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The tournament hosted a gathering for our international participants We hope you have a great time and wish you safe travels after the tournament

HOLIDAY PAIRS WINNERS

Event 1

Patricia Scott - Sharon Jackson

Event 2

Jamaluddin Rayani - Parveen Rayani

MORE WINNERS



Winners N/S 0-50 MP Patrick Eather Amanda Adams

Winners E/W 0-50 MP Jim Love Sandra Goodworth

Winners N/S Thu Rookies Barbara Moni Wendy Casey

Winners E/W 0-50 MP Peter Wilce James Pope

ROUND EIGHT

Barry Rigal

The top of the table match between Beauchamp and Milne was watched by David Stern, and he picked a corker. Here are some of the juicier episodes: when this deal came along, the match score was 4-1 for Milne.

Dealer: North Vul: N-S	♠ J 5 4 3 ♥ Q 4 2		West Wiltshire	North Coutts	East Henbest	South Gosne			
Brd 21	♦ Q 8			Pass	1♣	1NT(!)		
Open Tms Qual R8 4 A 9 5 4			Pass	3NT	All pass	`	,		
♦ 82		♠ A K 9			•				
♥J973		♥ K 10 8 6							
◆ 10 6 4	1064			Makeable Contracts					
♣ KJ76		4 10 8 2		2	-	1	NT		
	♠ Q 10 7 6		-	3	-	3	lack		
	♥ A 5		1	-	1	-	Y		
	A K 9 7 2		-	2	-	2	•		
	♣ Q 3		_	1	_	1	*		

When Henbest opened a 2+card 1♣ Gosney riposted by overcalling a stopperless no-trump. Who needs a stopper if you pretend you have one? That got him to 3NT at the speed of light; Wiltshire accurately led a heart, and declarer made the best play for his side by ducking in dummy and winning in hand to lead a spade to the jack and king. What was Henbest supposed to do now? Wouldn't you shift to diamonds...yes, so would I. He selected the technically sound card of the ◆J, but declarer didn't care. He drove out the remaining spade honour, guessed diamonds (well done), and had an impressive nine tricks. In the other room they played 2NT by North, making +150 on a club lead, but that was still 10 imps to Milne.

Vul: E-W	♠ Q 10 5 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 5 4		West Wiltshire	North Coutts	East Henbest	South Gosney 3NT	
Open Tms Qual R8	\$ 2		Double	Pass	Pass	4 ♣	
♦ 9842		♠ A 7 6	Double	All pass			
♥ A 10 9 7 2		∀ K Q J 5					
♦ A		♦ Q 6 3 2		Makeab	le Contra	acts	
♣ K 8 3		♣ 9 4	2	-	2	-	NT
•	∧ KJ		3	-	3	-	\spadesuit
•	♥ 8 6		3	-	3	-	Y
•	♦ K 7		-	1	-	1	•
•	♣ A Q J 10 7 6 5		-	1	-	1	*

This 2+ card-club suit must have something to recommend it…but it certainly wasn't obvious on the basis of these two deals. Or perhaps we can credit Mr Gosney's warped imagination with the swing. He got himself to 4♣x, a contract that was set to be defeated at least two tricks − still a decent save against 4♥, if that contract could be made. Wiltshire led the ◆A (ace from ace-king) and shifted to a spade. Henbest won, as South unblocked the king, cashed one top heart, and there must have been some defensive failure to communicate as, instead of giving his partner the diamond ruff, he played a club. Declarer hopped up with the ace, pitched his diamond loser on the spades, and graciously conceded his trump trick for down one.

In the other room the short club and transfer responses worked perfectly (that is when the opponents don't get in your way). Edgtton/Hung reached 4♥ and that put South on lead. After a trump lead, ten tricks were a formality and Milne led 26-1.

The next deal was a bad one for Australians whose names started 'Wil...' both David Wiltshire and Michael Wilkinson played 3NT here as West

Dealer: South	♦ J 6 4		West	North	East	South	
Vul: Both	♥ K J 10 8 5		Wiltshire	Coutts	Henbest	Gosne	y
Brd 23	♦ Q 6		1♣	Pass	1♦ [♥]	Pass	
Open Tms Qual R8 ♣ J 7 6			1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	
♠ A Q 9 2		♠ K 10 3	10 3 2NT Pass 3NT All			All pa	เรร
♥ Q		A 7 4 3					
♦ A 10 7 4		♦ K 8 5 2	Makeable Contracts				
♣ 8432		♣ A 5	2	-	2	-	NT
	♦ 875		4	-	4	-	^
	♥ 9 6 2		2	-	2	-	Y
	♦ J 9 3		5	-	5	-	•
	♣ K Q 10 9		3	-	3	-	*

Wilkinson reached 3NT on the auction 1♦-1♥-1NT-3NT. In both cases the North player (Coutts in our featured match Arthur Robbins in our other match) led the ♥K! On any other lead declarer has a chance to make, but if West ducks two hearts the defenders have time to shift to clubs. Wilkinson won the first heart, and his fate was sealed, while Wiltshire ducked twice, won the third heart, and needed to find the ♣J to make his game. After giving up a diamond to South he took the two top spades, unblocking the ten, and set up a position where he could finesse against North at trick 11. When he quite logically misguessed and went down 200 he had lost just 3 imps for his side. Why? In the other room they played 6♦ after a three-suited auction had persuaded East that he would be facing more or better trumps. Pas ce soir Josephine.

The only other double-digit swing of the match came on board 27.

Dealer: South	♠AKJ86		West	North	East	South	า	
Vul: None	♥ 9 3					1♥		
Brd 27	Q J 10 6		Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦		
Open Tms Qual R8 A Q 2			Pass	4 •	Pass	4♥		
♠ 9 7		♠ Q 10 5 4 3 2	Pass 4NT Pass 5♦ 0/3			3 KC		
♥ Q 10 6 5		♥ 82	Pass 6♦ All Pass					
♦ 7 4		♦ 9 8 5			Makeable Contracts			
4 10 9 8 6 5		♣ A J	_	5	-	5	NT	
	^		-	3	-	3	^	
	A K J 7 4		-	4	-	4	Y	
	A K 3 2		-	6	-	6	•	
	♣ K 7 4 3		-	2	-	3	*	

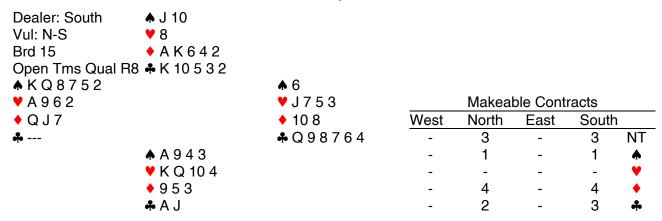
The N/S cards are very hard to judge but after I certainly don't blame James Coutts for using keycard and driving to 6♦. On a club lead (♣10, ♣2, ♣J, ♣K) how would you plan the play? It looks normal to set about a cross-ruff by playing on spades, but the bad break kills you.

The winning line is to take the K and play ace, king and ruff a heart high, then cash the two top spades, come to hand after two rounds of diamonds to ruff a heart in dummy with the remaining high trump in dummy, and ruff a spade with a low trump. Bad news, the spades do not break; good news, West cannot overruff you.

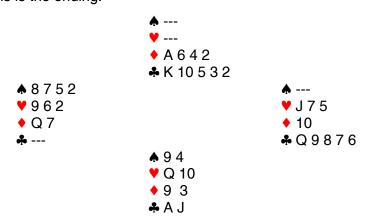
Declarer actually set about the winning line but played to ruff a spade back to hand without drawing any trumps, and ran into an overruff. That cost him 11 imps when 3NT made 430 in the other room.

The final match score was 30-13 for Milne.

Theme and variations: 3NT was the contract successfully reached at about 45 tables, with South declarer.



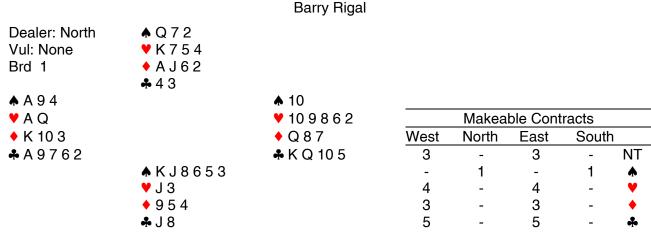
The play is worth following after West leads a top spade, establishing an extra trick for declarer. South ducks, wins the top spade continuation, and leads a low diamond from hand, planning to run it if West follows with the seven. So let's say in a rare moment of clarity West puts in the jack. Declarer can duck (though if he does so he will need to find the &Q to make his game). He may instead lead a heart to his king in hand. If he does so, West wins the ace. This is the ending:



If declarer pitches a club from dummy, on the third spade, East can unblock the diamond ten, and declarer can no longer bring the diamonds in. So South pitches a diamond from dummy as does East and plays the club ace and jack. If East wins and exits in clubs, he is eventually endplayed to concede the ninth trick in hearts.

Bottom line: with the heart jack onside, declarer can always force a ninth trick from the hearts or clubs. The hand is a little more interesting with the heart jack offside, but declarer can still succeed by playing on clubs at once. After the club ace then club jack, East may well duck to try to prevent his partner getting squeezed. But then declarer simply cashes all his minor winners and exits with a heart to the king. West eventually has to concede a second heart trick to declarer (though if he pitches two hearts on the clubs from ♥ A J x x, declarer may well misguess the hearts).

TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 9



Simon Hinge found himself in 3NT after a spade preempt from South. He ducked the first two spades (discarding hearts from dummy) and then took five rounds of clubs, forcing South to find three discards. It is ever easy to know what to do here; his choice was to let a go a diamond and two spades, while his partner

discarded two hearts and a diamond, as dummy pitched a heart. Hinge exited with the ◆A, and when North won the best she can do is play the heart king. But that wasn't good enough: declarer could simply win the ace and queen, with the diamond queen as the ninth trick. If South discards a heart on the clubs, declarer may well play ace then queen of hearts to bring in the ninth trick from a diamond endplay on North.

Game was bid and made very commonly here – a surprising number of the field making 4♥, which may not be an appetizing spot but it certainly handles very easily when the ♥J falls in two rounds.

Dealer: East	♠ A 10 9 8 7 4		West	North	East	South	1	
Vul: N-S	♥ A Q 8		Bach	Gumby	Cornell	Lazer		
Brd 2	♦ 6				14 [2+]	1♠		
	♣ Q 10 2		2♦	4♦	Double	4♠		
♠ J		♠ 6	5♦	5♥	Pass	5♠		
∀ K 10 9 3		♥ J 6 5 2	6♦	Pass	Pass	Doub	le //	
QJ987532		♦ K 10	Makeable Contracts					
•		♣ A K 8 7 6 3	-	3	-	3	NT	
	♠ K Q 5 3 2		-	4	-	5	\spadesuit	
	♥ 7 4		2	-	2	-	Y	
	♦ A 4		2	-	2	-	♦	
	♣J954		-	1	-	1	*	

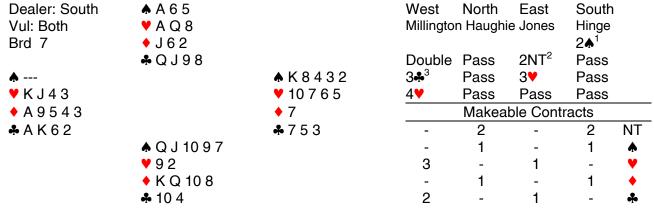
The field coped moderately with the problems faced by both sides here. N/S+ 350 was the datum, with 5♠x for +850 being a moderately common result, when the defenders could not find their ruff. How aggravating!

At one of the tables where I was watching the action when West saved in 6♦ on the auction above, Pauline Gumby had no idea how many clubs declarer had.

From her perspective the hand looked like a cashout, so she started with ♥A and still wasn't sure what to do next (since her partner could have had ♥ K x, and declarer a spade void). She eventually cashed ♠A and collected +300.

Her teammates took even more tricks than she, since there the defence didn't cash ♠A after taking ♥A and declarer escaped for down one!

By contrast Neil Ewart/Margaret Bourke defended 6♦ on an auction where Bourke as south had had a chance to double a natural 5♣ call by East. So Ewart led ♠A and could tell declarer had a club void. He shifted to a trump to kill the entries to the clubs – just in case – and Bourke won and led a heart through to collect her two heart tricks plus the ruff for 800. Well done! (I believe Budai/Urbach may have found the same defence).

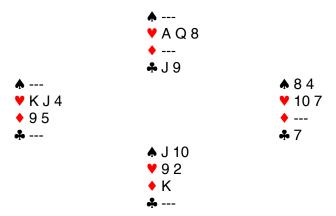


[1] Spades and a 4+card minor [2] Lebensol puppeting 3. [3] Forced

After Hinge had denied real extras by going through the transfer, I wonder if Millington might have doubled the final contract? Not that this would have persuaded her partner to lead from a trump rather than his spade sequence.

Put yourself in North's shoes after the lead of ♠Q; declarer Bill Haughie discarded a club from dummy. Millington took her ♠A and returned a club. Declarer won and played ♠A and ruffed a diamond to hand, cashed ♠K to pitch a club from the board, then ruffed a spade ruffed a diamond, crossed to the club king, and ruffed a fourth diamond on which South made the natural play of discarding a club. Now a club ruff meant declarer had scored nine tricks (four top winners, three diamond ruffs in hand and a spade ruff and club ruff in dummy). With ♥ K J and ♦ 9 on the board declarer ruffed a diamond with ♥10 and could not be denied a tenth trick.

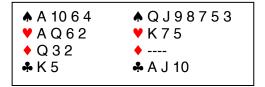
Let's go back to the ninth trick:



Declarer has just led the fourth diamond, establishing dummy's long diamond. It does no good to ruff with the queen and then to play ace and another heart, nor to play a club yourself as, since declarer continues the cross-ruff. Try ruffing with the heart eight – entirely illogical I know! Now declarer overruffs, ruffs a club low and leads the fifth diamond.

When you discard, partner can overruff East's ♥7 with the nine and you take the ♥ A Q to set the game.

When was the last time you led to a four to make a grand slam? Check out board 10.

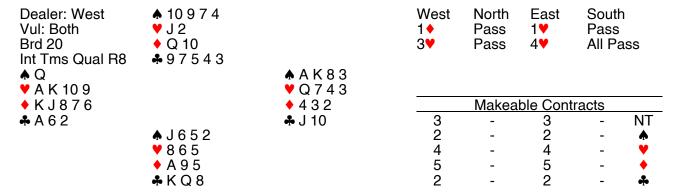


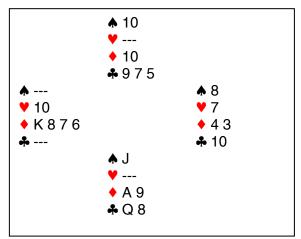
Bach and Cornell bid to 7♠ after an auction where Bach as West bid the grand slam force, Cornell denied the ability to bid the grand the first time by bidding 6♦ but jumped to 7♠ over his partner's last train 6♥ call. Cornell won the lead in hand and led a spade to the four to land his slam. Maybe he did it just to add a new record to his collection? Whatever the case, it led to a win of 13 as opposed to a loss of 17.

TAP OUT AND ENDPLAY

Leigh Matheson

An interesting end position arose during round 8 of the Intermediate Field in the teams event:





South lead the ♣K, won by dummy's ace. Declarer cashed two high hearts in dummy, unblocked the spade queen and drew the last trump with the ♥Q. Two top spades allowed declarer to discard dummy's two remaining clubs. A diamond to the jack and queen led to this ending:

Capitalising on declarer's bad guess in diamonds, North returned a club to the queen. Declarer realising the impending problem of ruffing this in dummy and being forced to lead a low diamond off diamond hoping for either defender holding the bare •A allowed the •Q to win.

South equally understood declarer's dilemma and played the $\clubsuit J$ forcing declarer to ruff in dummy to lead a low diamond hoping for the $\spadesuit A$ to have started as doubleton. Thus he had to

go one down. Declarer's only way home is to put up the ◆K when a low diamond was played from hand otherwise, on careful defence, declarer will always lose 3 diamond tricks and a black suit trick.

(**Ed**: Given what happened at the table declarer might do better not to play for discards, retaining the spade honours in hand. He just draws trumps and leads diamonds towards dummy twice using the club ruff as his second re-entry)

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Megan McGlashan reports that her husband Des is of Scottish Decent and is as mean as the stereotypical Scotsman (her words not your Bulletin). With this background he carefully prepares his lunch every day to save a few shillings. Yesterday the lunch break commenced and Des could not find his beautifully prepared chicken sandwich and even checked that it had not been purloined by one of the caddies. In disgust he gave up and bought his lunch. After lunch their team mates returned and Kitty Biro asked what her husband George had for lunch to which he replied "I had the beautiful chicken sandwich you prepared for me". Forgetting your bridge conventions is one thing but eating your team mate's lunch is a real dealbreaker.

CHOCOLATE FROG AWARDS

Paul Gosney was nominated for a CFA for good sportsmanship. With just 15 minutes to play 5 boards his opponent Dave Wiltshire claimed making 11 tricks which was disputed by Paul and his partner James Coutts and accepted by all and scored as making 10 tricks. After the last board had been played, and yes it was within time, Paul turned to David Wiltshire and Max Henbest and said that he would make 11 tricks whatever he did due to the layout of the cards – score changed. Well done Paul.

Watson Zhou and partner on three separate occasions faced opponents lead out of turn and each time spurned calling a director simply allowing the correct defender to lead what they wished. Great courtesy and playing for the true love of the game (no correspondence with directors about the need to call a director after an infraction will be entered into).

Gordon Henderson nominated by Felicity and Paulie (?) for alerting his opponents that his partner had revoked during the hand.

Jenny Montague nominated by her partner Jane Hills. Despite all of the partnership mistakes she simply smiles and says "aren't we lucky to be here". Jane notes that she is right – one can't play bridge six foot under.

Sally Clarke for calling the director when she overheard discussion about a board from the adjoining table.

[Ed: We love reporting CFAs but legibility and the name of the nominator makes it much easier for us]





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FEARLESS MIXED WITH CRAZY

Andy Hung

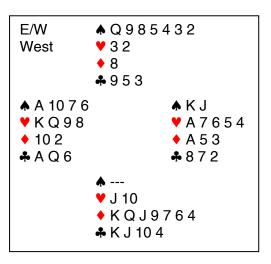
During the Australian Youth Bridge Week (held in Canberra annually in January), youth players from around the country get together and play some serious bridge as well as some side events which include Speedball, Crazy Pairs, and Goulash!

Here's a question for you: What do you get when you have youth players playing in a Crazy Bridge Pairs event? Very bright fireworks!

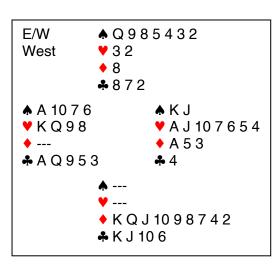
(Crazy Pairs is a fun variation of Bridge where each board has its own unique rules. For example, on one board the rules might be that 2's are bigger than aces, and on the very next board the rule might be that everyone is allowed one revoke each, etc.! Otherwise, bridge is still played as per normal with regards to the board's special rule.)

This was the special rule for this particular board below: "Before the auction begins, each person selects three cards to pass to their Right-Hand-Opponent. Continue the auction as per normal."

This was the full deal before any cards were passed:



At my table, this is what the full deal looked like after we all passed 3 cards to our respective RHO:



The auction was

West North East South

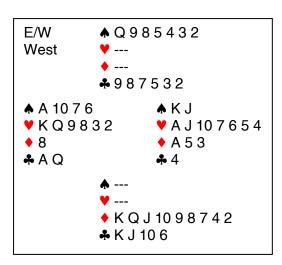
1♣ 1♠ 2♥ 5♦

6♥ Pass Pass 7♦

7♥ Double All Pass

My partner, East, had no trouble making 7♥X for +2470 and subsequently complained about the lack of redouble from me.

Of course, this wasn't an outright top board as this is Crazy Pairs. This happened at another table when they passed their three cards to their RHO:



West	North	East	South
1♥	4♠	6♥	7 ♦
7♥	7 ♠ (!)	7NT (!!)	Pass
Pass	Double	R'dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A finesse in spades and a finesse in clubs meant 13 easy tricks for Sam Coutts who declared the 7NTXX. +2980. Haven't we all aspired to bid and make a vulnerable 7NTXX?

Other results of this board were 6 X+1, 6 X-1 (North on lead was able to give South a spade ruff when South chose not to pass both of his hearts to East!).

CRYPTIC BRIDGE PERSONALITIES

Peter Buchen

Rules: Solve the cryptic clue below to identify one or more Australian bridge personalities. Two names are always given, usually the first and second names of the personality. The number in brackets following the clue is the total number of letters in both names. Answer in tomorrow's Bulletin.

- 1. North or west-going precedes the opening lead in King and Queen (10)
- 2. Leads Spades and responds: "thanks". Holds a Jack but not a King (10)
- 3. "D" (10)
- 4. e misdealt lemon goulash (15)
- 5. They cover reset bulls essentially (12)
- 6. He rules like a drunken duck! (11)
- 7. The English police gates, perhaps (12)
- 8. Mister troubled bridge opponents! (8)
- 9. Potter, maybe, around hesitation times (11)
- 10. Sultanate interlaced with dungeon (10) Extra 1-word clue: Sailor, loud and quiet tenant (3,9)

NEVER GIVE UP

Brent Manley

On this deal from the Senior Teams, Dennis Zines of Sydney took advantage of an apparently sleepy opponent to land a vulnerable game. Zines was playing with Sue Picus of New York City.

Dealer: East Vul: E-W	♠ Q 10 5 3 ♥ 4 3		West Zines	North	East Picus	South	
Brd 22	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4				1♦	2♣	
Snrs Tms Qual R8	♣ 2		2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	
♠ 9 8 4 2		♠ A 7 6	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ A 10 9 7 2		∀ K Q J 5					
♦ A		♦ Q 6 3 2		Makea	ble Cont	racts	
♣ K 8 3		♣ 9 4	2	-	2	-	NT
	∧ K J		3	-	3	-	lack
	♥ 86		3	-	3	-	Y
	♦ K 7		-	1	-	1	•
	♣ A Q J 10 7 6 5		_	1	-	1	*

Zines got the opening lead of the \$2 and he thought everything was fine. His view changed when South won the \$A and returned the queen. North's ruff made the situation a bit tougher for Zines, but he was up to the challenge – with a little help from South.

After taking a club ruff, North returned a diamond to the singleton ace. Zines entered dummy with a trump and played low a diamond. He was pleased to see South's ◆K pop up.

Zines ruffed and played a spade to the ace. South fell from grace by not unblocking the king right then, but she had a second chance to get his highness out of her hand when Zines ruffed his low club in dummy, cashed another trump and the \mathbf{Q} .

A moment later, South realized her error when Zines exited dummy with a spade. On lead with nothing left but clubs, South had to give Zines a ruff-sluff, and dummy's low spade went away.

On the layout, simply exiting with the spade would provide the ruff-sluff, allowing West to discard one of his two losing spades while ruffing in dummy – or ruff in hand and discard dummy's last spade. The other spade loser would go on dummy's Q.

The contract was defeated at the other table, so Zines's opportunistic play helped his side to a 12-IMP gain.

AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT



Remember that there are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge. Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner. The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

What you **CAN** do to improve your personal comfort level:

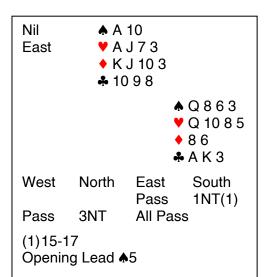
- as advertised in all communication, please bring a jumper;
- we have a supply of pashminas and wraps so please just ask a caddy who will bring it to you we do ask that you return these to the caddy at end of the session
- if it is obviously too cold for you and those around you please ask the caddy to report the table number and section to Kim Ellaway who will bring her trusted thermometer to see if it can be fixed or perhaps we can move the table.

Things you can do that will **NOT** improve your comfort level

- · discuss the issue with a Director or the Scoring Staff
- discuss it with the Recorder

BARRY'S PROBLEMS

Barry Rigal



When this hand was originally published in the Daily Bulletin from the Spring National tournament in Reno a few years ago, the author asked every East-West pair who had commented after defending three no-trump, "Well, it's cold!" to take a second look, and then apologize to Brigidda the Goddess of Bridge.

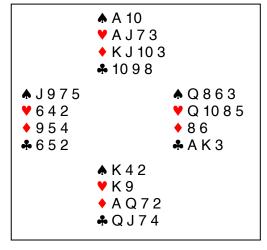
Partner leads the spade five against three no-trumps. Your queen wins as declarer follows with the two.

ANSWER

In three no-trump South ducked the first spade, won East's continuation of the spade three, and guessed well to knock out the club honours and claim 400. All declarer lost was the two clubs, the spade queen, and the fourth spade. So what's the point of the hand? Declarer guessed correctly as to whether to play on clubs or on hearts – big deal.

All that is true... but East was asleep at the wheel. By counting the high-card points he knows partner has precisely jack-fourth of spades, but he also knows that declarer can't see through the backs of the cards. East should return the spade eight at the second trick, simulating a remaining doubleton, then hop up with the club ace at his first turn and play the spade six back.

Surely declarer's best line now must be to take an immediate heart finesse before tackling clubs again – a line that would lead to immediate defeat if West had five spades and the club king. If the heart finesse loses and spades are 5-3 as expected, then declarer can revert to clubs and still succeed if East has the missing club honour. Unlucky! The losing heart finesse represents the defenders' fifth winner.



TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 11

Barry Rigal

As we sat down to start round 11 (me and the wild man of Borneo -- aka the real slim Shady or "My name is M") my partner asked me not to keep making him out to be a lunatic. "I'm only reporting the facts" I said.

10 milliseconds later he got to open 2♠ in fourth chair – and as the play progressed and he turned up with a 5-1-1-6 pattern, I wondered whether the doctor onsite was allowed to take him directly to the asylum after the game. Marshall would point to the 5 imps in the in-column, but nobody would be listening.

On the next deal Warren Lazer had the opportunity to demonstrate expert theory on opening lead.

What would you select against 1NT-3NT holding: ♠ 8 7 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ K 10 3

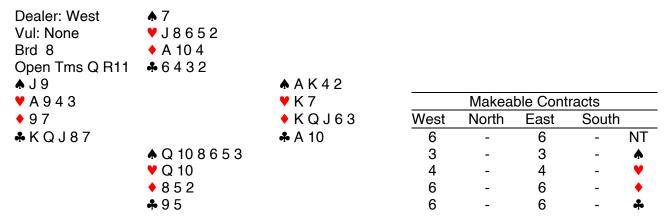
For me, the choice is clear – the spade eight wins by a mile, with a diamond and a heart equal in second place. Lazer led a heart, this was the full deal:

Dealer: East Vul: N-S Brd 2 Open Tms Q R11 • Q 6 4	A 9 5 2✓ A 9 7 4✓ A J 5 3♣ 2	♠ K J 10						
∀ K J 2		♥ Q 10 6 5	Makeable Contracts					
♦ 2		♦ K Q 10	West North East South					
♣ QJ9654		♣ A 8 7	2	-	2	-	NT	
	♦ 873		1	-	1	-	lack	
	9 8 3		2	-	2	-	Y	
	98764		-	1	-	1	•	
	♣ K 10 3		2	-	2	-	4	

After the unfortunate start Gumby could not have rescued her side by winning the ace and playing diamonds, as my entry position has been freed up. Our teammates led a pedestrian diamond and defeated the game...so much for subtlety, but note that a spade lead works as well. A spade lead might succeed (as here against a four-card suit in partner's hand, while a heart really needs to find partner with five).

Dealer: North	♦ J75		West	North	East	South	
Vul: N-S	∀ K J 10		Lewis	Gumby	Rigal	Lazer	
Brd 5	10 7 5			Pass	Pass	1♣	
Open Tms Q R11	♣ K 9 4 2		Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT	
♦ 96432		♠ Q 10	Pass	3NT	All Pas	ss	
♥ 7 4		♥ A Q 9 6					
◆ Q J 4		♦ 6 3 2		Makeal	ole Cont	racts	
♣ Q75		♣ J 8 6 3	-	3	-	3	NT
	♠ A K 8		-	2	-	2	\spadesuit
	♥ 8532		-	3	-	3	Y
	A K 9 8		-	3	-	3	•
	♣ A 10		-	2	-	1	*

As if that wasn't proof enough, when our opponents bid to 3NT.Marshall fished out a diamond honour. The fall of the AQ meant declarer could no longer be defeated. I suspect a low spade lead would have gone to the jack and queen, and now declarer is dead meat.



I'm not sure if we got a little lucky here. I think we did, but it might be closer than I am prepared to accept.

To what contract should E/W bid here? As you can see 6NT is really no better than diamonds 3-3? The entry position means that unless you declare the contract by East, and pick up a trick on a spade lead, you have only some very remote squeeze chances involving 5-2 spades and maybe 5-2 hearts.

That said, 6♦ is a worse slam, but how about 6♣? You win the spade lead, play three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy, then unblock the ♣A and need to get back to hand, presumably by ruffing a spade? As you can see, this line would not work with spades 6-1. Overall, I think 6♣ is better than 6NT – but not today.

TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 12

Barry Rigal

This set was a rough (or ruff) one for most E/W pairs. At least two of the critical deals featured the issue of whether the defence could get all their tricks. Since we signally failed the test, let's see whether the reader can do any better!

Dealer: West	♠ QJ87		West	North	East	South	า
Vul: E-W	♥ A K J 9 6		Appleton	Sundstron	n Rigal	Fordha	m
Brd 16	♦ J		1♣	1♦	Pass	2♣	
Open Tms Q R12	♣ Q 5 4		Pass	4♥	All pass	3	
♠ A 5		∧ K 9 6 4 2			·		
♥ 82		7 5 3					
♦ K Q 10 8		• 9 7 6 4 2 Makeable Contract			acts		
♣ K 10 8 7 3		•		1	-	1	NT
	♠ 10 3		1	-	1	-	^
	♥ Q 10 4		-	3	-	3	Y
	♦ A 5 3		3	-	3	-	•
	♣AJ962		-	2	_	2	4

The auction at our table was maybe not untypical... I' too old to bid with the East cards at unfavourable vulnerability though it might have slowed my opponents down. Had I led a diamond, I think declarer would have won in dummy and passed the ♠10 to me... and if I return a diamond declarer ruffs, and draws trumps.

Declarer draws trumps ending in dummy (West pitching a club or he runs out of cards to force declarer) and leads a low club from dummy. West must duck, and now a club back to the ace and a second spade brings home ten tricks.

I went a different route, leading a spade to trick one. When Appleton won the AA it was hard (but not impossible?) to find a club shift, on the grounds that either North or East must have three cards in the suit.

Dealer: East Vul: N-S	∧ J 9 7 4 ∀ K J		West Appleton	North Sundstrom	East Rigal	South Fordhar	
Brd 18	♦ Q 10 5 4 2				2	Dbl	
Open Tms Q R12	4 10 3		Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠	
♠ 10 6 3 2		♠ 5	Pass	Pass	Pass		
♥Q96542		A 8 7 3					
•		♦ KJ9873		Makeab	le Conti	acts	
♣ A 9 8		♣ 6 4	-	1	-	1	NT
	♠AKQ8		-	3	-	4	lack
	♥ 10		4	-	3	-	Y
	♦ A 6		-	-	-	-	•
	♣ KQJ752		-	2	-	2	*

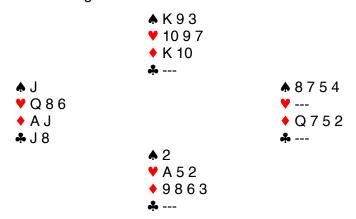
It would have been a wild shot (but not a truly ridiculous one) for Appleton to double 4. here, though you could understand that action. A high diamond spot by me would allow my partner to ruff and put me in with a heart for a second diamond ruff, with the A still to come. My choice of a club lead did not challenge declarer unduly.

Dealer: West Vul: N-S	∧ K Q 9 3 ∀ 10 9 7 4		West Appleton	North Sundstrom	East Rigal	South Fordhar	
Brd 28	♦ K 10 4			1♥	Pass	1♥	
Open Tms Q R12	♣ A 9		Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT	
♠ J 10		♠ A 8 7 5 4	Pass	4♥	All pass	3	
♥ Q 8 6 3		♥ J					
♦ A J		♦ Q 7 5 2	Makeable Contracts				
♣ J 8 7 5 4		♣ 632	_	3	-	3	NT
	♠ 6 2		-	2	-	2	lack
	♥ A K 5 2		-	3	-	3	Y
	9863		-	2	-	2	•
	♣ K Q 10		-	2	-	2	*

Mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Using reverse signals and 3rd/5th leads, the 'defence' – if you can call it that -- started with a club lead to the ten. Declarer played a spade: ten queen ace. (This was pathetic (or insulting) defence on my part. My partner would never have played the spade ten from ♠ J 10 2 – ducking the first spade would have made the defence's task much easier).

I returned a club and declarer won in dummy crossed to a top heart and cashed the long club to pitch a diamond from dummy. In this ending:



Declarer played a diamond to the king (yes it is better to rise with the ace and return the suit) and a second diamond. Declarer needed to cash the ♠K while in dummy as a variation on what Terence Reese described as the Dentist Coup, since unless you do that, West can win ♠A and exit with his spade, which has the effect of eventually promoting a trump.

When we missed our final chance to do this, eventually someone other than dummy did something right, and declarer emerged with ten tricks. That swing was just enough to see Fordham take the sixth qualifying spot and qualify for the knock-out stage.

COMMON ERRORS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Brent Manley

A player from Texas had an unusual experience when he and his partner played six deals in a row lacking the ace in the trump suit each time..

As their next opponents sat down, one of the players announced, "It seems that we're playing a system where we bid only suits that are missing the ace."

One of the opponents said, "Doesn't that have to be Alerted?"

POOR FINESSING

You are declarer with ◆Q 5 4 in your hand and ◆A 6 2 in the dummy. You need two tricks in the suit. What is your plan?

I have seen too many new players putting the ◆Q on the table and hoping that if left-hand opponent holds the king it won't be played. This play might work if LHO has never heard about covering an honour with an honour. You might get away with this once in a blue moon, but the play of the queen in this situation *cannot win*.

Think about it. If LHO has the king, he will cover the queen in almost all cases and you will win only the ace. If RHO has it, lefty will play low and the queen will lose to the king, Again, just one trick.

The way to get two tricks in this suit is to play a diamond to the ace and continue the suit from dummy, hoping that RHO has the king. If he plays the king when you lead low from dummy, your queen is good. If he plays low, you can put up the queen and it will win.

It is a finesse, just not the kind you are used to seeing, as in playing low to the A-Q. Just to be clear, a finesse is a play made to gain a trick by taking advantage of the placement of a higher-ranking card or cards. For example, if dummy has ♥Q 6 3 and you have ♥7 4 2, you can win a trick in the suit by leading toward the queen twice, hoping LHO has the ace and the king.

You can win two tricks in a suit with three to the ace in one hand and queen-doubleton in the other, as in this layout

- **A** A 8 2
- **♠** Q 6

In this case, you do not play the ace first. Instead, go to dummy in another suit and lead a low card from the ace toward your queen. If RHO has the king, he will probably play it, promoting your queen to a winner. If you are lucky enough to have the suit led by LHO and he has the king, you will win your gueen that way, too. Even if RHO wins the king when you play low, your queen has been promoted to a winner.

You will play similarly with other combinations. Try this one:

- ♦A K 6 5
- **♦**J 6 2

You may be tempted to play the jack and run it if LHO plays low. This is the same as playing the gueen in the first example. You must hope RHO has the queen, so you enter dummy and play a low card toward your jack.

It's different if your honours have some "support." You can play the jack toward the A-K-x-x if you have the 10 with the jack or possibly A-K-10-9 in dummy. The same can apply to other finessing situation. Similarly, if you have Q-J-9 (or 10) facing three to the ace, it's okay to put her highness on the table and hope for the best.

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CAN'T KEEP A GOOD TEAM DOWN

Brent Manley

At the start of play on Thursday, the Brisbane team captained by Leanne Nugent was in search of their fifth victory in a row in the Novice Teams. A disappointing start – four loses in the first four matches – was a distant memory after four wins in a row on Wednesday by an average margin of 54-15.

The team rose from near the bottom of the standings after four matches to 11th place after eight.

The Nugent team started with six players but one had to depart to go back to work, so Nugent and her partner, Jenny Iliescu, teamed with Diane McClintock and Mel Gilmour for match No. 9 on Thursday. The other members of the team were Kathy Males and Janine Budgeon.

Team Nugent started with a couple of push boards but earned a 6-IMP swing on this deal against the Shelley Taylor squad.

Dealer: South	♠ K 8 7 2		West	North	East	South		
Vul: None	V 8 4 3			Iliescu		Nugen	it	
Brd 11	♦ 6 2					1♦		
Nov Tms Q R9	4 10 9 7 4		Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass		
♦ 943		♠ A Q J 10 6	3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass		
∀ K 6 5 2		♥ A 10 9						
♦ J 10 4			Makeable Contracts					
♣ A K 2		♣ J 3	4	-	4	-	NT	
	♠ 5		3	-	4	-	lack	
	♥ Q J 7		3	-	5	-	Y	
	◆ A Q 9 8 3		2	-	3	-	•	
	♣Q865		-	-	1	-	*	

Declarer, Leonie Love, managed 11 tricks for plus 200 after Nugent started with the ◆A. Unfortunately for East-West, they didn't get high enough in the auction. At the other table, McClintock and Gilmour took only 10 tricks, but they did bid the game for plus 420.

The next board brought more good news for Nugent and company after the team captain made an astute decision in the auction.

Dealer: West Vul: N-S	♠ K 10 6 4 2 ♥ A 10 8 2		West	North Iliescu	East	South Nuge	
Brd 12	♦ 6 2		1♣	1♠!!	1♥	2	
Nov Tms Q R9	♣ 6 3		Pass	Pass	2♥	All Pa	ass
♠ A 9 8		♠ Q J 5					
♥ Q		♥ K J 7 5 4 3					
♦ KJ75		♦ 8		Makea	ble Cont	racts	
♣QJ984		4 10 7 5	-	-	-	-	NT
	↑ 73		-	1	-	1	\spadesuit
	♥ 9 6		-	-	-	-	Y
	A Q 10 9 4 3		-	2	-	2	•
	♣ A K 2		1	-	1	-	*

After Iliescu's 1♠ overcall, Love made an insufficient bid of 1♥. The director was summoned and gave Nugent her options, including accepting the bid by East. Nugent selected that auction so she could show her fine diamond suit at the two level. If she had chosen the option for East to make her bid sufficient, Nugent would have had to go to the three level.

Against 2♥, Nugent started with the ♣A, Iliescu signalling count with the ♣6 and Love falsecarding with the 10. At trick two, a heart went to the queen and Iliescu's ace, and she continued with a diamond to partner's ace. On the spade switch, Love ducked and Iliescu won the king and played the ♣3 to her partner for a third round of the suit. Iliescu ruffed but the defence had no more tricks. Declarer lost two clubs, a club ruff, the two red aces and a spade for minus 50.

At the other table, North-South got overboard in 3NT and finished at minus 200.

Board 2 was a wild one, with West (John Harrison) holding an eight-card diamond suit and the determination not to be shut out of the auction.

Dealer: East Vul: N-S Brd 2	♠ A 10 9 8 7 4 ♥ A Q 8		West	North Iliescu	East	South Nuger	
	♦ 6		- •	- 4	1♣	1♠	
Nov Tms Q R9	♣ Q 10 2		5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass	
♠ J		♠ 6	6♦	Double	All Pas	S	
∀ K 10 9 3		♥ J 6 5 2					
QJ987532	♦ K 10	Makeable Contracts					
•		♣ A K 8 7 6 3	-	3	-	3	NT
	♠ K Q 5 3 2		-	4	-	5	^
	♥ 7 4		2	-	2	-	Y
	♦ A 4		2	-	2	-	•
	♣J954		-	1	-	1	*

It's possible to beat 6♦ four tricks, but you have to be looking at all the cards to do so. As it was, Harrison's decision to bid on over 5♠ turned out to be a good one – Nugent was going to make 5♠ for plus 650. Against 6♦ doubled, Iliescu started with the ♥A, continued with the ♠A and then a low heart, taken by Harrison in hand. He still had to lose the trump ace, so the final tally was plus 300 to North-South, better than the score East-West were going to get for letting South play 5♠.

At the other table, McClintock and Gilmour were allowed to play in 5♦, undoubled, going two down for minus 100.

On the following board, Nugent found herself in a doubled contract with a 5-0 trump split, but she managed an overtrick for another swing to her team.

Dealer: South Vul: Both Brd 7	^ A 6 5 ♥ A Q 8 • J 6 2		West	North Iliescu	East	South Nuger Pass	
Nov Tms Q R9	♣ QJ98		1♦	Double	Pass	1♠	
^		♦ K 8 4 3 2	Double	All Pass	;		
♥ K J 4 3		V 10 7 6 5					
A 9 5 4 3		♦ 7		Makeab	le Conti	racts	
♣ A K 6 2		♣ 7 5 3	-	2	-	2	NT
	♠ Q J 10 9 7		-	1	-	1	lack
	♥ 9 2		3	-	1	-	Y
	♦ K Q 10 8		-	1	-	1	•
	♣ 10 4		2	-	1	-	*



and Diane McClintock

After her partner's double, East has a difficult decision. Her hand is weak and she does have five trumps, albeit with somewhat weak spot cards to go with the king. On another day, passing would be the right choice with the East hand, just not this time.

Even if West could see all the cards and started with the A to give partner a ruff, he could get in only two more times to give his partner diamond ruffs, and even with the trump king to come, that's only six tricks. With the heart finesse working, the defenders can take no more than those six tricks.

In practice, West started off by cashing the top clubs and the A before continuing with a club, taken by Nugent in dummy. At trick five, Nugent played a diamond from dummy. East ruffed and exited with a heart to the jack and queen. Nugent cashed the AA and continued the suit, winning in hand when East

ducked. The ♠Q went to East's king and Nugent was soon claiming an overtrick for plus 360. It was a 5-IMP gain because at the other table, declarer in the same contract made only seven tricks for plus 160.

After winning their fifth in a row, the Nugent team stumbled a bit, losing a close match in round 10 and posting another loss in round 11. They finished the event with a flourish, however, winning by a score of 43-7 to end up in 11th place in the qualifying rounds.

	Holiday F	Pairs Eve	ent	2 - Session 3	
	•				
1	Jeanette Chatterton - Dawn Simpson	60.85	1	Hedy Cohen - Julie Rose	57.42
2	John Stretton - Susie Stock	56.46	2	Heather Brown - Edna Nicholson	57.01
2	Paul Thiem - Anne Lamport	56.46	3	Robin Hassall - Gaynor Hurford	56.46
4	Dianne Mullin - Eddie Mullin	55.91	4	Julie Fisher - Val Carmody	56.18
5	Joyce O'Brien - Meri Mackay	55.63	5	Lesley Martin - Roger Cael	51.37
6	Sue Scott - Jane O'Brien	51.51	6	Janice Gladders - Dot Lawrence	49.86
7	Jamaluddin Rayani - Parveen Rayani	51.37	7	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin	48.90
8	Margaret Kenny - Elizabeth Neil	50.41	8	Geoff Read - Mick Fawcett	48.76
9	David Stewart - Diana Stewart	47.25	9	Minnie Bragg - Chris Bragg	48.49
10	Allan Rosenberg - Albert Altit	46.98	10	Danny Osmund - Kieron Treasure	46.98
11	Patricia Burton - Pamela Tranberg	46.02	11	Gail Smith - Robert Peard	46.84
12	Maureen Lubinsky - Jill Gilbertson	42.45	12	Maureen Neubauer - Kate Forrester	45.88
13	Pam Lawson - John Lawrence	40.11	13	Maria Michelsson - Leif Michelsson	44.23
14	Sue Cheney - Bruce Williams	38.60	14	Kerry Pope - Margaret Bower	41.62

A TIP OF THE CAP

Brent Manley

Sometimes you just have to congratulate an opponent for a good play. That was the case on this deal from the Restricted Teams, round 5, when Kelly Barber and Leslie Treasure of the Jeanette Weaver team opposed Tricia Garner and Susan Wright of the Christine Nice squad.

Dealer: South Vul: None Brd 11	♠ K ♥ K 7 6 5 3 ♦ A 9 6 4 2		West Garner	North Barber	East Wright	South Treas 1♠		
	♣ Q 2		Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠		
↑ 10 2		♠ 9 8 4	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠		
♥ J 9 4 2		♥ A Q 10	<u>Pass</u>	4♠	All Pas	s		
QJ73		10 8	Makeable Contracts					
♣ K 7 6		♣ A J 10 9 4	-	-	-	-	NT	
	♠ A Q J 7 6 5 3		-	3	-	3	^	
	♥ 8		-	-	-	-	Y	
	♦ K 5		-	-	-	-	•	
	4 853		2	-	2	-	*	



Garner started with a low club, taken by Wright with the ace. A club was returned to Garner's king, and she made the killing play of a trump to dummy. That deprived Treasure of her 10th trick in the form of a club ruff in dummy. As you can see, Treasure's spades were good enough for her to ruff with the singleton king and still draw the opposition trumps.

After the good play by Garner, there was nothing Treasure could do because even if she had been able to set up diamonds by cashing the two high honours and ruffing a diamond – the 4-2 break means it wouldn't have worked – there was no way to dummy to be able to use them.

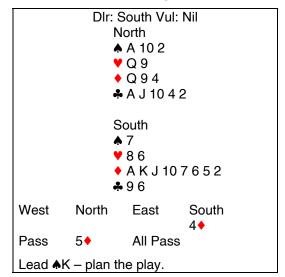
The good play by Garner earned her side a 5-IMP swing because her teammates at the other table, Nice and Faye Wright, stopped in 34, just making for plus 140.

The Weaver team won the match, but that takes nothing away from Garner's good defence.

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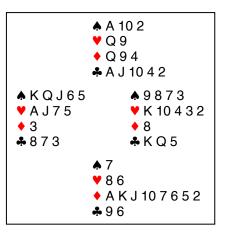
Solution: Theme park

On this deal from a national teams championship the very talented Paul Gosney produced a deceptive piece of declarer play, based on the same theme as yesterday's deal.

Can you see what Gosney did?

There are two possibilities. Take the AA and play AA and a low club. If the defenders try to cash a second spade you are in good shape.

Gosney's plan was just as effective. He ducked the opening lead, a costnothing play, since he could always discard the club loser later on the A. In addition West would hardly suspect that declarer held only one spade.



West can defeat the contract by shifting to the ♥A at trick 2, but that could easily have been a mistake. Instead he continued with the ♠Q. Gosney took the ♠A, discarding a club. Now ♣A, club ruffed high, ♦5 to dummy's ♦9 and another club ruffed high left dummy with two club winners. That allowed South to cross to the ♦Q to draw the last trump and cash the club winners to discard the heart losers. That gave declarer twelve tricks for +420 and 10 Imps when North-South were -50 in 3NT at the other table.

Notice that declarer did not need clubs 3-3. Suppose clubs were 4-2. Then \triangle A, pitching a club, \triangle A, ruff a club high, \triangle 5 to the \triangle 9, ruff a club high, \triangle 1 to the \triangle 9, ruff a club high leaves you with one club winner in dummy. You play the \triangle 2 to the \triangle 4 to reach the club winner.



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2	Stephen Singer - Peter Jaffe	59.80	2	Karin Strahan - Cliff Strahan	58.93
3	Janet Jefferies - Kim Reeder	58.71	3	John Wilson - Geoff Willson	58.06
4	Norma Hale - Fiona Law	57.63	4	Kathryn Males - May Waddell	56.64
5	Suzi Ledger - Barbara Simpson	55.56	5	Brian Goldberg - Peter McNamee	56.54
6	Kevin Gilbert - Susan Gilbert	54.14	6	Jayne Lansdown - Lori Sexton	55.66
7	John Stimpson - Cherylene Stimpson	52.40	7	Hazel Parkins - Tom Lyons	54.03
8	Julie Heib - David Gillard	50.22	8	Barbara Bright - Narelle McIver	52.83
9	Trish Miller - Marie Orme	49.89	9	Bruce Gough - Bruce Wiggins	51.85
10	Thea Hobson - Sue Rohrig	49.02	10	Pat White - Helen Cunynghame	50.22
11	Judy Fitzgerald - Patricia Adam	48.47	10	Leonie Elphinstone - Gordon Plant	50.22
12	Carol Cowley - Janette Youens	48.37	12	Jim Skeen - Michelle Behrens	47.93
13	Donna Rix - Helen Harkin	46.95	13	Judith Egan - Peter Goldman	47.17
14	Warren Moore - Greg Nolan	46.08	13	Shane Knight - Ming Yang	47.17
15	Darryl Lock - Glenda Lock	45.97	15	Colleen Rowles - Pam Lorne-Tait	45.53
16	Anthony Donkersloot - Anne Ross	45.32	16	Jane Hills - Jennifer Montague	44.99
17	Rena Indermaur - Annie Sinclair	44.44	17	Anthony Marsland - Helen Blair	43.90
18	Peter Bishop - Philip Atkinson	43.46	18	Janet Lewis - Elizabeth Handley	41.29
19	Anita Taylor - Judith Grix	41.29	19	Kristine Rossiter - Anita Boyle	40.63
20	Bernhard Boulton - Mary Stoney	40.41	20	Moira Smith - Gaye Poll	37.36
		Thursday Ro		irs	
	North-South	•		East-West	
1	Barbara Moni - Wendy Casey	63.98	1	Peter Wilce - James Pope	64.09
2	Wendy Crombie - Julie Stockley	63.39	2	Jeff Wicks - Julie Wicks	59.71
3	Karen Sweep - Rhonda Henry	59.91	3	Tony Roberts - Libby Roberts	57.77
4	Nili Wood - Laurence Wood	54.46	4	Robert Sharp - Susan Sharp	57.68
5	Robert Olander - William Webster	54.34	5	Peter Allingham - Chris Turvey	54.25
6	Fiona Carter - Catherine Cooper	52.24	6	Mary Simon - Isabel Griinke	52.47
7	Trish Hart - Bing Wilson	52.01	7	Claudia Gibson - Lin Kendall	52.17
8	Anna Jadach - Sue Smalley	51.77	8	Yvonne Croft - June Abbott	52.04
9	Di Kruse - Jennifer Martin	51.33	9	Vicki Clark - Margaret Ashby	51.62
10	Clare Gleeson - Gillian Kinsella	51.10	10	Lyndel Hewitt - Noel Hewitt	51.11
11	Sue Clare - Lesley Henderson	51.05	11		50.54
12	Dick Hemphill - Eliza Hemphill	50.69	12	Sandra Conoplia - Jean McGuinness	49.99
13	Marguerite Bettington - Jan Deaville	48.33	13	Desley Webb - Susan Cameron	48.64
14	Ivy Monteiro - Robyn Seet	47.76	14	Ian Sobey - Devi Thillainathan	48.17
15	Desley Chadwick - Claudia Lee	46.54	15	Kevin Joyce - Nora Joyce	45.37
16	Laura Ryan - Lyn Keogh	46.01	16	Lile Williams - Lana Meldon	44.37
17	Pamela Bennett - Jenny Hearle	43.80	17	Ian Nicholson - Jennifer Nicholson	43.00
18	Airlie Phillis - Margie Kilmartin	42.46	18	Cherie Orchard - Penelope Wagstaff	42.21
19	Susie Thomson - Janet Warby	38.90	19	Julie McKinnon - Prudence Israel	39.04
20	Robert Day - Janet McKeogh	36.22	20	Denyse Morgan - Carol Wright	35.76

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2015								
		day ebruary		rday ebruary				
OPEN EVENTS								
	Q/F Teams	S/F Teams						
Open Teams	9:00am 2x12 Brds	9:00am 2x12 2:00pm 4x10 Brds Brds		n Start ds Final				
lvy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs Friday Teams	10:00am 1/3 10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:30am 3/3					
SENIORS EVENTS								
Seniors Teams		m Start rds Final	All Are Invited	Dinner				
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS				Dance				
Intermediate Teams	101000	m Start ds Final	7:30pm for	Bookings are				
RESTRICTED EVENTS			8:00pm	Essential				
Restricted Teams		m Start ds Final						
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3	10:30am 3/3					
NOVICE EVENTS								
Novice Teams		m Start rds Final						
Friday Novice Pairs	10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2						
MIXED TEAMS								
Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams	10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2						
WALK-IN PAIRS								
Holiday Walk-In Pairs - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions	10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3	10:30am 3/3	n al car				
	Fri	day	Satu	rday				

			Open							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score			
1	1	Michael Ware - Tom Jacob - Fi					189.71			
2	2	Taufik Asbi - Robert Parasian				ni Ibradi	180.05			
3	9	Simon Hinge - Bill Haughie - J					165.34			
4	25 5	Fu Zhong - Ji Chen - Xin Li - Q Bruce Neill - Arjuna De Livera					164.32 161.71			
5 6	ວ 18	Peter Fordham - Chris Sundst			annisa	n	160.40			
7	12	Malcolm Carter - Tony Hutton - F					157.94			
8	54	Vicki Bouton - Matthew Brown -			Courtin	Су	156.44			
9	19	Herve Cheval - Gilles Josnin - Jo			kipper -	John Skipper	156.02			
10	16	Ursula Harper - Ross Harper - J					152.47			
11	38	Kim Frazer - Jamie Ebery - Gree					152.06			
12	4	Ashley Bach - Mike Cornell - Ge	o Tislevoll - Ervin Otvo	osi - Pablo	Lamba	rdi	151.09			
13	11	Phil Gue - Bill Hirst - Julian Fost					150.94			
14	21	Christine Duckworth - Brian Call	n - Barry Rigal	150.51 150.05						
15	109	-	ech Kaszubski - Chris Dibley - Aidan Dorrell - Jacob Tarszisz							
16	15		pachim Haffer - John Newman - Mike Doecke - William Jenner-O'Shea							
17	42	,	lister Stuck - Tony Lenart - Paula Boughey - Duncan Badley David Beauchamp - Peter Hollands - Maxim Henbest - David Wiltshire							
18	7			148.01						
19 20	41 34	Watson Zhou - Michael Chen - C		146.69 146.35						
Place	No.	Tony Leibowitz - Paul Lavings - Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	146.35 Score			
21	13	Gumby	146.10	115	143	Mill	117.50			
22	3	Milne	145.63	116	171	C Bourke	117.32			
23	6	T Brown	145.20	117	90	Kefford	116.89			
24	17	Braun	143.62	118	150	Thirtle	116.59			
25	14	P Carter	143.28	119	207	Armstrong	116.36			
26	30	Xu	143.26	120	129	Baron	115.85			
27	10	Pertamina Ep Blue	143.23	121	111	Beddow	115.44			
28	35	Free	143.02	122	208	Ridgway	115.05			
29	8	Burke	142.27	123	113	Baker	114.90			
30	48	Kalmin	141.22	124	140	Date	114.79			
31	46	S Hurley	140.14	125	198	Bayliss	114.71			
32	29	Strong	139.91	126	165	L Gray	114.57			
33	110 57	Lockwood W Smith	139.66	127	86	Stacey	114.47 114.14			
34 35	118	Steffensen	138.49 138.38	128 129	125 205	B Inglis Spencer	114.14			
36	56	Pemberton	138.18	130	117	Maltz	113.84			
37	79	Weaver	136.89	131	108	Terry	113.76			
38	22	M Bourke	136.29	132	52	Grosvenor	113.60			
39	58	Woolley	136.28	133	91	Bates	113.58			
40	31	Sawicki	136.21	134	196	Edelstein	113.23			
41	141	Allen	135.85	135	203	De Vocht	112.85			
42	26	Hoffman	135.73	136	174	Nash	112.07			
43	32	Richardson	135.11	137	96	Mayers	111.92			
44	65	Andrew	135.10	138	64	Folkard	111.85			
45	119	Chen	134.91	139	160	Moffitt	111.74			
46	20	Giura	134.90	140	89	Kudelka	111.19			
47	50	Malinas	134.54	141	72	Doddridge	111.16			
48 49	124	Bugeia	134.26	142 143	182	Atkins	110.93			
50	40 83	Treloar Wurth	134.07 133.91	143	121 155	Thompson Hickey	110.91 109.35			
50	53	Deaton	133.62	144	75	Lorraway	109.35			
52	33	De Luca	133.61	146	103	Williams	109.22			
53	84	McGrath	133.60	147	67	Hammond	108.99			
54	68	Cleaver	133.49	148	149	Andersson	108.92			
55	28	Martelletti	133.48	149	179	L Bourke	108.61			
56	51	Hegedus	133.45	150	151	Anderson	108.46			
57	71	Berger	133.28	151	130	Lewis	107.97			
58	163	Barrie	132.37	152	190	L Allan	107.73			
59	157	Lee	132.22	153	158	Jackson	107.64			
60	44	Ong	132.18	154	177	Fletcher	107.09			
61	27	Watts	131.93	155	204	L Inglis	106.96			
62	144	Speiser	131.87	156	154	Cruickshank	106.70			
63	49	Pelkman	131.82	157	199	Hoff	106.49			
64	39	Wallis	131.53	158	169	Clayton	106.17			

Place	No.	Team Members					Score		
65	55	E Hurley	130.32	159	73	Green	104.68		
66	23	Nixon	130.09	160	153	Leach	104.27		
67	43	McCartney	130.07	161	168	Peak	104.13		
68	45	Mott	129.89	162	173	Wilkinson	103.80		
69	24	H Dawson	129.87	163	88	Thomas	103.61		
70 71	62	Tier	129.29	164 165	189	Kable	103.40		
71	200 61	Kron Afflick	128.59 128.20	166	107 162	Bogatie Senior	103.26 103.24		
73	36	J Dawson	127.95	167	183	Bonnick	103.24		
74	167	Howes	127.93	168	195	Stanton	103.19		
75	70	Smee	126.94	169	152	Bennett	102.95		
76	194	Watson	126.91	170	120	S Brown	102.44		
77	69	Sharp	126.87	171	102	Norden	102.25		
78	106	Weathered	126.80	172	133	Owens	101.51		
79	80	Barda	126.48	173	180	Pepper	101.45		
80	77	Simes	126.06	173	131	Darley	101.45		
81	78	Dressler	126.00	175	184	D Smith	101.38		
82	59	Jones	125.47	176	156	Purkiss	100.91		
83	105	Luck	124.68	177	112	Van Wyck	100.88		
84	114	Gibson	124.42	178	63	Sterrenburg	99.67		
85	99	Cains	124.20	179	145	Fraser	98.91		
86	95	Frazier	123.68	180	126	Valentine	98.12		
87	37	Samuel	123.51	181	134	Mitchell	97.96		
88	93	Martin	123.46	182	191	Campbell	97.64		
89	132	Clyne	123.08	183	137	Gilfoyle	97.07		
90	100	Briscoe	122.98	184	175	Carroll	96.42		
91	161	McAlister	122.35	185	115	Gunner	95.83		
92	85	Shaw	122.22	186	142	Jenkins	94.91		
93 94	66 128	Alexander Yuill	122.15 122.13	187 188	185 178	Mills Beckett	94.69 94.38		
95	47	Budai	121.51	189	192	Littler	94.31		
96	76	Schokman	121.49	190	201	Van Bakel	93.72		
97	146	Lisle	121.47	191	164	Fry	92.25		
98	82	Grahame	121.40	192	193	Page	92.04		
99	101	Kovacs	121.27	193	94	Walters	90.90		
100	138	Morris	121.15	194	159	Grant	90.41		
101	147	McCarthy	120.71	195	127	Saxby	88.43		
102	60	P Bach	120.60	196	135	Tredrea	88.14		
103	97	Obenchain	119.96	197	176	Turnell	87.77		
104	123	Jefferson	119.52	198	202	Kennedy	86.73		
105	104	Howard	119.40	199	188	Carr	86.65		
106	92	Clarke	119.30	200	148	Millar	86.48		
107	74	S Gray	119.19	200	166	Roughley	86.48		
108	87	Moffat	118.95	202	170	Clift	84.09		
108	186	Wood	118.95	203	172	Varmo	82.80		
110	122	Morrison	118.44	204	139	Stringfellow	79.97		
111 112	81 98	Mangos M Allan	118.30 118.25	205 206	197 181	McMahon Munro	79.38 75.85		
113	206	Jenner	118.09	206	187	Rose	75.85		
114	136	Orsborn	117.83	208	116	Hamilton	57.94		
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Place	No.	Team Members	Connor				Score		
1	2	Martin Bloom - Nigel Rosendo	rff - Steven Bock - L	es Grewco	ck		173.94		
2	11	Trevor Robb - Andrew Janisz -				e Geursen	161.30		
3	7	Tom Moss - Dennis Zines - Davi					148.23		
4	1	Richard Brightling - Peter Buche			es		147.92		
5	4	Robert Bignall - Peter Chan - Ro					147.34		
6	9	Stan Klofa - Alex Czapnik - Robe			-		146.13		
7	14	Robyn Freeman-Greene - Tony			le Lace	У	138.46		
8	8	Andrew Creet - Stephen Mendic					135.02		
9	12	Andrew Braithwaite - Suzie Moses - Mike Robson - Betty Lee 134.83							
10	13	Tony Jackman - Therese Tully -					133.20		
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score		
11	21	Harris	131.99	24	24	Heyting	113.79		
12	17	Milward	128.96 128.75	25 26	22 29	Schaap Clarke	111.73 111.33		
13	26	Crockett							

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
14	6	Marr	128.16	27	30	Spurway	110.03
15	19	Shand	127.59	28	20	Davis	109.27
16	18	Evennett	126.03	29	16	Marks	107.70
17	10	Kahler	125.16	30	25	Cullen	105.92
18	28	Cohen	122.91	31	27	Biro	103.61
19	5	Walsh	122.77	32	33	Lee	102.60
20	31	Sheehy	120.98	33	34	Johnstone	91.26
21	23	Tootell	119.88	34	35	Gray	74.18
22	15	Finikiotis	118.96	35	3	Irving	70.47
23	32	Meakins	115.37	36	36	Popa	26.10
23	J2_	Meaniis	Intermed		30	Гора	20.10
Place	No.	Team Members	Intermed				Score
1	6	Michael Stoneman - Val Rolan	d - Herold Rienstra -	Bert Luch	ienbro	ers	166.22
2	66	Eric Baker - Chris Stead - Keit			ijeribi o	GI 3	159.68
3	83	Nimul Weerasinghe - Max Robb					159.16
4	1	Tim Runting - Craig Francis - Ali					154.41
5	17	Chris Fernando - Bert Romeijn -					150.97
	76	Michael McAuliffe - Richard McA					
<u>6</u> 7	4				มเมสม		149.49 149.09
	7	Donna Krosch - Gayle McCarthy					149.09
8	1	Bastian Bolt - Geoffrey Roberts -					
9	21	Evelyne Mander - Sheila Wills -			rlos D-	20	143.80
10	79 No.	David Roseman - Macauley Ros					143.65
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team D. Cordon	Score
11	12	Pisko	143.45	49	75	B Gordon	117.09
12	58	Erskine	142.85	50	10	Butler	115.29
13	80	I Beattie	142.77	51	69	McWilliam	115.07
14	27	Brown	141.74	52	64	Kent	114.69
15	14	Webb	140.18	53	73	Ward	113.79
16	53	Cockbill	138.37	54	26	Barbour	112.99
17	8	Johnson	137.25	55	52	Fulton	112.90
18	82	Klugman	137.15	56	28	Sinclair	112.40
19	51	Webber	135.45	57	45	Leckie	112.27
20	59	Rogers	135.34	58	77	Chaffey	112.18
21	13	Wylie	132.97	59	30	Wooler	111.47
22	41	Eldridge	132.11	60	57	Graham	110.84
22	9	Bailey	132.11	61	60	Moody	110.81
24	68	Routley	132.00	62	85	Whittle	110.41
25	2	Sykes	131.88	63	84	Turner	109.79
26	5	Jesser	130.80	64	23	De Mestre	108.53
27	78	Black	129.59	65	86	Kennealy	107.08
28	43	Codognotto	128.74	66	42	Steinhardt	106.48
29	11	Grant	128.29	67	39	Driscoll	105.81
30	16	Warnock	127.07	68	32	Land	104.81
31	65	Jones	126.90	69	50	Tomlinson	103.60
32	22	Nilsson	126.72	70	19	P Gordon	103.45
33	31	Williams	126.22	71	61	Greenwood	102.46
34	33	Edrich	125.50	72	40	Tuckey	102.21
35	67	P Beattie	124.11	73	71	Gardiner	99.79
36	29	Rohde	123.87	74	74	Chau	99.17
37	15	Anderson	123.63	75	55	Pearson	98.37
38	18	Eastman	123.25	76	34	Kull	97.64
39	35	Campbell	122.98	77	48	Palethorpe	97.17
40	72	Armstrong	122.77	78	20	Nishigami	96.62
41	38	Drwecka	122.03	79	44	Gooley	95.40
42	47	Abdelhamid	120.94	80	70	Dickerson	95.00
43	25	Kavanagh	120.29	81	49	Paris	93.82
44	54	McNee	120.01	82	63	Stephenson	93.77
45	62	Sadigh	119.55	83	56	Binsted	89.00
46	37	Pincus	117.99	84	46	Robertson	77.21
47	3	Но	117.92	85	36	Murray	72.79
48	24	Hollingworth	117.87	86	81	Неар	59.80
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Place	No.	Team Members	on Doubone Dudon	lulia Haw	Dec	om om c Challe	Score
1 2	32 2	Jenny Simmons - Kathleen Wilm Anne McNaughton - Faye Bell -			e - Rosi	emary Chaik	156.34 156.26
3	16	Arne Jonsberg - John Lahey - Lo					153.55
4	4	Mimi Packer - Virginia Seward -			on		153.40
5	3	Fatma Ahmet - Jacqui Morton -					149.56
6	35	Jane Gray - Teena McKenzie - C					148.19
7	38	Cherry Trengove - Margaret Rex					146.88
8	1	Malcolm Clift - Kathy Clift - Fran		arles			146.26
9	28	Ian Pick - Graham Carson - Car					141.99
10	7	Marcey Spilsbury - Sheryl Gardr		-			140.91
Place 11	No. 36	Team Jones	Score 140.22	Place 42	No. 52	Team Crommelin	Score 116.49
12	33	Jacka	138.64	43	29	Broatch	115.53
13	34	J Jenkins	137.87	44	65	Baillon-Bending	114.33
14	27	Bardone	137.44	45	43	Greenway	113.72
15	71	Tattersfield	137.34	46	69	Linden	113.44
16 17	6 10	Weaver M Stevens	137.09 136.98	47 48	4 <u>2</u> 59	Sawyer Higgins	112.63 112.39
18	14	McMaster	136.94	49	8	Cullen	111.75
19	9	Clifford	136.58	50	31	Peever	111.12
20	40	O'Neill	133.42	51	26	Paul	110.04
21	68	Wilson	132.14	52	44	Haley	108.25
22 23	21 12	Sullivan Treloar	131.78 131.28	53 54	45	R Stevens D Stuart	108.18 105.70
23 24	57	Kommeren	131.28	55	60 50	Pfafflin	105.70
25	63	Crawford	128.93	56	70	Shannahan	103.00
26	19	Rossiter-Nuttall	127.50	57	62	F Stuart	102.83
27	41	Brake	126.83	58	55	Pettit	101.88
28 29	61 20	Macintosh Duggin	126.11 125.58	59 60	17 58	Hooper Rees	101.14 100.93
30	30	M Jenkins	125.19	61	46	Devlin	100.93
31	49	Fraser	125.00	62	37	Smith	100.52
32	39	Powley	124.12	63	54	Butler	100.12
33	25	Clark	123.66	64	64	Verity	99.96
34 35	24 72	Hyland Quilty	122.49 122.41	65 66	15 23	Tyler Ross	99.82 98.72
36	22	Sheffield	119.66	67	56	Munro	97.01
37	13	Williams	119.60	68	47	Nice	94.79
38	5	Loxton	118.95	69	48	Corney	86.26
39	11	Wippell	118.07	70	67	Sealy	79.80
40 41	18 66	Symons Jacobs	117.70 116.72	71 72	51 53	Jenkin Reynolds	79.42 60.43
41	1 00	Jacobs	Novic			Neyriolas	00.43
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	9	Justine Wlodarczyk - Bronnwyn	White - Caroline Mars	shall - Marg	aret Te	itzel	165.56
2	2	Denise Merrin - Mary Smith - Jo					164.01
3	7	Prunella Adams - Malcolm Adan	ns - Annemarie Huge	ntobler - Wa	alter Hu	gentobler	158.51
4	6	Don Du Temple - Adrienne Du T					147.30
5	10	Susan Kennard - Beverley O'Ha			ggs		139.81
6	34	Allan Byrnes - Steven Parkes - L					137.98
7	5	Claire Weston - Wilma Coloper -					133.46
8	15	Louise McKenna - Elizabeth Rya			1		132.75
9	12	Daria Williams - Ian Cameron - I			L		132.39
10 Place	1 No	Rebecca Knight - Naureen Gear				Toom	129.22
Place 11	No. 13	Team Nugent	Score 128.75	Place 23	No. 27	Team Northey	Score 111.03
12	8	Hall	126.75	24	31	Speiser	108.87
13	16	Nilsson	125.55	25	22	Noble	106.44
14	3	Hertelendy	125.48	26	26	Mawson	104.94
15	20	Musgrave	124.52	27	11	Cox	100.80
16	4	Taylor	123.68	28	19	Jackson	100.46
17	25	Bryant	120.50	29	14	Sargent	98.60
18	24	Garside	116.33	30	33	Hughes	96.32
19	23	Carter	115.25	31	29	O'Keeffe	94.63
20	17	Sharp	114.87	32	30	Archer	94.01
21	18	Howitt	113.55	33	32	Reilly	89.33
22	28	Anderson	112.96	34	21	Coyle	85.39

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU								
42*	1008*			3840*	36*		150*	
	4		3*					224*
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162*				84*			126*	
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

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6	12* 4	1	3	7	2	8	9	5	

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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		7						1
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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8	2	9	1	6	5	3	4	7

SERVICES

If you stick to The Gold Coast Congress sponsoring restaurants you'll stay healthy of course. But should the need for a **DOCTOR** arise there's Broadbeach Medical Centre 07-5531-6344 one block south of the venue on the seaward side of the highway. Should you need after hours attention call 07-5531-1224.

Should a **BABYSITTER** be required call Cathie at Gold Coast Nannies 0431-301-916. All Nannies carry current Blue Card and Senior First Aid Certificate including CPR for children.

If you are feeling stiff and sore give Sue and her mobile MASSAGE team a call on 0466-284-114. Take a look at their complimentary gift offer on page 58A of Hello Gold Coast magazine and Sue's 'love it or your money back' motto.

TABLE COUNT

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