right back with a big swing of their own. Watson was the hero on this one.

Dealer: East
 Vul: None
 Brd 14
 Inter Final 2/1-24

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

♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A K Q J 8 6 5

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ J 8 6 3
 ♣ 7 4 2

♠ A J 8 7
 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ A Q 10 4
 ♣ 3

West	North	East	South
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson
2♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass	3NT	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
5	-	5	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

At one table, the contract was 3NT by West, making for plus 400. There was more action at the other table.

Watson started with the ♠K, the killing lead. With any other opening shot, Ken Moffitt would have been able to win and establish three heart tricks to go with seven clubs and two aces – no finesses needed. On the actual lead, declarer had no chance. He won the ♠A, ran clubs and tried the ♦9 to the 10 and Watson's jack. The final result was minus 150 and 11 IMPs to the Johnson squad.

Johnson engineered the final swing of the match for his side.

Dealer: West
 Vul: None
 Brd 24

♠ A 10 2
 ♥ A K J 9 8 6
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ K 6

♠ Q 9 8 7 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q J 6 4 3
 ♣ 8 7

♠ J 6 5
 ♥ Q 7 5 4 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A Q 5 3

♠ K 4
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K 9 8 7 5
 ♣ J 10 9 4 2

West	North	East	South
Sue M.	Johnson	Ken M.	Watson
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	5	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

Watson might have bid 5♣ to cooperate in the slam exploration, but Johnson was obviously determined to drive it to slam no matter what.

Ken Moffitt led the ♣J to Johnson's king. Johnson pulled one round of trumps, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond in dummy then played the ♣A and ♣Q, pitching a spade from hand. Johnson conceded a spade at the end but had his slam for plus 980 and another 11 IMPs (the slam was not bid at the other table).

The final score in the set was 45-26 for Johnson. It was not enough, but the winners knew they had been in a fight.

Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Rank	Names	Total	Rank	Names	Total
1	Kevin Tant - John Brockwell	95.67	33	Jerzy Szyszkowski - Evan Allanson	59.80
2	Eric Kuo - Ho-Yee So	86.00	34	Richard Wallis - Val Biltoft	59.39
3	Peter Grant - Tony Marinos	82.36	35	Barry Coe - Richard Misior	59.22
4	Evelyn Hurley - Bob Hurley	81.42	36	Maha Hoenig - Sue O'Brien	58.85
5	Emlyn Williams - Lisa Ma	81.16	37	Margaret Driscoll - Philip Moroney	57.85
6	Sally Brock - Barry Myers	80.31	38	Jean Williams - Judy Twigg	57.55
7	Rosemary Matskows - Wayne Gyde	79.55	39	Alasdair Beck - Tom Kiss	56.79
8	Glenis Palmer - Christine Wilson	78.51	40	Vince Cariola - Glenys Fitzpatrick	56.28
9	Greer Tucker - Sarah Strickland	75.93	41	Val Gardiner - Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa	56.27
10	George Gaspar - Sue Small	75.38	42	Marlene Bernau - Joan Dawson	55.93
11	Ian Berrington - Fuxia Wen	74.72	43	Fay Stanton - Anne Young	55.38
12	Steve Boughey - Andi Boughey	72.70	44	Molly O'Neill - Mary Wood	53.92
13	Terence O'Dempsey - Bronwyn Macleod	72.51	45	Peter Lipthay - Peter Bendelstein	52.79
14	Meta Goodman - Wynne Webber	71.90	46	Helen Fleet - Robert Fleet	52.14
15	Janice Coventry - Margaret Glover	71.73	47	Des McGlashan - Megan McgGlashan	51.95
16	Neil Stuckey - Barry Palmer	70.65	48	Irene Campbell - Margaret Regan	51.44
17	Angela Norris - Jill Allanson	69.67	49	Carolyn Woolley - Chris Woolley	48.47
18	Anna Bell - Anne Nothing	68.96	50	Jane Swanson - Krystyna Homik	47.15
19	Patrick Carter - Barry Jones	68.48	51	Glenda Barter - Bernadette Campbell	46.07
20	Philippa Barnett - Rosemary Green	68.45	52	Pat Back - Barbara Mackay	45.61
21	Francesca McGrath - Maxim Henbest	68.05	53	Maggie Stratford - Sherril Harries	44.72
22	Steven Bock - Les Grewcock	66.49	54	Jill Hutson - Gill Phillippo	44.34
23	Geoff Olsen - Chris Palmer	66.10	55	Ruth Spittle - Sheryn Thomson	44.22
24	Richard Greenfield - Henri De Jong	63.17	56	Lou Tillotson - Sue Robinson	44.10
24	Alex Kemeny - Helena Canaris	63.17	57	John Rogers - Wing Roberts	41.93
26	Niek Van Vucht - Val Brockwell	62.42	58	Molly Butcher - Peter George	41.87
27	Stephen Hurley - Liz Hurley	61.45	59	Raymond Jones - Rita Jones	41.38
28	Julie Boyce - Christine Thomas	61.43	60	Gwenda Jewell - Stephanie Chapman	40.17
29	Carol Sheldrake - Kathie De Palo	60.22	61	Stephanie Mathews - Gary Heyting	37.31
30	Biljana Novakovic - Lee Weldon	60.21	62	Dorothy McDonald - Nan Ottrey	35.58
31	Helen Stewart - Freda Banner	59.98	63	Dale Wells - John Sear	35.08
32	Sam Arber - Lea Woolf	59.94	64	Margaret Williamson - Patricia Hume	29.42

Friday Novice Pairs

1	Paul Elkington - Trevor Rayfield	94.54	36	Anthony Marsland - Helen Blair	59.59
2	David Kerr - Kathryn Kerr	86.06	37	Shelley McCready - Raelene Kell	59.49
3	Maree Huxley - Karen Hansen	85.23	38	Martin Coote - James Harvey	58.64
4	Stephen Miller - Jonathan Silberberg	84.36	39	Ruth Anderson - Gordon Plant	58.29
5	Sue Skarupsky - Sue Hunt	82.02	40	Simon Van Kruistum - Cobie Van Kruistum	57.75
6	Norma Hale - Fiona Law	78.80	41	Mardi Hogarth - Lynn Bain	57.73
7	Susie Bunting - Jane Brougham	78.69	42	Mick King - Lin Kendall	56.87
8	Lena Darlington - Dudley Darlington	76.71	43	Moira Smith - Drew Campi	56.29
9	Carmel Caton - Trevor Henderson	75.15	44	John Stimpson - Cherylene Stimpson	56.28
10	Wendy Rissler - Jenny Coyle	72.39	45	Ryan Stevens - Dominique Treloar	56.01
11	Janice Little - John Burt	71.29	46	Jane Glass - Becky Vidler	55.49
12	Lindell Day - Lisa Basile	70.16	47	Bev Northey - Dianne Thatcher	55.24
13	George Till - Kim Reeder	69.63	48	Mary Ditton - Lesley Sutherland	55.05
14	Clary Harridge - Jim Fouras	69.47	49	Arvind Bhasin - Geeta Bhasin	54.97
15	Ian Argent - Les Apolloni	69.16	50	David Edwards - Carol Edwards	54.87
16	Wendy Casey - Barbara Moni	69.13	51	Wilma Coloper - Jennifer Simpson	54.19
17	John Wilson - Geoff Willson	68.89	52	Moira Gibbens - Michelle Behrens	53.94
18	Jenny Burchmore - Barbara Richardson	68.83	53	Gary Gibbards - Debbie Gibbards	51.64
19	Leanne Nugent - Jenny Iliescu	67.62	54	Andrew Sharp - Susan Sharp	50.70
20	Jennifer McDowell - Lorraine Bryant	67.46	55	Kim McElhinney - Kym Batt	50.09
21	Carol Thomson - Kate Jarrett	67.42	56	Miriam Officer - Ruth Perris	49.13
22	Alan Bustany - Pauline Caust	65.86	57	Frank Johnson - Patricia Johnson	48.70

Friday Novice Pairs

23	Lesley Anderson - Karen Walsh	65.56	58	Ian Maclean - Jan Maclean	48.57
24	Suzi Ledger - Barbara Simpson	65.25	59	Lavinia Minchin - Diana Drummond	47.56
25	Bruce Gough - Klarika Tortely	64.36	60	John Kenny - Ross Maher	47.10
26	Charles and Lesley Bowen-Thomas	64.18	61	Eric Harrison - Robyn Harrison	45.21
27	Ian Leach - Nina Doyle	63.83	62	Arjen Draaisma - Margot Harris	44.37
28	Juliet Dunworth - Maria Page	63.46	63	Warren Moore - Gary Jenkins	42.77
29	Nola Anderson - Diane Smith	63.29	64	Jo Green - Marleine Venn	42.58
30	Daniele Escreet - Sandra Cool	63.07	65	Julie Heib - Jan Jennings	41.68
31	Jennifer Finigan - Mary Simon	62.63	66	Kerry Barns - Sylvia Bray	40.50
32	Wendy Crombie - Julie Stockley	62.48	67	Janette Watson - Bev Westaway	40.28
33	Patrick Rasmussen - Peter Morris	61.68	68	Bob Jones - Sue Jones	36.38

Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs

Rank	North-South	Total	Rank	East-West	Total
1	Danny Sprung - Joann Sprung	110.18	1	Gerry Daly - Trevor Fuller	97.56
2	Brian Callaghan - Christine Duckworth	99.35	2	Jessica Brake - Matthew Brown	97.22
3	Sue Ingham - Michael Courtney	96.73	3	Sam Coutts - Nick Jacob	96.31
4	Margaret Bourke - George Kozakos	94.00	4	Geoff Martin - Nikolas Moore	95.87
5	John Clarson - Julian Gauld	91.31	5	Trish Anagnostou - Rita Kahn	93.92
6	Will Jenner-O'Shea - Joachim Haffer	91.22	6	Wally Malaczynski - Miroslaw Milaszewski	93.49
7	Robert Krochmalik - Viv Wood	87.27	7	John Skipper - David Skipper	91.90
8	Michael Johnson - Michael Simes	86.83	8	Terry Brown - Jeanette Reitzer	91.23
9	Ervin Otvosi - Kennet Christiansen	86.80	9	Theo Mangos - Leigh Foran	91.01
10	Wayne Burrows - Peter Hall	84.61	10	Herve Cheval - Gilles Josnin	90.53
11	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	84.55	11	Gary Lynn - Michel Boyle	88.47
12	Jan Hackett - Tom Hackett	84.54	12	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris	86.80
13	Moss Wylie - Brian Cleaver	84.28	13	Peter Gill - Kathy Boardman	84.42
14	Ines Dawes - Di Jones	83.34	14	Rex Hanson - Judy Herring	84.03
15	Steven White - Frank Kovacs	82.46	15	Sharon Clifford - Kay Goodwin	83.80
16	David Smee - Mischa Solar	82.38	16	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	83.25
17	Terry Bodycote - Paul Weaver	82.03	16	Lesley Gilhooly - Dorothy Mackay	83.25
18	Alan Glasson - Kathie Radcliffe	81.94	18	Andrzej Krolikowski - Michael Gurfinkiel	82.43
19	Johnno Newman - Jamie Thompson	81.86	19	Ann Mellings - Marion Spurrier	82.37
20	Elli Urbach - Ferenc Budai	81.60	20	Barry Rawicki - Simon Rose	81.37
21	Marianne Bookallil - Jodi Tutty	81.00	21	Paul Brayshaw - Chris Mulley	81.18
22	Julia Hoffman - Noelene Law	80.75	22	Mairi Fitzsimons - Brian Fitzsimons	80.73
23	Frances Lyons - Heather Cusworth	80.65	23	Anna St Clair - Dee Harley	80.31
24	Charlie Lu - Watson Zhou	80.46	24	John Kable - John Masters	80.14
25	Charles and Lesley Bowen-Thomas	80.18	25	Val Holbrook - Noel Bugeia	79.81
26	Marie Purkiss - Toni Dixon	80.13	26	Julian Foster - Jenna Gibbons	79.44
27	Sue Brown - Robert Brown	79.78	27	Anne Lamport - Liz Sylvester	79.26
28	Eva Berger - Eduardo Besprosvan	79.74	28	Nick Hughes - Nicoleta Giura	77.95
28	Carol De Luca - Bev Henton	79.74	29	Margaret Dyer - Michele Tredinnick	77.81
30	Martin Bloom - Nigel Rosendorff	78.33	30	Gizella Mickevics - Mary Waterhouse	76.72
31	Maura Rhodes - Rick Rhodes	77.85	31	Kerry Wood - Charles Howard	76.70
31	Kate Terry - Marion Kelly	77.85	32	Michael Fernon - Joyce O'Brien	76.62
33	Toni Sharp - Marilyn Chadwick	77.37	33	Richard Fox - Rachel Langdon	75.23
34	Judy Wulff - Marilyn Whigham	76.59	34	Adrienne Stephens - Ann Pettigrew	75.17
35	Peter Andersson - Andrew Ferguson	76.34	35	Neville Francis - Murray Perrin	74.91
36	Tom Strong - Edda Strong	76.04	36	Lyn Muller - Sarah Green	74.78
37	Connie Schoutrop - Albina Smyth	75.42	37	George Sun - Alice Young	74.65
38	Annette Maluish - Hugh Grosvenor	75.41	38	Leslie Watt - Russell Watt	74.38
39	Graham Rusher - Pat Beattie	74.84	39	Deana Wilson - Pele Rankin	74.14
40	Alison Farthing - Dorothy Jesner	74.73	40	Tony Ong - Yumin Li	73.15
41	Shirley Phillips - Lisa Phillips	74.52	41	Les Ajzner - Paul Kron	73.04
42	Alan Dormer - Anthony Hopkins	73.95	42	Kim Gilkison - Gillian Gonthier	72.01
43	Gillian Alexander - Cheryl Winsor	73.80	43	George Bilski - Nicky Strasser	71.88
44	Lorraine Stachurski - Alister Stuck	73.66	44	Ken Wilks - Rosalie Broughton	71.25
45	Stephen Fischer - Sophie Ashton	73.51	45	Karen Martelletti - Julie Sheridan	71.23
46	Larry Moses - John Gough	72.78	46	Brian Leach - Carolyn Leach	70.97
47	Colin Webb - Gayle Webb	72.74	47	John Tredrea - Bill Redhead	70.87
48	Len Meyer - Phyllis Moritz	72.69	48	Sebastian Yuen - Lakshmi Sunderasan	70.74
49	John Kelly - Bastian Bolt	72.56	49	Helen Kemp - Helene Kolozs	70.25
50	Brian Thorp - Jenny Michael	72.35	50	Prudie Wagner - Margaret Walters	68.26

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51	Sue Southen - Ian Southen	72.15	51	Pam Schoen - Phil Hale	68.13
52	Joan McCarthy - Joan Waldvogel	72.02	52	Cynthia Belonogoff - Susanne Gammon	68.01
53	Nico Ranson - Christopher Rhodes	71.46	53	Will Adler - John Luoni	67.88
54	Linda Bedford-Brown - Robin Paterson	71.23	54	Michael Ross - Kevin Douglas	67.85
55	Arthur Bennett - Gillian Bennett	71.04	55	Jan Whyte - Carol Yeomans	67.79
56	Sally Moore - Sue Chapman	70.33	56	Errol Miller - Dorothy Gehrke	67.72
57	Pam Morgan-King - Leigh Thompson	69.68	57	Anne Small - Ronald Smith	67.44
58	Alan Hamilton - June Glenn	68.87	58	Michael Wilkinson - Peter Strasser	67.22
59	Jill Pike - Anne Gooding	68.55	59	Margaret Pisko - Carolyn Miller	67.13
60	Pam Moore - Ian Moore	68.45	59	Maureen Jakes - Alison Dawson	67.13
61	Betty Mill - Tania Gariepy	68.28	61	Ross Gyde - Diane Quigley	67.05
62	Vanessa Brown - Leigh Gold	68.01	62	Lorraine Inglis - Judy Plimmer	66.82
63	Eva Shand - Les Varadi	67.58	63	Keith Walker - Shijun Tian	66.80
64	Michael Pemberton - Graham Wakefield	65.68	64	Helena Dawson - Richard Douglas	66.58
65	Nimal Weerasinghe - Carole Cooke	64.46	65	Peer Bach - Setsuko Lichtnecker	66.26
66	Judith Roose-Driver - Johan Roose	63.98	66	Beverley Stacey - Michael Phillips	65.64
67	Therese Demarco - Alison Hanson	63.93	66	Jill Church - Rhondda Sweetman	65.64
68	Gheorghi Belonogov - Ewa Kowalczyk	63.73	68	Carlos Pellegrini - Joseph Rich	65.57
69	Helen Milward - Kuldip Bedi	63.56	69	Marina Darling - Sue Read	64.70
70	Hugh McAlister - Diana McAlister	63.12	70	Peter Boulton - Angela Boulton	64.60
71	Barbara Gassmann - Georges Gassmann	63.03	71	Brad Johnston - Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin	64.58
72	Myra Katz - Darryl Almeida	62.72	72	Monica Darley - Kath Poole	64.22
73	Jenny Wilson - Alan Doddridge	62.63	73	Deborah Cooper - Alan Geare	63.93
74	Geoffrey Thomas - Jules Davidoff	61.50	74	Eileen Gray - Patricia Knight	63.85
75	Malcolm Allan - Cristel Philp	61.24	75	Jill Magee - Terry Strong	63.55
76	Penny Sykes - Elizabeth French	61.15	76	Ivy Luck - John Luck	63.53
77	Bob Lawrence - Ann Woodhead	60.90	77	Bill Bishop - Rosemary Glastonbury	63.52
78	Lex Bourke - Pepe Schwegler	60.66	78	Helen Healy - Tim Healy	63.28
79	Andrew Struik - Nikki Riszko	59.93	79	Erica Linton - Thea Cowie	63.06
80	Phil Power - Kathy Power	59.26	80	Jan Davis - Hayden Seal	63.04
81	Robyn Hewson - Laura Ginnan	59.23	81	Adam Rutkowski - Judy Marks	62.83
82	Bev Guilford - Sue Spencer	58.63	82	Pat Oyston - Martin Oyston	62.79
83	Tony Berger - Merle Bogatie	57.45	83	Sumant Handa - Diana Dick	62.60
84	Terry Collins - Louise Collins	55.67	84	Sylvia Foster - Jaan Oitmaa	62.24
85	Maggie Callander - Kerrin Daws	55.57	85	Judy Havas - Ken Smith	61.57
86	Shizue Futaesaku - Wendy Driscoll	54.19	86	Murat Genc - Lisa Csima	61.32
87	Freda Hadwen - Vivienne Otto	52.60	87	Ken Carmichael - Annette Hagan	61.26
88	Ian Lisle - Vicky Lisle	51.63	88	Sylvia Gluck - Ben Kingham	61.08
89	Herschel Baker - Carol Wilson	50.98	89	Robin Ho - Alexander Cook	61.02
90	Barbara Grant - Louis Koolen	50.24	90	Shirley Wanz - Susanne Mould	59.63
91	Pam Tibble - Peter Van Leeuwen	48.81	91	Pat O'Connor - Kay O'Connor	59.42
92	Christine Houghton - Wayne Houghton	48.79	92	Yuzhong Chen - Gary Foidl	57.06
93	Frank Vearing - Jo-Anne Heywood	48.78	93	Trish Thatcher - Amber Noonan	56.85
94	Nicolette Bartoli - Wendy McEntegart	48.34	94	Jane Morris - Allayne Kennedy	56.67
95	Pat Kennedy - Geoffrey Norris	47.06	95	Maureen Dennison - John Balson	55.66
96	Arch Morrison - Tessa Townend	46.47	96	Theo Antoff - Michael McAuliffe	55.04
97	Les Bonnick - Audrey Bonnick	45.89	97	Carole McDonald - Sonia Young	54.24
98	Linda Wild - Beatrice McCarthy	45.21	98	Noel Grigg - Dianna Middleton	54.16
99	Ruth Webb - Sandra Allen	44.42	99	Ken Colbert - Alexander Hewat	53.33
100	Judy Gold - Allan Leiba	42.67	100	Jack Pierce - John Paynter	52.80
101	Gaylene Brown - Karen Smith	41.64	101	Felicity Gunner - Heather Motteram	51.25
102	Dianne Benvie - Christina Mander	41.37	102	Bob Ashman - Annette Corkhill	50.05
103	Ken Moschner - Saftica Popa	37.97	103	Michael Stoneman - Val Roland	46.87
104	Allan Morris - Beverley Morris	32.34	104	Fifine Hutton - Wendy Hutton	46.81

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Rank	Names	Total	Rank	Names	Total
1	Mardi Svensson - Deepak Pradhan	109.32	48	Penny Styles - Marion Bucens	70.86
2	Derek Snelling - Isobel Ross	97.45	49	Kay Leeton - Jenny Hoff	70.72
3	Linda Norman - Wendy Gibson	96.36	50	Margot Moylan - Anne McNaughton	69.55
4	Desley Mundell - Rosemary Kelley	92.50	51	Milton Hart - Janet Munro	69.48
5	Mary Driesbock - Vivienne Sexton	90.29	52	Jean Barbour - Greg Nicholson	69.35
6	Elizabeth Zeller - Evelyne Mander	88.47	53	Eric Leivesley - Janelle Conroy	69.09
7	Alan Tsang - Timothy Shum	88.35	54	Gregory Gosney - Margaret Plunkett	68.77
8	Brian Morgan - Margaret Morgan	87.48	55	Robyn Clark - Sheila Wills	68.50

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9	Robert Stick - Colin Payne	87.43	56	Max Robb - Gwyneth Hopkins	68.27
10	Carolyn Adcock - Lynne Miller	87.13	57	Ian Barfoot - Alan Boyce	67.88
11	Darrell Williams - Jackie Williams	86.96	58	Joy Trigg - Joan Campbell	67.74
12	Richard Lazar - Sally Lazar	86.32	59	Ashok Chotai - Veena Chotai	67.69
13	Tony Jiang - Julia Zhu	85.53	60	Heather Grant - Frank Campbell	67.37
14	Annette Hyland - Lorraine Collins	83.39	61	Lex Ranke - Jack Rohde	67.28
15	Jenny Carr - Kees De Vocht	81.95	62	Sallie Quarles - Fran Campbell	67.20
16	Denise Hartwig - Byron Longford	81.80	63	Robert Wylie - Merleine Wylie	65.93
17	Larry Attwood - Kathryn Attwood	80.61	64	Denise Rogers - Warren Brook	65.19
18	David Lehmann - Bert Luchjenbroers	80.58	65	Jennifer Hollingworth - Carolann Verity	65.07
19	Malcolm Clift - Kathy Clift	80.46	66	Megan Sutherland - Gerald Dawson	64.35
20	Rebecca Delaney - Lesley Fraser	79.95	67	Pamela Glyn - Julian Glyn	63.57
21	Jan Randall - Peter Randall	79.04	68	Sharon Stretton - Helen Walker	63.22
22	Max Gilbert - Kathy Gilbert	78.65	69	Naomi Hannah-Brown - Priscilla Bloy	62.31
23	Faye Bell - Heather Scott	78.06	70	Jacqui Morton - Anne Rosengren	60.77
24	Gwyneira Brahma - Vicki Taylor	77.97	71	Barry Foster - Jacqueline Wilson	60.56
25	Sara Lynch - Richard Prickett	77.64	72	Joan Leckie - Margaret Williamson	59.05
26	Peter Nilsson - Deborah Nilsson	76.53	73	Lynn Baker - Peter Robinson	59.04
27	Tony Davidson - Noreen Weyling	76.37	74	Paula Pettersson - Helen Rollond	58.75
28	Mary Staley - Paul Brake	76.30	75	Lorraine Carr - Janine Budgeon	58.67
29	Diane Nichols - Elizabeth Lawrence	75.81	76	Evelyn Stephenson - Linda Healy	58.42
30	Pam Hancox - Phil Merchant	75.70	77	Graham Carson - Ian Pick	58.07
31	John Ruddell - Alison Ruddell	75.62	78	David O'Gorman - Julie Jeffries	57.73
32	Barbara Kent - Ross Murtagh	74.96	79	Edgar Beckett - Janice Beckett	57.31
33	Penny Blankfield - Christopher Leach	74.94	80	Melissa Weber - Herold Rienstra	56.85
34	Eric Baker - Chris Stead	74.36	81	Patricia McGaffin - Judy Maloney	56.79
35	Jennifer Bandy - Christine Jenkins	74.05	82	Patricia Hobson - Trevor Fletcher	56.49
36	Carole Roache - Dot Piddington	73.86	83	Cecile Senior - Gwenda Mealyea	55.86
37	Anne Sim - Leo Sim	73.63	84	Eris Usher - Patsy Millar	53.55
38	Charles Page - Marcey Spilsbury	73.31	85	Helen Chamberlin - Winny Chan	53.45
39	Doreen Pao - Simon Chan	72.84	86	John Stacey - Kevin Petrie	53.10
40	David Sarten - Susanne Sarten	72.13	87	Mike Robertson - Gavin Bow	53.09
41	Denis Ward - Sunil Mukherjee	72.10	88	Lyn Mould - Erica Tie	52.41
42	Robin Steinhardt - Dewi Eastman	72.01	89	Yolande Coroneo - Jacqui Fardoulis	50.96
43	Vivien Eldridge - Alan Davies	71.92	90	Faye Symons - Denis Upsall	48.70
44	Keith Blinco - Terrence Sheedy	71.68	91	Merilyn Paris - Chris Barnwell	46.31
45	Hope Tomlinson - Martin Johnson	71.48	92	Lesley Kenyon - John Pellen	44.24
46	John Donovan - Perelle Scales	71.03	93	Sylvia Cryer - Deborah McLay	38.80
47	Peter Karol - Joanne Crockford	70.87	94	Lorraine Zoia - Jenny Crawl	33.66

Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs

Rank	Names	Total	Rank	Names	Total
1	Andrew Gosney - Jack Luke-Paredi	105.42	46	Keith Mabin - Fiona Smith	69.71
2	Gail Tippett - Paul Maxwell	96.05	47	Fay Jeppesen - Tony Bowmaker	69.59
3	Kathy Hamilton - John Hamilton	92.19	48	Margaret Fleming - Jenny Bush	69.38
4	Margaret Kenny - Elizabeth Neil	90.66	49	Dave Garret - Denise Mayhew	68.50
5	Michael Byrne - William Van Bakel	90.04	50	Dov Berns - Sandra Berns	68.27
6	Brenda Rees - Howard Rees	89.68	51	Sarah Livingston - Frank McConvill	67.82
7	Mitch Dowling - Austin Driscoll	88.04	52	Cassandra Mitchell - Clare Filmer Ramsay	66.92
8	Marsha Woodbury - Virginia Warren	87.17	53	Richard Stuart - Carol Joseph	66.88
9	Hans Van Weeren - Peter Clarke	86.94	54	Peter Koorey - Richard Kuipers	66.72
10	Sarah Carradine - Michael Young	86.85	55	Darryl Dowthwaite - Jan Stupples	66.64
11	Eileen Boocock - Philip Hassall	86.77	56	Joy Watkinson - Nicky Bowers	66.53
12	Tilley Thillainathan - Ross Currin	84.62	57	Charles Fisher - John Fisher	65.77
13	Peter Watson - Julia Watson	84.12	58	Manfred Junge - Patricia Seppelt	65.51
14	Brad Tattersfield - Jan Borren	83.53	59	Lesley Power - Susan Lee	65.27
15	Justine Wlodarczyk - Chris Wlodarczyk	82.64	60	Odette Hall - Susan Herse	64.93
16	Misako James - Sue Kleeman	81.37	61	Neil Waters - Jan Cluff	64.37
17	Jenni Borren - Margaret Robbie	81.21	62	Jane Gray - Teena McKenzie	64.02
18	Valerie Robbins - Peter Robbins	81.16	63	Ted Morriss - Jane Doyle	63.76
19	Richard Spelman - Janet Price	80.64	64	Clive Klugman - Fran Martin	63.47
20	Christine Haronga - Turei Haronga	80.34	65	Heath Cook - Barry Cook	63.12
21	Raymond Powley - Susan Powley	79.54	66	Maree Filippini - Jennifer Bavage	62.75
22	Colin Dempster - Max Paterson	79.42	67	Barbara Love - Judy Hapeta	62.04

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23	Sheryl Gardner - Daria Williams	79.33	68	Kevin Willcocks - Julie Willcocks	61.85
24	Dianne Hillman - Connie Cassar	79.03	69	Robyn Lichter - Judy Leiba	61.20
25	Trevor Haley - Lanny Chan	78.76	70	Gabrielle Elich - John Elich	61.15
26	Dennis Sullivan - Albert Loh	77.39	71	Allison Simon - Marie Irving	60.59
27	Haley Fenwick - Julie Quilty	76.92	72	Peter Hayles - Antonina Hayles	60.41
28	Anne Kirkpatrick - Judy Bardone	76.85	73	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin	60.25
29	Natasha Thomas - Janette Kollisch	75.81	74	Teresa Phillips - David Spencer	60.15
30	Anna Chappell - Marilyn Kennedy	75.73	75	Peter Hooper - Susie Herring	57.60
31	Jan Rothlisberger - Janet Reynolds	75.42	76	Barbara Gordon - Rosemary Page	56.94
32	Jeff Conroy - Anne Russell	75.23	77	Leif Michelsson - Maria Michelsson	56.35
33	Don Cameron - Mike Duggan	74.40	78	Rosemary Goodwin - Valmai McPherson	56.19
34	Diane Holewa - Max Holewa	73.86	79	Pat Leavy - Judith Wilson	55.80
35	Roger Peak - Dale Peak	73.65	80	David Munro - Peter Rollond	55.75
36	Bruce Penhey - Harriet Penhey	72.42	81	Ming Shu Yang - Heather Colbert	54.12
37	Joanne Bakas - Tassi Georgiadis	72.35	82	Prunella Adams - Dorothy Hertelendy	54.10
38	Sybil O'Keeffe - Pam Sexton	72.19	83	Wendy Doyle - Chery McCallum	53.28
39	Murray Wiggins - Francey Rolls	72.03	84	David Corney - Margaret Corney	52.62
40	Warren Cousins - Dell Macneil	71.88	85	Marilyn Robins - Christine Nice	50.81
41	William Brazier - Alec Gillespie	71.14	86	Kaylene Lingard - Jim Love	47.86
42	Christine Leivers - Tom Lyons	70.27	87	Peter Ebert - Beth O'Reilly	47.61
43	Jamal Rayani - Parveen Rayani	70.22	88	Donna Gillies - Mark Loewenthal	47.51
44	Margaret Baker - Lorraine Pescatore	69.80	89	Norma Newton - Julie Lindsay	39.22
45	Norma Cameron - Denise Richards	69.75	90	Anneke Bierenbroodspot - Lesley Meyers	38.72

THE MOST EXPENSIVE DIRECTOR CALL OF THE EVENT!

Barry Rigal

It is rare to make a 25 IMP director call, but this deal certainly was worth all that and more.

Let me give you the circumstances, before I tell you more. Good news: you are in a grand slam and the opponents haven't doubled. Bad news, they lead an ace in the suit you have a singleton. Good news: the lead is out of turn!

Do you call the director or accept the lead?

Before I give you the denouement here is what happened to Sue and Garry Hollander on the same hand in the Open Teams.

Dealer: East ♠ A K Q 10 7 6 3
 Vul: None ♥ K 7 4
 Brd 14 ♦ 2
 ♣ 3 2

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

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 8 7 6

♠ J
 ♥ Q 8 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 9 8 6 5
 ♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	Sue		Gary
		1♦	Pass
3NT(!)	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

The defenders only took their seven spades and two of their three heart tricks so declarer 'escaped' for down five. Meanwhile in the other room where their team-mates Molly O'Donohue and Philip Thompson were E/W, this is what happened.

West	North	East	South
Philip		Molly	
		1♦	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♦	4♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North knew a spade wasn't standing up – but surely the diamond ace was never going away (and might partner have doubled if he had that card?). In any event while a heart lead might have been the killer for one side or the other, it wasn't found. So O'Donohue wrapped up 13 tricks.

Back to our director call, where our players are veiled in the gauze of anonymity that only a wilfully forgetful TD can provide. He was summoned to the table to see this auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
2♣	4♠	5♦	Pass
6♦	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the ♠A out of turn, East rejecting Goldwater's Rule ("if they don't know whose lead it is they are probably leading the wrong thing") triumphantly banned the spade lead and South led ♥A to cash out for down two.

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Thank you to Leonie Spence for providing the 1000 hours work in the Scrumble Rug, Andy Hung, Flight Centre and all the other contributors to the raffle, Not least of which are our brilliant experts who again this year have donated their time and goodwill for our cause.

This time last year we were supporting 16 shelters across Queensland. Today that number stands at 43 and we support all 6 shelters in Tasmania. As I've said, Zephyr is run on a purely volunteer basis. All funds raised are spent on the children's educational needs, however more people than just the child supported by you benefit from a vulnerable child feeling a little more normal in horrible circumstances. Your openhearted support continues to inspire us.

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DIRECTOR'S TIP When Is A Card Played?

- For a Defender, a card is played when it could have been seen by their partner. It doesn't matter whether or not partner did see it, nor does it matter if Declarer saw it.
- For Declarer, a card is played when it is placed on or near the table in the played position. It doesn't matter whether or not a Defender has seen it.

IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – PROBLEM 6

Ron Klinger

During Sunday's Celebrity Lecture series, Ron Klinger proposed a number of problems. We present them here, together with the solutions for those who may not have been able to attend.

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

1 10-12 Spade Raise

West leads the ♦9[underlead]-♦2-♦Q-♦A.
 South plays ♠Q and ♠J and ♠2 to his ♠10
 With partner following to all three spades
 Declarer then plays the ♣K-you ♣A-♣2-♣3. What next for West?

**If you would like a copy of Ron's Notes
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Margaret Partridge



I've played at the Gold Coast Congress for the last ten years and absolutely love it. Eight years ago John Rogers and I met at the GCC whilst playing against each other. He had been widowed for some years and my husband had died three years previously. A bit of table chit chat led to dinner date back in Sydney and as we had many shared interests in addition to bridge, we felt very lucky to have met each other. Four years ago we got married.

Last year we attended the Darwin Congress and in the same sort of serendipitous manner that brought John and me together, we met a couple of Territorians at the bridge table. We enjoyed each other's company and the four of us decided to play here at the Gold Coast Congress. We had no real expectations, other than to have a great time. However, it proved to be a very successful team and yesterday we qualified first in the Intermediate Teams and will play off in the Finals. The four of us are really really excited to have done so well.

The Gold Coast Congress is very special to John and me as it is, in effect, our anniversary, but now with Sue and Ken we will be coming back every year as a team and as friends. Bridge can be very kind.

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THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

Dir W	♠ Q 10 9 7		
All Vul	♥ J 10 9 7 2		
	♦ 8 4		
	♣ J 3		
		♠ A J 3	
		♥ 8 6 4	
		♦ A 10	
		♣ 10 9 7 5 4	
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the ♠5, fourth-highest. Dummy's ♠9 is played. Which card should East play? Assuming you have won trick one as East, what do you play at trick two?

Solution: Charles Goren reported this defence in the Miami Herald. It was recounted by Michael Courtney in "Play Cards with Tim Seres".

Tony Priday

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

Roelof Smilde

♠ K 8 6 5 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K Q 6

Tim Seres

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

Claude Rodrigue

♠ 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 3
 ♣ A 8 2

After the auction given, Roelof led the ♠5: ♠9....West had bid spades and the Rule of 11 meant that South had no spade higher than the five. East played the ♠J, winning, and switched to the ♦10! The defence could also prevail after a heart shift, but the ♦10 made it much easier for the defence. It prevented a club ruff without giving up control of the trump suit and declarer was one down.

IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – SOLUTION 6

Ron Klinger

Dealer: South
 Vul: All

♠ A Q J 6
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ 7 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 9 2

♠ 9
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K 10 5 4 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A K J 3
 ♣ K 7

♠ 8 7 6
 ♥ A K 9 7 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ J 10 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	3♦ ¹	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the ♦9(underlead)-♦2-♦Q-♦A. South plays ♠Q and ♠J and ♠2 to his ♠10. With partner following to all three spades Declarer then plays the ♣K- your ♣A-♣2-♣3. What next for West?

Declarer has an inescapable club and two heart losers. Any card you play other than the ♦4 will see declarer fail.

Declarer could have tested the defence by exiting hearts, after which East must win, cash the ♥K and exit with the ♣J, and West must duck.

BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

The determination of the par result on a deal used to be a matter of precise calculation. These days the advent of Deep Finesse, a computer related tool created by Bill Bailey, has obviated the need for such hard work. But occasionally the double-dummy analysis produced by the computer throws up such a surprising result that the players need to check for themselves just how the result is arrived at.

Today's deal is just such an example; I'm going to make your life harder by not telling you what you are expected to do in four spades.

Dir East	♠ 8 6	West	North	East	South
Vul All	♥ A 5			1♦	3♠
	♦ Q J 9 6	Double	4♠	Double	All Pass
	♣ A J 9 3 2				
♠ K 3 2					
♥ J 10 8 4					
♦ K 10 7 4					
♣ 7 5					
	♠ A 5				
	♥ K Q 7 3				
	♦ A 8 5 3 2				
	♣ 8 4				
	♠ Q J 10 9 7 4				
	♥ 9 6 2				
	♦ —				
	♣ K Q 10 6				

An adventurous auction sees you in 4♠ doubled. How do you rate both sides' chances?

Let's look at declarer's chances first. He has nine easy tricks, and if he can draw trumps he pitches a heart on a club loser. If the defenders lead hearts he ducks. Now what do the defenders do; they cannot cash ace and king of trumps or declarer draws all the trump and claims; if they play ace and duck a trump declarer just runs clubs, with the heart ace still in place. If they duck the first trump declarer plays to ruff a heart.

On a diamond lead declarer ruffs and plays a trump, and if the defenders win they cannot prevent a heart ruff without surrendering trump control. If they duck the first trump declarer plays to set up diamonds to pitch both his heart losers.

Since a club lead accomplishes nothing (declarer ducks a heart and the play transposes into an initial heart lead) what is left?

Answer: an initial trump lead by West – and East ducks! Now if declarer plays a second trump the defenders shift to heart, if declarer ducks a heart at trick two the defenders play trump then heart, and remain in control.

While we may be familiar with ducking the trump ace to retain control, this manoeuvre was new to me.

BE GUIDED BY BRENT

What you need to know Part 8 – Brent Manley

The late Harold Levitt had the kind of wit that usually hit the nail on the head. Here is one of his astute observations: "Playing bridge without a system is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you're doing, but nobody else does."

If you and your partner fail to discuss your agreements thoroughly, you may find yourself winking in the dark.

For example, you may have decided to play a certain defence against the opponents' 1NT openers. In the U.S. Marty Bergen's DONT has many followers in part because of its simplicity. DONT is one of many schemes for competing against 1NT openers.

But what if the opponents are playing a "weak" 1NT? Do you use the same system? Many experts vary the system to be able to double directly to show a good hand (usually 14 or more high-card points).

Alert! Important point ahead!

Before you start thinking about an alternative system for "weak" 1NT openers, you and partner must define "weak." I have seen many experienced players using their weak 1NT takeout system when partner considered the opener to have been in the "strong" category.

Agree on the definition before you adopt a second system to compete against it. A range such as 10-12 is easy to define as weak, but what about 11-14? 13-15? What's best for competing is less important than agreement between you and your partner about the range for strong and for weak.

Another important topic for discussion is continuations by advancer (the partner of the overcaller). What if advancer has a good hand? Many pairs play that all good hands (i.e., roughly an opening bid) start with 2NT. This will come up more against the weaker 1NT openers but it's handy to have in your arsenal for all occasions. It's frustrating to miss a game because of the opponents' system.

For advice about when to enter the auction against a strong 1NT, see yesterday's bulletin for Mel Colchamiro's Rule of 8.

While you are discussing competing against strong openings, decide on a defence to the artificial Precision 1♣ opening (or any strong 1♣ opening). There are many gadgets for this task, but simple is best, at least at the start. The easiest to work with is Mathe: Double shows the majors, 1NT shows the minors. Other bids are natural.

Continuing with the thought, you can use the same defence against the strong 2♣ opener, but there is more risk involved because you have to start a level higher. The system chosen is less important than both partners' being on the same page.

In both cases, take care when your side is vulnerable and your opponents are not. If you compete against them just because you have a system for it and you don't have the goods, you could be facing a massive minus score when your opponents happily double. By "goods" I mean good shape – 5-5 or better in two suits – or some robust suit of seven or more cards. When you have high-card strength, it is often best to pass in the direct seat because if your right-hand opponent is strong and you are, too, guess how much is left for partner?

One more thought: When you are thinking about getting in there with a bid that shows two suits, consider whether you are likely to win the auction. If it's not clear that you will, just pass. Bidding to show 5-5 or better in a couple of suits provides a road map to the play for any alert declarer. You will think he can see through the backs of the cards.

When the vulnerability is favourable, you can be more aggressive, especially when you have a distributional hand.

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	Saturday 25th February	
OPEN EVENTS	Finals Teams	Dinner Dance 7:30pm for Drinks 8:00pm Start Bookings Essential From \$10 Depending Number Sessions Played
Open Teams	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 3/3	
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)		
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 3/3	
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)		
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 3/3	
WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT		
Holiday Walk-In Pairs 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess	10:00am S5	
	Saturday	



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Holiday Pairs - Tournament 2 Session 3 FRIDAY AM

Place	N-S	Score	Place	E-W	Score
1	Astrid Stone - Michael Witham	66.7	1	Dianne Mullin - Eddie Mullin	58.6
2	Judy Zollo - John Bamfield	59.2	2	Freddie Zulfiqar - Roy Bentley	56.9
3	Kathy Perry - Matt Kruk	58.1	3	Paul Thiem - Sandra Young	56.5
4	Penny Johnson - Rosalyn Stevens	57.6	4	Steve Murray - Ann Murray	53.5
5	Sylvia Kudelka - Elaine Dickson	55.3	5	Phillip Halloran - Sylvia Halloran	52.3
6	Ian Bailey - Graham Markey	52.4	6	Cherry Trengove - Margaret Rex	52.1
7	David Roberts - Paul Matthews	51.8	7	Bruce Anderson - Toby Gordon	51.7
8	Kay Justice - Shirley Burgess	50.7	8	Norma Browne - Jillian Griffith	50.8
9	Diana McAuliffe - Jenny Antoff	49.6	9	Fred Whitaker - Duncan Badley	48.6
10	Margaret Liversage - Derick Coppack	49.2	10	Ivan Schmalkuche - Penny Schmalkuche	47.9
11	Helen Hobbs - Paula Nigem	49.1	11	Susan Hunt - Janet Grieve	47.6
12	Ann Stoodley - Diana Bergmark	42.7	12	Evol Cresswell - Margaret Darke	46.7
12	Carol Edwards - Jim Wood	42.7	13	Ian Hoschke - Sylvia Billingham	46.3
14	Janet Mckeough - Heather Peattie	40.4	14	Brenda Butcher - Birgitt Bingham	44.6
14	Helen McBride - Sally Macdonald	40.4	15	Lynne Richardson - Richard Sheldrake	42.9
16	David Douglas - Malcolm Mckinnon	33.3	16	Jennifer Ferguson - Garry Ferguson	42.3

Holiday Pairs - Tournament 2 Session 4 FRIDAY PM

Place	N-S	Score	Place	E-W	Score
1	Ann Murray - Steve Murray	65.4	1	Robyn Clayton - Alan Smith	58.1
2	Deirdre Giles - Jan Argent	62.8	2	Dianne Mullin - Eddie Mullin	57.7
3	Patricia Pepper - Carolyn Seymour	60.8	3	Freddie Zulfiqar - Roy Bentley	56.6
3	Kelela Allen - Susan Capp	60.8	4	Ian Hoschke - Sylvia Billingham	55.8
5	Nancy Heffernan - Graham Davies	58.9	5	Donna Upchurch - Nebojsa Djorovic	55.7
6	Kathy Perry - Matt Kruk	58.4	6	Kay Baguley - Bruce Baguley	51.0
7	Jeanne Adams - Beverley Welch	51.5	7	Daniel Hatcher - Michael Aikin	50.9
8	Peter Fredericks - Lorraine Fredericks	50.4	8	Paul Thiem - Sandra Young	50.4
9	Malcolm Mckinnon - David Douglas	41.2	9	Deanna Stuart - John Stuart	49.6
10	Janet Mckeough - Heather Peattie	39.0	10	Brenda Butcher - Birgitt Bingham	45.0
11	Carol Edwards - Derick Coppack	35.4	11	Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman	44.2
12	David Roberts - Paul Matthews	33.1	12	Barbara Boag - Katalin Bish	42.9
13	Diana McAuliffe - Jenny Antoff	31.7	13	Fiona Templeton - Ross Templeton	31.4

CHOCOLATE FROGS AROUND

- Jack-Luke Paredi** He is so well mannered and such a good player, considerate. I look following his progress
- Donna Upchurch & Neboj Sadjorovic** Very calm and friendly players
- Louis** Such an obliging Caddy
- Unnamed** She happily got up and delivered the cards to our table – she was lovely and pleasant
- Anne Kelly** She has a limited number of Masterpoints but is coming 6th and has impeccable manners
- Jessica White** She is so efficient and gracious always watching out for tables without boards even in sections other than hers.
- John McIlrath** He is exceptionally helpful during the Pairs game and especially the room change on Monday night.
- Alan Gibson** Nominated for his helpfulness during the Pairs and especially the room change on Monday evening.
- Diarmuid Reddin** Nominated for his helpfulness during the Pairs and especially the room change on Monday evening.
- Michael Stoneman** Good sportsmanship

PUZZLE

100 Gold Coins: Five pirates have obtained 100 gold coins and have to divide up the loot. The pirates are all extremely intelligent, treacherous and selfish (especially the captain).

The captain always proposes a distribution of the loot. All pirates vote on the proposal, and if half the crew or more go "Aye", the loot is divided as proposed, as no pirate would be willing to take on the captain without superior force on their side.

If the captain fails to obtain support of at least half his crew (which includes himself), he faces a mutiny, and all pirates will turn against him and make him walk the plank. The pirates start over again with the next senior pirate as captain.

What is the maximum number of coins the captain can keep without risking his life?

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

The Most Intelligent Prince: Solution: White.

The king would not select two white hats and one black hat. This would mean two princes would see one black hat and one white hat. You would be at a disadvantage if you were the only prince wearing a black hat.

If you were wearing the black hat, it would not take long for one of the other princes to deduce he was wearing a white hat.

If an intelligent prince saw a white hat and a black hat, he would eventually realize that the king would never select two black hats and one white hat. Any prince seeing two black hats would instantly know he was wearing a white hat. Therefore if a prince can see one black hat, he can work out he is wearing white.

Therefore the only fair test is for all three princes to be wearing white hats. After waiting some time just to be sure, you can safely assert you are wearing a white hat.

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
DIFFICULT SUDOKU**

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

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SOME HUMOUR - THOUGHTS FOR FELLOW SENIORS

My goal for 2017 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 more to go.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

How to prepare Tofu:

- a. Throw it in the trash
- b. Cook some meat



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