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BRIDGE WIDOWS SOCIAL AFTERNOON



On behalf of the Tournament Gay Tully hosted a visit to famous Australian Artist Margaret Ollie's House which was moved from Paddington in Sydney to the Tweed Region

SHOP TILL YOU DROP



We all love shoes so it wasn't so surprising that the breakfast at In Her Shoes at the Oasis proved to be such a success

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP



Seniors Winners 102 IMPs to 89.1 IMPs
Trevor Robb - Andrew Janisz - Patsy Walters - Lynne Geursen



Seniors Runners-Up
Martin Bloom - Nigel Rosendorff - Steven Bock - Les Grewcock



Intermediate Winners 145.1 IMPs to 131 IMPs
Michael Stoneman - Val Roland - Herold Rienstra - Bert Luchjenbroers



Intermediate Runners-Up
Eric Baker - Chris Stead - Keith Blinco - Terrence Sheedy



Restricted Winners 112.1 Imps to 98 IMPs
Anne McNaughton - Faye Bell - Heather Scott - Margot Moylan



Restricted Runners – Up
Arne Jonsberg - John Lahey - Lesleigh Egan - Lynne Henley



Novice Winners 138.1 IMPs to 106 IMPs
Justine Wlodarczyk - Bronnwyn White - Caroline Marshall - Margaret Teitzel



Novice Runners-Up
Denise Merrin - Mary Smith - Joanne Evans - Sheena Pollock

OPEN TEAMS QUARTER FINAL FIRST 12 BOARDS

In the Open Teams the top two seeds, **WARE** (Michael Ware-Tom Jacob-Fiona Brown-Tony Nunn-Hugh McGann-Matthew Thomson) and the Indonesian team of **PERTAMINA EP RED** (Taufik Asbi - Robert Parasian - Franky Karwur - Julius George - Beni Ibradi) qualified directly to the 40 board Semi-Finals, while the teams finishing 3rd through 6th (Fordham vs Hinge and PD Times vs Neill) played a 24 board match for the other two semi-finals berths.

When you sit down to watch a match in the latter stages of a tournament there is always the hope, if not an expectation, that you are about to watch some fine bridge, or maybe that you will see some hands that highlight the more subtle points of the game, or just watch some quality bridge. Regrettably we will instead ask you to fasten your seat belts and take a journey into another world during these 12 boards.

A couple of overtrick IMPs on the first three boards led to this minor swing, based on a difference of style.

Dealer: West Vul: Both Brd 4 Open Tms QF 1/2 ♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ A J 4 2 ♣ A 8 7	♠ J 9 4 3 ♥ A Q J 6 5 2 ♦ 9 ♣ 9 4 ♠ 5 ♥ K 9 8 4 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ Q J 5 2	♠ A K 7 6 2 ♥ --- ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ K 10 6 3	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennison</td> <td>Cormack</td> <td>Stuart</td> <td>Kozakos</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Passed Out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haughie</td> <td>Sundstrom</td> <td>Hinge</td> <td>Fordham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>4♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="border-top: 1px solid black;">Makeable Contracts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>- NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>- ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>3 ♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>- ♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>- ♣</td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	Dennison	Cormack	Stuart	Kozakos	Passed Out				Haughie	Sundstrom	Hinge	Fordham	Pass	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♥	Pass	3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass		Makeable Contracts				1	-	1	- NT	3	-	3	- ♠	-	3	-	3 ♥	4	-	4	- ♦	2	-	2	- ♣
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Perhaps dissuaded by the secondary spade suit, Cormack decided against opening a weak two bid in hearts whereas Sundstrom suffered no such inhibitions. Unfortunately that had the effect of inspiring the opponents to bid to 3♠, which certainly isn't the easiest of contracts to make. But his partner, South, took the cheap insurance in 4♥, perhaps with the thought of possibly making it – one down and 3 IMPs to Hinge.

Board six looked like a major swing to Fordham when they started slamming, until they fell at the final hurdle, creating the largest swing of the match in favour of their opponents.

Dealer: East Vul: E-W Brd 6 Open Tms QF 1/2 ♠ 7 2 ♥ A J 6 3 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ J 7 6 3	♠ A K Q J 6 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 9 5 ♠ 10 9 4 ♥ 10 ♦ A K J 10 8 7 2 ♣ A K	♠ 8 5 3 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ Q 8 4 2	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennison</td> <td>Cormack</td> <td>Stuart</td> <td>Kozakos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haughie</td> <td>Sundstrom</td> <td>Hinge</td> <td>Fordham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣ [prec]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠ [GF]</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>6NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>7NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="border-top: 1px solid black;">Makeable Contracts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> <td>6 NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> <td>6 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2 ♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> <td>6 ♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2 ♣</td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	Dennison	Cormack	Stuart	Kozakos	Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦	Haughie	Sundstrom	Hinge	Fordham	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ [prec]	Pass	1♠ [GF]	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT	Pass	7NT	Double	Pass	Pass	Pass	Makeable Contracts				-	6	-	6 NT	-	6	-	6 ♠	-	2	-	2 ♥	-	6	-	6 ♦	-	2	-	2 ♣
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While all the nuances and inferences of the auction aren't clear as a kibitzer it's hard to imagine what hand partner can have where he elects to play, indeed jump to 6NT and that you can convert this to a loss of 13 IMPs by bidding 7NT. Haughie unsportingly (no doubt checking if he was on lead) doubled and collected 300 by cashing the ♥A and switching to a club. A heart continuation would have been more interesting for the bloodthirsty amongst us when declarer would have been forced to guess diamonds or possibly go down 1100 for some larger number of IMPs (16).

Board 7 offered the opportunity for Fordham to regain some of those lost IMPs.

Dealer: South ♠ A J 9
 Vul: Both ♥ A 9 6
 Brd 7 ♦ J 9 5
 Open Tms QF 1/2 ♣ 10 4 3 2
 ♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ K Q 10 3
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ Q 7 6

♠ K 8 5
 ♥ J 8 5 2
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ A K J

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

West	North	East	South
Dennison	Cormack	Stuart	Kozakos
			1♣
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
Haughie	Sundstrom	Hinge	Fordham
			1NT [13-15]
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
-	1	-	1 NT
-	1	-	♠
-	1	-	♥
1	-	1	♦
-	1	-	♣

Difference in methods led to the contrasting contracts, although with a combined 25 count it seems that Cormack/Kozakos should have made some efforts to enquire about game. Maybe I shouldn't be so critical on this particular hand as both hands were absolute maximum for their actions and 3NT proved to be lousy about as every card is wrong - ♠Q, both ♥'s, ♦A and ♣Q. All of this meant that Hinge collected 6 IMPs for their conservative though arguably not long-term successful action.

Board 8 saw Fordham fight back by "stealing the pot".

Dealer: West ♠ A 6 5 4 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ 10 8
 Brd 8 ♦ A K
 Open Tms QF 1/2 ♣ 10 9 7
 ♠ 7
 ♥ J 9 7 4 2
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ K Q 6 5 3

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

♠ K J 8
 ♥ A K 5 3
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ A 8 2

West	North	East	South
Dennison	Cormack	Stuart	Kozakos
2♥	2♠	4♥	All Pass
Haughie	Sundstrom	Hinge	Fordham
Pass	1♠	1NT	2♠
2NT	3♠	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
4	-	4	- NT
-	2	-	2 ♠
4	-	4	- ♥
-	2	-	2 ♦
4	-	4	- ♣

Again the differing methods possible led to the swing. In the Open Room the 2♥ bid, presumably showing hearts and a minor allowed E/W to find their heart fit and play 4♥ for 11 tricks. N/S could have saved for a likely -300 but that's usually much easier with a 5/4 fit and where one of the two hands is short in the opponents suit – which was not the case here.

In the closed room North's decision to open 1♠ holding A-A-K is clear cut by everybody's standards, especially playing Precision where his hand is limited. East overcalled 1NT with his balanced 16 count and Fordham's 2♠ bid effectively persuaded West to treat his hand as purely competitive. Your Bulletin Editors' choices ranged from 3♥ game force down to Lebensohl into 3♣. We hate passing at low levels knowing that we hold the majority of points. Anyway North found a good bid of 3♠ which under my personal methods is 1-2-3 stop – preemptively trying to steal the hand, it worked a treat. Going down one led to a 9 IMP gain for Fordham.

The final board was the third large swing of the match and probably the hand in bridge I hate MOST of all – a 6-5-1-1 opposite a non-matching 6-5-1-1 YUK!

Dealer: South ♠ 10 9 5 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ 2
 Brd 11 ♦ 10
 Open Tms QF 1/2 ♣ A Q 9 6 5 3
 ♠ Q J 7
 ♥ Q 8 6 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ 10 4

♠ A
 ♥ A K J 10 7
 ♦ K Q J 9 7 4
 ♣ 7

♠ K 8 6 2
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ K J 8 2

West	North	East	South
Dennison	Cormack	Stuart	Kozakos
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥ //
Haughie	Sundstrom	Hinge	Fordham
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	5♦ //

Cormack's 2NT bid in the closed rooms seems to have been Blackout, alerting partner to holding a poor hand. This may have steered him to bid 4♥ in the hope that he could hold the hand together using his long diamonds as a source of tricks. Most days this would work just fine – not this day however when trumps broke 5-2; a slim 31% so we could count this as bad luck not bad judgement.

In the closed room, the Precision auction allowed both hands to make their suits known and Fordham did well to place the contract in 5♦ losing one diamond and one heart.

On initial inspection it appears that a diamond lead might well have sunk 5♦ but double dummy declarer play, knowing the hearts are splitting badly (welcome to my world) will allow you to make as follows:

Assume East wins the trump lead and switches to a spade. Declarer then cashes trumps to arrive at this position.

♠ ?	♠ 10	
♥ Q 8 6 5 3	♥ 2	
♦ ---	♦ ---	
♣ ?	♣ A Q 9 6 5	
		Not Relevant
	♠ ---	
	♥ A K J 10 7	
	♦ 4	
	♣ 7	

If West holds two spades OR one spade and a club then a club to dummy and a spade ruff would bring West down to the heart suit only and he can then be end-played in that suit – providing declarer is inspired enough to cash the ♥A followed by the ♥J, and if ducked to follow with the ♥10 smothering East's doubleton nine.

If however he holds five hearts two and clubs, declarer can counter by winning the ♣A and ruffing a club to achieve the heart-only ending. Does anybody hate how well Deep Finesse plays!!

Six IMPs to Hinge on the final board saw them lead by 32 IMPs to 22 at the half way mark.

OPEN TEAMS QUARTER FINAL SECOND 12 BOARDS

Barry Rigal

The focus would be on PD Times against Neill, with Neill leading 27-23.

The first deal saw Neill buy the contract unsuccessfully at both tables, losing 100 in one room and 200 in the other.

Dealer: North Vul: Both Brd 13 Open Tms QF2/2 ♠ 10 8 7 5 ♥ J 4 ♦ K Q 10 9 6 ♣ 8 6	♠ A K Q 6 ♥ A 8 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K Q 10 5 3	♠ 9 4 2 ♥ K Q 7 3 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ A J 9	♠ J 3 ♥ 10 9 6 5 ♦ J 8 3 2 ♣ 7 4 2	West Li Pass Pass Pass	North Neill 1♣ Double 2♠ Pass	East Feng 1♥ Pass Pass	South De Livera Pass 2♣ 3♣
Makeable Contracts							
		1	-	1	-	-	NT
		1	-	1	-	-	♠
		1	-	1	-	-	♥
		1	-	1	-	-	♦
		-	2	-	2	-	♣

Neill's decision to try for game after his partner's initial pass and simple club support seems eminently reasonable, if a tad aggressive.

In the other room Fu's opening lead against 2♥ was an eccentric ♠3, but it did not hurt his side at all. The defenders managed to arrange three spades, a club and three trump tricks for their side via a trump promotion, when declarer went after diamonds early. That meant PD Times led 30-27.

Neill levelled the match when a board that was passed out in one room by Neill in fourth seat was opened unsuccessfully by Chen in the other room.

Dealer: South ♠ K 10 7 5 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10 8 7 5
 Brd 15 ♦ A J
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ 6 3

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ Q J 4 3
 ♦ K 10 2
 ♣ Q 8 7

♠ J 9 8
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 9 8 7 5 4
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

♠ Q 3
 ♥ A K 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ A K 4

Makeable Contracts				
West	North	East	South	
-	3	-	3	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Both tables reached 4♥ here, PD Times by North, Neill from the South seat. De Livera received the most challenging defence as South, of a club lead, and when he won and played ♥K to find the bad news, followed by ♠Q the defenders won and shifted to a devious ♦10. Declarer had three sensible options (finesse, win ♦A and play spades from the top, or win ♦A and finesse spades). He chose the diamond finesse – doubtless hoping that if this was wrong he would be able to find a trump endplay on West later so long as that player had the right side-suit pattern (3-4-3-3 seems necessary). In the other room Chen as North voluntarily took the diamond finesse after winning the club lead and testing hearts. No swing.

Dealer: West ♠ 10 8 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 10 7 4
 Brd 16 ♦ 6 2
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ K 9 7 5

♠ 9 6 5 2
 ♥ Q 8 5 2
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ A J
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ K J 9 8 5
 ♣ Q J 4

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

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

Both tables opened a strong 1NT, and played there. Both defenders had to choose which spade to lead from ♠ K Q 7 4. Fu led the queen, De Livera the four. Whatever the technical merits of the choice, when declarer has the doubleton ♠ A J you can guess which worked better – though a later error by Chen meant the board was flat at down one. Still 30-30.

Dealer: North ♠ Q 8 5 2
 Vul: None ♥ A 10 9 7 4
 Brd 17 ♦ J 6 4
 Open Tms QF2/2 ♣ 2

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 8 3 2
 ♣ 10 9

♠ J 7
 ♥ Q J 8 2
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A Q 8 6 4

♠ A 10 6 3
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K J 7 5 3

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

In one room Li bought the hand in 3♦ as West, by overcalling with that bid over 1♣. After a club lead he went up with ♣A and played on spades. The defenders ducked the first spade, won the next and played trumps. Now declarer could get his ruff but he could not avoid a trump promotion on the third club, to go with his four top losers. In the other room the limited 2♣ opening changed the tempo of the auction, allowing Fu to play 2♠.

Three rounds of diamonds (East pitching a club) saw Fu ruff and cash two hearts then lead a club towards his hand. Nagy rose with ♣A and played a heart, ruffed by declarer with ♠10 as Lilley discarded his club. Fu played a low club and ruffed in dummy, but in the five-card ending he had reached he no longer had a way home.

Haughie-Hinge had a relay auction after a transfer to 2♠ which led to West declaring 6♠ on a diamond lead, to the ten (nice deceptive play) queen and ace.

Declarer led a heart to the jack, and a spade to hand to find the bad news. A second heart finesse, North ducking the ten (I'm sure he would not have covered the queen but if he does that would be fatal) saw Haughie run the trumps, coming down to a five-card ending with two diamonds two hearts and one club. Sundstrom had to discard on the last trump from two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs, and got it wrong when he pitched a heart instead of a club. That meant declarer could cash his extra heart winner and rescue triumph from the jaws of defeat.

OPEN TEAMS SEMI FINALS BOARDS 1-10 - WERE THEY PLAYING THE SAME DEALS?

Barry Rigal

When Pertamina EP (The Indonesian Open Team) took on PD Times (for China/Taiwan) the score was 10-3 at the end of the set. In our other match they managed to score almost as many imps as that on five separate deals in the ten-board set!

Let's see the action:

After Hinge-Haughie had stretched to a very thin game, down on accurate defence even after spades and clubs had split 3-2 with nothing else bad happening, the first major swing deal came along.

Dealer: East
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 2
 Open Tms S/Fin 1/4♣ K J 10 8 4
 ♠ K 5 4
 ♥ A K J 3
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A 6 5 3

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

♠ A J 6 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K J 9 8 5 3
 ♣ Q 7

♠ Q 10 7 2
 ♥ 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ 9 2

West	North	East	South
Hinge	Thomson	Haughie	McGann
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All pass		

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

One of the problems of setting up a game forcing auction cheaply is that neither hand knows how to limit or show extras. Personally I might have rebid 2NT at my third turn as West. Equally, I'd bid 5♦ as East over 4♣, and pass 5♦ as West – but I have this unwholesome desire not to go minus when I should be going plus. Slam needed diamonds to behave and a lot of good luck one way or another from the majors, and did not get it. On a club lead Haughie correctly took the ace, then played the ♥ A K to discard his club loser, then ran his trumps so as to squeeze a South player holding ♥Q and four small spades. That just led to three down rather than two down, while 3NT (admittedly played the wrong way up), scored +460 for Nunn with the minimum of discomfort.

Both E/W pairs then went for 300 in a partscore (Nunn being especially lucky to avoid a double when Kozakos refused to get involved after a passed hand back in over Cormack's weak no-trump and he held two aces and a queen in a balanced hand).

On the next board however, blood was actually shed, though.

Dealer: West
 Vul: Both
 Brd 4
 Open Tms S/Fin 1/4♣ A J 7 4
 ♠ J 9 8 7 5
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ A J 8 5
 ♣ 8 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Hinge	Thomson	Haughie	McGann
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥//

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Cormack/Kozakos had dealt competently with intervention to reach 6♥. McGann/Thompson had no such excuse other than perhaps a lack of partnership – or maybe no agreement as to what Keycard Blackwood was in use?

The learned editors think maybe South was using keycard and thought he had received a 1/4 response. I'm not sure if North was doing anything other than cuebidding then answering aces. With the ♦A on lead, nothing could go wrong with the defence.

Both E/W pairs then could not stay out of a nearly hopeless 3NT, so it was 17-17 after five deals. Back to the bloodletting.

Dealer: East ♠ 9
 Vul: E-W ♥ ---
 Brd 6 ♦ A K Q J 10 9 5 4 2
 Open Tms S/Fin 1/4♣ A 10 8

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

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ 3
♣ J 9 7 5

Makeable Contracts				
West	North	East	South	
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4	-	4	-	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

How many diamonds is that North hand worth over a 3rd in hand vulnerable 1♥? Thomson thought 5♦ was enough (as would I). Cormack, found the real man's bid of 6♦. Both were doubled, Hinge passing out 5♦ when I would have expected him to bid 5♥ -- and pick up a huge swing in instead of out. 5♦ was not a favoured contract but the fall of a club honour allowed 11 tricks to come home while it permitted Cormack out for down one. She could maybe claim to be unlucky in that if the ♣J and ♣Q were switched she would have racked up 1190 on a heart lead. Maybe so...maybe not.

Stung by the previous setback, Hinge/Haughie did too much on the next deal.

Dealer: South ♠ 7
 Vul: Both ♥ 5
 Brd 7 ♦ A J 9 4 2
 Open Tms S/Fin 1/4♣ K J 9 6 4 3

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

♠ A J 6 4 2
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South	
Hinge	Thomson	Haughie	McGann	
				Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠		Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥		Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥		All pass
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

I like Hinge's improvisation of 3♥ here, but it got him to a game where the cards lay in remarkably hostile fashion. Haughie won the club lead, crossed to a heart, and ruffed out the ♦K. So far so good. But when a second trump brought the bad news; Haughie passed the ♠8, and the roof fell in. McGann won the ♠J, returned a trump, overruffed declarer when he tried to ruff a diamond to hand, and led a club to his partner, whose hand was high! Down four.

Brown played 3♥ on a similar auction to the one we saw (but since Nunn-Brown were playing transfer rebids after 1♦-1♠ Nunn got to show THREE hearts at his third turn). Brown ducked the club lead, then drew one round of trumps before playing spades. That meant she ended up scoring three spades, four hearts and one trick in each minor for +140. A great result, worth 11 imps for a 40-17 lead.

There was time for just one major swing more. Tony Nunn had the chance to be a hero or the goat:

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

He heard 1♣ to his right and overcalled 1♥. RHO balanced with 2NT, raised to 3NT. What would you lead? He led a diamond and was right in the sense that declarer had an unbalanced hand with a double heart stop, with dummy providing a third heart stopper, but wrong in that a diamond lead was into the ♦AQ and was declarer's ninth trick.

Dealer: South ♠ 8
 Vul: None ♥ 9 6 5
 Brd 11 ♦ A 8 7 6 5
 Open Tms S/Fin 2/4 ♣ A Q 6 5
 ♠ Q 10 6
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ J 10 8 4

♠ K J 4
 ♥ A K 10 4 2
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ 3 2

♠ A 9 7 5 3 2
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ K 9 7

West	North	East	South
Hinge	Ware	Haughie	Jacob
			1NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	-	-	1	♠
-	5	-	4	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

The first deal of the new stanza saw a big swing in both matches.

Three tables out of four played 4♥ (the exception, Kozakos/Cormack playing 3NT when they bid 1♥ - 2♦ - 2NT - 3♣ - 3NT). 3NT on a spade lead to the ace and a spade continuation went down buckets when declarer took the diamond then club finesse and lost both. Somewhat unlucky...maybe.

In the other room Ware's jump to 3♠ showed a 13(45) pattern. Jacob knew where to go. He took the ♣A at trick one and played a spade. Haughie took the ace and returned a low trump. Now Jacob should have ducked a club, but he simply ruffed his spade loser in dummy and drew two rounds of trump, then gave up a club. When Haughie won the second club he had only to exit with a spade and declarer would surely have lost a diamond at the end. But he shifted to diamonds and that brought the diamond suit in for no loser.

In our second match Asbi played 4♥ on a club lead. He took the losing finesse, won the low trump return in hand, and could see nothing better than the diamond finesse. Down one. Fu showed how to play the hand; he rose with ♣A at trick one to play a spade. George took his ace and returned a trump. Declarer won in hand and ducked a club, and now George could see that declarer was about to set up the clubs, so he shifted to the ♦10, and now the diamond loser had vanished. +420 made it 21-3 now to PD Times.

Two boards later, both tables played a hopeless 3NT, instead of their nine-card club fit, where there is a very decent play for 12 tricks in 6♣ (at worst one out of a 2-2 break, a 3-3 spade break or the heart finesse). Only the last of these three chances comes in, but that is enough. When the defenders led their nine-card fit against 3NT (108764 facing KQ95) declarer had to play on clubs and let the defenders in. But while Brown and Nunn cashed out, Hinge's discard apparently persuaded Haughie to shift, and another unmakeable contract had come home.

It pains me to tell you that Ware added to their lead on the next deal by opening 1NT on a 5-1-3-4 15-count with king-queen-fifth of spades. "Ce n'est pas magnifique ni c'est le bridge" but it led to +90 while 3♦ in the other room went down when on the surface of it there are nine easy tricks. Oh well. 70-31 now, and Ware added another 11 imps when an uncouth Hinge/Haughie auction (with the uncouthness coming from the former) led to a hopeless 6NT, down a couple, where 6♦ would have been a reasonable spot. Today 11 tricks were the limit, and game was where Brown/Nunn elected to play it.

At the halfway points in the two matches PD Times led 32-13 while Ware led 82-31.

We shall take the closer match as our focus for set three, where after a small pick-up for the Indonesians, Feng and George were both faced with a decision.

At favourable vulnerability, holding: ♠ A 9 3 ♥ K 9 8 5 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 8 5 4 3 they heard the auction go:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	4♥	5♣
Pass	5♦	??	

With partner holding a 3-5-3-2 nine-count it is possible to construct a hand where this action might have gained a little. But today was not one of those days, since your side's three aces stand up and you have four black-suit losers. George bid on for Pertamina, Feng did not, and PD Times had 9 imps to lead 41-16.

Asbi recouped those imps on the next deal:

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

♠ Q J 7
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ A 10 9 6 5

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

♠ 10 9 5 3 2
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
Li	Parasian	Feng	Asbi
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

I certainly don't imagine many E/W pairs would find a way into this auction after the 1NT opening. In the other room the 1♦ opener by South saw Karwur double, and George exuberantly leaped to 4♠. With the heart finesse succeeding and clubs breaking, that had ten easy tricks, and since 2♥ struggled to one down it was 28-41 now for PD Times.

Dealer: West ♠ K 7 2
 Vul: Both ♥ J
 Brd 4 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A Q J 10 6 4 3

♠ 8 4
 ♥ A K 9 7
 ♦ A K Q J 10 7
 ♣ 7

♠ A Q 10 6
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ K 9 8 5

♠ J 9 5 3
 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ 2

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Chen	George	Fu
1♣ ^[16+]	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

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

It got even better for Pertamina on the next deal, when both South's took remarkably passive views in the auction – and one was rewarded. In the other room after an identical start Feng as East jumped to 4♥ over the double; Wowza!

With 5♣ down just one, the defenders had to try to set 4♥ or South would look very untrusting. A low club to the ace for two rounds of spades saw South shift to a diamond. In one room Feng as declarer played hearts from the top, in the other George cashed one top heart then led to his ♦9 to take the heart finesse. The odds are so close (North is pretty much known to be 3-(2/1)-7) that maybe it is right to play South for ♥Qxx for his failure to up the pre-empt? It was 41-all now

Thomson-McGann and Cormack/Kozakos both took the save here, but Hinge/Haughie had a carding accident and tried to cash the wrong three red-suit winners. Thompson was able to discard his remaining red-suit loser when he guessed spades, and bring home a wonderful +600.

Ware/Jacob found another vulnerable save on the next deal (where Feng had a chance to give declarer a very nasty choice in a vulnerable game but had missed it – maybe we will see the deal tomorrow).

Pertamina kept the streak going when Fu went down in a non-vulnerable game that looks a fraction better than a finesse, to lead 46-41.

Dealer: West ♠ A 9 6 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ A Q 5 4 3
 Brd 8 ♦ 9 5
 Open Tms S/Fin 3/4 ♣ 8

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

♠ K 5
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 8 7 6 3
 ♣ J 10 7 6 4

♠ Q 4
 ♥ K 10 8 7
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ Q 5 2

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

After a 1♠ opener by North both tables reached 3NT the ‘wrong way’ up, letting North lead a heart to the nine for a second heart. Declarer had to win and could take two top diamonds and the ♣Q...what now? Both Norths had false-carded in hearts, to conceal the three, so North was not marked with a fifth heart. I’m not sure what the percentages say here, but both declarers played a second top club, ending their chances.

I wish I could tell you that Ware didn’t gain 10imps when Jacob overcalled 1 NT with ♠Qx to right-side 3NT but honesty compels me to inform you that this is what happened. You don’t have to like it either.

Dealer: North
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 9
 Open Tms S/Fin 3/4♣ A Q 10 4 2
 ♠ 10 9 5
 ♥ J 9 7
 ♦ A J 9 8 5
 ♣ J 5

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

♠ Q J 6 4 3
 ♥ A Q 8 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 8 7 3

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

Both tables reached 3NT here, PD Times after a Precision 2♣ opening manoeuvred South into being declarer, Pertamina from the North seat after an unspeakable no-trump opener and a 2♣ overcall majors by Feng.

Where Fu was declarer, a low diamond lead gave him a quick eighth trick, and when a heart to the king scored. declarer could claim his contract. In the other room Feng led a spade as East against 3NT, and declarer won the ♠K and fished a low diamond out from the board (yes, maybe he should have come to hand with a club and lead a heart up, a genuine line for nine tricks?). Li went into the tank for a long time. Rising with the ♦A might be fatal if declarer had a 4-3-2-4 pattern with the same sort of hand, or necessary here. But unless declarer had opened 1NT with a singleton diamond rising with the ♦A seemed unlikely to be necessary. Eventually Li ducked, and declarer claimed his contract a few seconds later. Exciting flat boards continued:

Dealer: East
 Vul: Both
 Brd 10
 Open Tms S/Fin 3/4♣ J 6 2
 ♠ A Q 10 8 7
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A 10 9 7

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

♠ K 9 5 3 2
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ 7 4 3 2
 ♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Chen	George	Fu
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
2♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	3♥
Li	Parasian	Feng	Asbi
Pass	2♦	Pass	All Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	3♠	2♥
			3♥
			4♥ //

There was no defence to 3♠, indeed Hinge as West made 4♠ on a low club lead, when the club suit ruffed out as a discard for the heart loser. In the other room 4♥ was also very close to making. Li led the ♠A and then after some cogitation over the significance of East’s ♠2 shifted to a low club to take the club ruff, necessary to defeat the contract. Well done – and just a loss of 1 imp. It was 47-41 at set end.

The final countdown: Ten deals to go, all to play for, Pertamina leading PD Times by 47-41. Pertamina doubled their lead on the first deal out.

Dealer: South
 Vul: None
 Brd 11
 Open Tms S/Fin 4/4♣ Q 10 7 6 4
 ♠ K 4
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ A 9 8 6 2
 ♣ K J 2

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

♠ J 9 8 6 5 3 2
 ♥ A 9 7 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣

West	North	East	South	
Li	Parasian	Feng	Asbi	
Pass	2♠	3♠	Pass	
4♠	Dbl	All pass		
Karwur	Chen	George	Fu	
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT	
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

In 4♠x Feng lost two spades, two hearts and a diamond. Down 300 would represent a reasonable position if 3NT were to come home. Fu played the no-trump game on a low diamond lead and won the ♦J to lead a heart

up. When East ducked Fu's ♥Q won and now if he had cashed ♣A he would have known where West's entry was. When he gave the opponents too much respect and played a second heart back at once, the defenders won and cleared diamonds with the ♣K as the inevitable entry to the long diamonds. 8 imps to PD times, up 55-41.

Dealer: West ♠ 10 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q 10 6 4
 Brd 12 ♦ 10 8 5 3
 Open Tms S/Fin 4/4♣ J 10
 ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ J 9 8 7
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ A Q 8 7

♠ 8 7
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ K Q J 9 6
 ♣ K 9 6 4

♠ A K J 6 5 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 5 3 2

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

At both tables the auction started: 1NT-Pass-3NT. Fu doubled for a spade (shorter major?) lead, Asbi did not. I like Fu's position – I think you lose 4/6 imps from time to time but gain much more than that at least one time in three. This was not one of those times: Fu ducked the spade lead round to the queen, and declarer then cashed the next nine winners for +650. It was 61-41 now.

On the next deal George and Feng held in first seat with nobody vulnerable.

♠ A K Q 10 9 7 ♥ 8 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 9 8 6 2

Feng opened 1♠ and competed to 4♠ over 4♥, George passed initially (you don't have to believe it or like it – them's the facts) then came in with 3♠ and sold out to 4♥. 4♥ made 420, 4♠x bought the doubleton ♣J (good!) but the rest of dummy was a 2-4-5-2 Yarborough and clubs were 5-1, so all Feng could take were her spades. Down 800 and Pertamina had scored 24 imps without reply to lead by 30.

Dealer: South ♠ Q J 9 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 4 2
 Brd 15 ♦ A J 9 8 4 2
 Open Tms S/Fin 4/4♣
 ♠ 7 6 5
 ♥ Q 9 8 7 6
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ 4 3

♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ K 7 6
 ♣ K 8 7 2

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

West	North	East	South	
Karwur	Chen	George	Fu	
				1♣ [16+]
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♣	
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣	
Pass	5♣	All pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	2	NT
-	4	-	3	♠
-	1	-	-	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	5	-	4	♣

With Chen's hand I might have tried 3♠ over 3♣ but I don't think the result would have been any different. With South declarer in 5♣ the heart lead from West doomed the contract immediately. In the other room a natural club saw North invite game with 2NT at his second turn, and Feng did very well to lead a heart. Had she led ♥J I assume Li would not have overtaken – which might have given declarer insuperable problems? She led ♥A and then played ♥J, overtaken by Li and ducked. Li shifted to ♦Q rather than a low diamond, making declarer's decision to win and cross to a spade to clear clubs an easy one. 12 more imps made it 36-0.

That was the end of the serious action on the set. Each team picked up a partscore, and Pertamina won the set 42-5 to cap a remarkable comeback from 29 imps down with eighteen deals to go to win by 43.

FAST START PROPELS NOVICE TEAMS WINNERS

Brent Manley

Three players from Brisbane and another from Melbourne started strongly in an action-filled Novice Teams final, winning 138.1 to 106 over a foursome from Mount Tamborine.

The winners are Justine Wlodarczyk, Bronnwyn White, Margaret Teitzel – all from Brisbane – and Caroline Marshall of Melbourne.

The runners-up are Denise Merrin, Mary Smith, Joanne Evans and Sheena Pollock. The team came back in the second half of the match and won by 20 IMPs in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough.

Near the end of the second set, the Merrin squad engineered a swing with some aggressive bidding while East-West at the other table played an awkward 4♠ contract on a 5-1 fit.

Dealer: East	♠ J 9 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ 10 8 7 4	Merrin	Wlodarczyk	Smith	White
Brd 22	♦ Q 3			2♦	Pass
Novice Tms Fin 2/4	♣ A 9 5 4	5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
♠ K Q 7 6 4					
♥ A Q J 2	♠ 3				
♦ A J 2	♥ 9 6 5 3				
♣ 3	♦ K 10 9 8 6 5				
	♣ K 6				
	♠ A 10 8 5				
	♥ K				
	♦ 7 4				
	♣ Q J 10 8 7 2				

Makeable Contracts				
4	-	4	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

White led the ♣Q, taken by Wlodarczyk with the ace for a switch to the ♠9. Smith couldn't tell how many spades her partner had, but she didn't want to play the ace and set up dummy's two spade honors, so she played low. Smith took the spade in dummy, played the ♦A and a diamond to her hand, then played a low heart. South's king popped up, but Smith still had a loser in the suit because of the 4-1 split. Fortunately, she could discard dummy's low heart on the ♣K. That was plus 600.

At the other table, Marshall and Teitzel got mixed up in the bidding and landed in 4♠ by West. Marshall did well to finish at one down, but it was still a 12-IMP loss.

The Merrin team started the second half of the match with a bang when Evans and Pollock bid and made 6NT at their table on the first board while Wlodarczyk and White were stopping in 3NT, making with an overtrick for plus 430. That was 12 IMPs to the trailing team.

Wlodarczyk hit back on board 4.

Dealer: West	♠ K 7	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 9 6 2	Merrin	Wlodarczyk	Smith	White
Brd 4	♦ A J 5 3 2	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Novice Tms Fin 3/4	♣ K 9 6	Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
♠ A Q 2		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ 10 7 5	♠ 10 9 6 5				
♦ 8 7 6 4	♥ K Q J 8 4				
♣ 10 3 2	♦ 10 9				
	♣ J 5				
	♠ J 8 4 3				
	♥ A 3				
	♦ K Q				
	♣ A Q 8 7 4				

Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	5	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Wlodarczyk had loads of tricks with both minors breaking favorably and the ♠A in front of the king. Wlodarczyk finished with 11 tricks for plus 660. At the other table, Evans and Pollock didn't get past 3♣, making with an overtrick for plus 130. It was an 11-IMP loss.

On board 7, Merrin and Smith were at it again, bidding aggressively to 5♦, which was another maker for plus 600 while the game was missed at the other table. That was 10 more IMPs to the Merrin team.

The swings helped the Merrin team compete more effectively in the set three, losing by just 42-40. The team staged a rally in the fourth set, outscoring their opponents 36-16 with three big swings, including this one.

Dealer: South	♠ 8	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ Q 9 8 7 5	Merrin	Wlodarczyk	Smith	White
Brd 19	♦ A 10				Pass
Novice Tms Fin 4/4	♣ J 8 6 5 4	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
♠ 7 4 2		2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
♥ A 10 6 4	♠ A K 10 9 5	4♠	All Pass		
♦ K 8 6 4	♥ K		Makeable Contracts		
♣ Q 3	♦ 7 5 2				
	♣ A K 10 2				
	♠ Q J 6 3				
	♥ J 3 2				
	♦ Q J 9 3				
	♣ 9 7				

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

It's important to bid vulnerable games at IMPs, even if they aren't ironclad. When Smith made her invitation, Merrin was happy to accept. A communication glitch on defense allowed the contract to make for plus 620, a 10-IMP gain because the contract at the other table was 2♠, making three for plus 140.

The Merrin team didn't win, but they showed they have grit and determination, finishing with a strong showing. Their team motto might well be "Wait 'til next year!"

OUR FRIDAY WINNERS



Winners Rookies Pairs
Jamaluddin Rayani - Parveen Rayani



Winners Seres McMahon Mixed Teams
Michael Wilkinson, Marlene Watts, Susan Crompton, Michael Prescott



Windows Friday Teams
Jonathan Free, Terry Brown, Sue Ingham,
Howard Melbourne

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

1. North or west-going precedes the opening lead in King and Queen (10) Ans: RON KLINGER
2. Leads Spades and responds: "thanks". Holds a Jack but not a King (10) Ans: SARTAJ HANS
3. "D" (10) Ans: DAVID STERN
4. He misdealt lemon goulash (15) Ans: ISHMAEL DELMONTE
5. They cover reset bulls essentially (12) Ans: THERESE TULLY
6. He rules like a drunken duck! (11) Ans: LAURIE KELSO
7. The English police gates, perhaps (12) Ans: BOBBY RICHMAN
8. Mister troubled bridge opponents! (8) Ans: TIM SERES
9. Potter, maybe, around hesitation times (11) Ans: GUMBY LAZER
10. Sultanate interlaced with dungeon (10) Extra 1-word clue: Sailor, loud and quiet tenant (3,9) Ans: BRUCE NEILL (Extra clue: ABF PRESIDENT)

BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger



Dir: South Vul: All			
North			
♠ J 10 7 3			
♥ K Q 8 7 3			
♦ J			
♣ J 9 5			
West			
♠ 6 4			
♥ J 10 2			
♦ A K 10 9 8 4 3			
♣ 10			
West	North	East	South
			1NT (15-17)
3♦	Dble (1)	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
(1) Takeout			
Play Starts ♦A-♦J-♦2-♦5			
What do you play at trick two?			

Answer: Tell it like it is

South opened 1NT, West bid diamonds, North doubled for takeout and South bid 3NT. West began with the ♦A-♦J-♦2-♦5: It was clear that South had started with at least ♦Q-x-x and so West had to decide how to continue. If South had four diamonds there was no hope. With no entry outside

diamonds, West must hope that East has a second diamond and so needs to find East's entry.

There was no attractive switch and West chose the ♣10. That allowed South to collect five club tricks and five heart tricks for +630. Had West switched to a spade, East could win and either cash the spades and switch to diamonds or shift to diamonds at once. Either way the defenders would collect ten tricks instead of declarer.

A useful tip: When dummy turns up with a singleton in the suit led, use a suit-preference signal regardless of your normal signalling agreements when an ace is led. Here the ♦2 asks for a club switch and denies any interest in diamonds.

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

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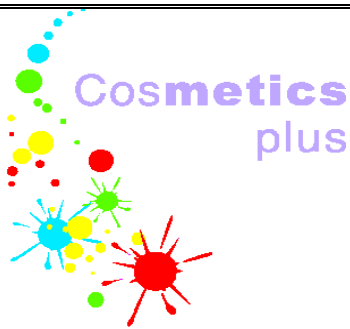
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CHOCOLATE FROG AWARD

Julian Foster nominated Graeme Wakefield: In the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs match 3 board 21 (pair 65 v pair 57). Julian opened 1NT as North and Graeme bid 2♦ systemically showing a single suiter. His partner alerted it and (mis)described it as both majors. His partner proceeded to bid 3NT and Graeme showed his active ethics and passed. Three notrumps went three down, though as it happens 4♠ also fails – but passing is clearly the ethical action.

A NOTE IN THE BULLETIN BOX

In the spirit of honest reporting we advise that the following note has been received from Arthur Bennett and we leave it to you to decide whether he is serious, joking or simply being provocative.

David, We note that in today's Bulletin the front page was a picture of all the "INTERNATIONAL" players complete with the word "welcome" in all their languages. SADLY where was the word Kia Ora in the NZ language and where was the mention of us Kiwi Internationals? Don't be bitter about the NZ Breakers thrashing Adelaide nor the probable (*Ed: haha*) outcome of the cricket. BUT please make a proper recompense by inviting all Kiwis (including those resident in Oz and including Kiwi directors) to all come to the front foyer for a group photo!! Thank you Arthur Bennett, proudly KIWI. A lot of possible comments spring to mind but then so does my love of working on this Bulletin.

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BARRY'S PROBLEMS

Barry Rigal

N/S	♠ 9 4		
North	♥ J 4 2	♦ 10 3	♣ K J 10 7 5 3
	♠ A K J 10 8 5	♥ A 5	♦ K 9 5 2
	♣ 4		
West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	Double
1♥	2♣	Dble (1)	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Three card raise in hearts Opening Lead ♦4			

Today's deal is all about counting. See if you can match declarer's effort from the finals of a recent US trials.

Roger Bates declared a game that would have been impossible to make on a heart lead. However, on a diamond lead and heart shift (a trump switch would have worked better, but one can understand East's play) Bates was still in with a chance. How did he play?

ANSWER

I thought Roger Bates handled his delicate game contract very carefully, finding a fine line of play in his contract of four spades. His partner Ralph Katz thought the three spade call was forcing -- as would I -- so maybe the South hand is not worth more than a bid of two spades at the second turn after the initial double.

After a diamond lead and heart shift Bates went up with the heart ace and played a

club, and West took his ace and tried two more rounds of hearts. Bates ruffed, led the diamond king and ruffed a diamond, then cashed the club king and observed the fall of the queen from East. Assuming this to be a true card, East was known to hold three hearts, four diamonds, and apparently only two clubs, and thus must have four spades. Accordingly, a single finesse in spades would not bring the suit home safely, and the only legitimate chance was to find West with the singleton spade queen.

So Bates played a trump to the ace, and was rewarded by seeing the queen fall, to bring his contract home.

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

COMMON ERRORS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Brent Manley

This happened at a club game. West opened 1♦, East bid 1♥. West rebid 2NT and East bid 3♣, Alerted by West, who then bid 3NT. When asked the meaning of the Alert, West said it was a natural bid but her partner might have meant something different. The opponent said a natural bid didn't need an Alert. Said West: "Well, I Alerted in case I shouldn't have."

COVERING (OR FAILING TO COVER) HONORS

I played with a good intermediate player for a couple of years and we had some good games. She had decent technical skills, but for some reason she was loath to cover honors in certain situations, notably when declarer played the jack toward the A-Q in dummy. Just about every time it came up, I was sitting there with three to the 10 in the suit.

When I commented, she said, "But what if he has the 10?" In that case, there's nothing to be done. Declarer will win the ace, queen and 10 in the suit.

Yes, declarer made a bad play by tabling the jack. If declarer played low to the queen and my partner started with a doubleton king, there would be three tricks available. Playing the jack would compress them to two.

If you want to succeed at this game, you must learn when it's right to cover and when it's not. There are occasions when it's not right to cover. Here's are a couple of them:

Dummy has Q-J-9 and you hold three to the king. When declarer calls for dummy's queen, you should play low. Do you see why?

(1) If you cover the queen, declarer will win the ace and then have a finessing position against partner's 10. If declarer has the 10, it won't matter when you cover. If you play low and declarer does not have the 10, he might play the jack next, hoping that your partner started with a doubleton 10. In that case, it would go jack, king, ace, 10 and dummy's 9 would be good. If partner's 10 was not doubleton, it will be promoted to a trick if

declarer plays the jack next and you cover. If you have the doubleton K-10, you must cover and hope that declarer finesses your partner for the 10.

(2) Dummy has A-5-4-3 and you hold Q-9-6. Declarer plays the jack, possibly fishing for the queen with a holding of K-J-10-x in hand. If you play low smoothly, declarer may go up with the ace and play your partner for the queen. If, however, declarer's holding is something like J-10-8-2, you must play low to assure your side of two tricks in the suit.

Say you cover the jack with the queen. Declarer wins the ace and plays a low diamond from dummy. Your partner, holding doubleton king and must play it. Now declarer's $\spadesuit 10$ is good. You win one trick.

If you play low on the lead of the jack, partner will win the king and you will have the Q-9 remaining. When declarer leads the suit again. Your 9 will knock out the ace and your queen will be good.

Here's a card combination that many new players overlook. Say you are in $4\spadesuit$ and have lost three tricks but have no other losers outside of trumps. You are in dummy for the last time and have this trump holding:

$\spadesuit J 9 4 3$

$\spadesuit A Q 10 2$

You cannot afford a loser in this suit. How will you play it?

Obviously, the king must be on your right. You can protect against four to the king by starting with the 9. It holds and you are still in dummy. Now you can play the jack and let it run if RHO plays low. You are still in dummy and can finish off the suit by playing low to the queen. If RHO covers the 9 or jack, your high spades will take the rest. It doesn't work to play the jack first. If you don't unblock the 10, you will be in hand after a second finesse and the 4-1 break will beat you. If you unblock the 10, East will certainly take a trick because you will be stuck in your hand or RHO will cover the 9 to assure himself of a trump trick.

SIMPLE STAYMAN WITH 5-4 IN THE MAJORS & GAME FORCE

Andy Hung

Partner opens 1NT and you have 5-4 or 4-5 in the majors with enough values for game. How do you treat such hands?

One possible solution is to transfer to the 5-card Major suit and bid your other Major suit. The problem with this however is that responder might end up as the declarer with the 1NT opener's hand on the table.

For example, if the auction goes 1NT- $2\spadesuit$; $2\heartsuit$ - $2\spadesuit$ and a 4-4 spade fit exists, responder will be the one declaring the contract. Rightsiding the contract may not be an issue for you, but it is certainly an issue that you shouldn't ignore.

So is there a better method? Well, if you play Simple Stayman, then the solution is quite simple. When responder has enough for game and holds 5-4 in the Major, you should simply go via $2\clubsuit$ Simple Stayman.

If partner responds 2-Major, you're happy as you can raise to 4-Major. And if partner responds $2\spadesuit$ saying no 4-card Major, you can now jump to your 4-card Major at the 3-level, to say that you have 5-cards in the other-Major, and enough values for game.

1NT	$2\clubsuit$	
$2\spadesuit$	$3\heartsuit$	Showing $4\heartsuit$ and $5\spadesuit$'s, Game-force
	$3\spadesuit$	Showing $4\spadesuit$ and $5\heartsuit$'s, Game-force

The reason why you jump to your 4-card Major is so you can right-side the contract if a 5-3 fit exists in the other Major. Since opener has already denied a 4-card major with the $2\spadesuit$ response, you can safely jump to your 4-card Major knowing that you won't have a 4-4 fit in that suit.

This solution is also known as Smolen, a convention that is frequently used as an extension of Simple Stayman.

Playing Smolen frees up the sequences of 1NT- $2\spadesuit$; $2\heartsuit$ - $2\spadesuit$ and 1NT- $2\heartsuit$; $2\spadesuit$ - $3\heartsuit$. What can you use them for? Whatever you and your partner want, but one suggestion might be that you can use the former auction to show $5\heartsuit 4\spadesuit$ and an invitational hand, and the latter auction to show $5+\spadesuit$ and $5+\heartsuit$ and a game-forcing hand.

Extended Smolen

In the discussion above we looked at how to show 5-4 Majors with game-forcing values opposite a 1NT opening. This was via three of a major Smolen bids, as shown in the table below:

1NT 2♣ Showing Simple Stayman
 2♦ 2♦ = No Major
 3♥ Showing 4♥ and 5♠, Game-force
 3♠ Showing 4♠ and 5♥, Game-force

We can now extend this even further. Instead of 3♥ or 3♠ Smolen, what does it mean if responder jumps to 4♣, 4♦, 4♥, or 4♠?

Both 4♥ and 4♠ look like they are to play, and because they bypass 3NT, they should therefore imply a six card major. Since responder went via 2♣ Stayman, this must imply that responder is 6-4 in the majors. In other words, 4♥ shows 6♥ and 4♠ and 4♠ shows 6♠ and 4♥.

Similarly, 4♣ and 4♦ can be used as a delayed Texas transfer, also showing 6-4 in the majors. That is, 4♣ shows 6♥ and 4♠ and 4♦ shows 6♠ and 4♥ (the lower minor suit shows the longer lower major suit). Since there is an overlap between 4♣/4♦ and 4♥/4♠, you can now split your ranges.

1NT 2♣ Showing Simple Stayman,
 2♦ 2♦ = No Major
 3♥ Showing 4♥ and 5♠, Game-force
 3♠ Showing 4♠ and 5♥, Game-force
 4♣ Showing 6♥ and 4♠, Slam try
 4♦ Showing 6♠ and 4♥, Slam try
 4♥ Showing 6♥ and 4♠, To play
 4♠ Showing 6♠ and 4♥, To play

It is correct for the slam try hands to be put within the 4♣/4♦ bids, because 4♣ and 4♦ both allow space for opener to make a 'noise' to suggest a bit of interest (e.g. the 4♣ bid allows opener to bid 4♦).

The above structure can be beneficial as it allows you to locate your 4-4 fit first, before your 6-2 or 6-3 fit, and a 4-4 fit might be able to generate additional trick(s).

However, don't forget to use your judgement. If your four-card major suit is quite weak, it might be better to play in your six-card suit (i.e. don't bother with 2♣ to find that 4-4 fit): a weak 4-4 fit may prove to be difficult to play in when faced with a bad trump break.

Opener's Continuation Over Smolen

With no fit for responder's longer major, opener bids 3NT. With a fit and a minimum opener retreats to four of partner's longer major. Other actions are cuebids agreeing responder's longer suit.

A FOUR OR SIX HAND?

Barry Rigal

This was Ron Klinger's witty description for the deal – which might feature a candidate for a Golden Frog award under the category of worst enforcement of the Laws. Ron also went to great lengths to point out that his team was not involved.

Dealer: East ♠ A 10 9 8 7 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q 8
 Brd 2 ♦ 6
 ♣ Q 10 2

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

♠ 6
 ♥ J 6 5 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ A K 8 7 6 3

♠ K Q 5 3 2
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ J 9 5 4

Makeable Contracts				
West	North	East	South	
-	3	-	3	NT
-	4	-	5	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

A tangled auction led to a contract of 5♠xx by South. 11 tricks were made at every table, except our hero's.

At this table East led the club ace out of turn, giving declarer the option as to what he could do. From the five options including:

- Accepting the lead, spreading his hand and become dummy

- Accept the lead; his partner tables his hand and becomes dummy with the lead going round towards dummy
- Insisting on a club lead from West
- Prohibiting a club lead from West
- Allow any lead and the ♣A becomes a penalty card to be played at the first legal opportunity.

Had he made the club ace a penalty card, East would have been forced to discard that card on the run of the trumps allowing declarer to lose just one trick and making six.

South's actual choice was to accept the club lead, and now the defenders took their two club winners and the spade ruff for down one.

Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	5	Kieran Dyke - Jane Dawson	106.23	128	99	Steven White - Christina Macquarrie	69.04
2	33	Helena Dawson - Richard Douglas	101.31	129	236	Barbara Daly - Lyn Mansfield	68.86
3	219	Anna St Clair - Dee Harley	101.16	130	130	Graham Rusher - Stephen Stening	68.83
4	135	Jeannette Collins - Peter Kahler	101.12	131	181	Merle Bogatie - Tony Berger	68.49
5	129	Anthony Burke - Peter Gill	100.48	132	96	Tim Healy - Helen Healy	68.22
6	49	Joan Butts - Geo Tislevoll	99.45	133	3	Ishmael Del'Monte - Ross Harper	68.05
7	1	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	99.38	133	224	Sue Spencer - Bev Guilford	68.05
8	127	Ian Lisle - Vicky Lisle	98.39	135	161	Kuldip Bedi - Helen Milward	68.02
9	95	Brett Glass - Richard Carter	96.09	136	179	Ken Storr - Phaik Yao	67.90
10	189	Ursula Harper - Justin Howard	94.36	137	154	Barbara Hospers - Gladys Tulloch	67.89
11	159	Sally Clarke - Garry Clarke	93.99	138	37	Phil Cheney - David Black	67.81
12	234	Judy Johnson - Joan Mccarthy	93.09	138	43	Ken Wilks - Rosalie Broughton	67.81
13	67	Herve Cheval - Gilles Josnin	92.43	140	50	Andrew Woollons - Richard Fox	67.67
14	249	Betty Hobdell - Rosemary Glastonbury	91.41	141	79	Alister Stuck - Tony Lenart	67.57
15	221	Michael Chen - Charlie Lu	91.27	142	166	Keith Long - Robin Steinhardt	67.54
16	187	David Wurth - David Fryda	91.25	143	215	Gabor Fleiszig - Janina Fleiszig	67.43
17	125	Jeanette Abrams - Helen Stewart	90.31	144	94	Paul Kron - Les Ajzner	67.24
18	209	Ann Paton - Lech Kaszubski	90.03	145	26	Trish Thatcher - Amber Noonan	67.23
19	15	Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes	89.79	146	24	Robert Wylie - Merleine Wylie	67.20
20	80	Steve Baron - Moss Wylie	89.66	147	203	Mary Allison - Margaret Yuill	66.97
21	19	Rajeev Khandelwal - Himani Khandelwal	88.82	148	12	Carmel Bourke - Patricia Lacey	66.79
22	55	Kerrin Daws - Jennifer Savage	88.51	149	7	Annette Maluish - Hugh Grosvenor	66.76
23	100	Lorraine Inglis - Judy Plimmer	87.80	150	248	Mairi Fitzsimons - Brian Fitzsimons	66.73
24	213	Robert Stewart - Alex Czapnik	87.78	151	70	Janet Munro - Rebecca Poon	66.69
25	155	Frances Lyons - Heather Cusworth	87.71	152	124	Naomi Hannah-Brown - Priscilla Bloy	66.67
26	175	Leigh Foran - Theo Mangos	87.69	153	22	Krystyna Homik - Jane Swanson	66.64
27	169	Carola Hoogervorst - Andre Korenhof	87.40	154	35	Paul Collins - Sue O'Brien	66.03
28	51	Larry Moses - John Gough	87.15	155	48	Darrell Williams - Jackie Williams	65.97
29	218	Peter Bach - Setsuko Lichtnecker	86.95	156	242	Eileen Gray - Patricia Knight	65.70
30	91	Pam Schoen - Phil Hale	86.67	157	128	Lex Bourke - Pepe Schwegler	65.29
31	132	Peter Evans - Tony Treloar	86.36	158	46	Paul Cruickshank - Winston Guymer	65.23
32	25	Patrick Carter - Julie Atkinson	85.86	159	216	Kate Terry - Maryellen Newton	65.14
33	133	Nicky Strasser - George Bilski	85.49	160	148	Patricia Pepper - Carolyn Seymour	65.06
34	173	Charles Howard - Kerry Wood	85.47	161	120	Chris Turner - Ian Brash	65.03
35	109	Judith Gaspar - Pablo Lambardi	85.46	162	77	Peter Andersson - Ashok Tulpule	64.89
36	222	Claire Woodhall - Noel Woodhall	85.39	163	225	Malcolm Allan - Diana Stewart	64.65
37	250	Michael Neels - John Kelly	85.31	164	254	Ben Ridler - Roger Cael	64.60
38	72	Barry Rawicki - Simon Rose	85.05	165	27	Tom Strong - Edda Strong	64.59
39	165	Barry Jones - Jenny Millington	84.9	166	233	Vicki Taylor - Betty Mill	64.36
40	243	Andrew Struik - Nikki Riszko	84.57	167	142	Elizabeth Zeller - Alison Dawson	64.32
41	201	Jan Hackett - Tom Hackett	84.54	168	226	Kevin Petrie - Allayne Gray	64.21
42	121	Stephen Gray - Lindsey Guy	84.53	169	241	Mary Waterhouse - Gizella Mickevics	64.20
43	39	Pam Morgan-King - Leigh Thompson	84.15	170	197	Ann Mellings - Heather Flanders	64.16
44	211	Denis Grahame - Jeanette Grahame	84.09	171	75	Andrew Hooper - Pippa Hooper	64.08
45	93	Paul Weaver - Terry Bodycote	84.08	172	61	Monica Darley - Kath Poole	63.91

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47	245	Rochelle Pelkman - Rebecca Wood	83.83	174	194	George Powis - Patricia Powis	63.38
48	65	Julian Foster - Jenna Gibbons	83.77	175	116	Sue Brown - Robert Brown	63.03
49	97	Geoffrey Thomas - Nikolas Moore	83.58	176	34	Sue Moffitt - Ken Moffitt	62.72
50	195	Tania Gariepy - Noel Grigg	83.39	177	40	Frank Vearing - Jo-Anne Heywood	62.68
51	119	Noel Bugeia - Val Holbrook	83.11	178	168	Lynn Baker - Yvonne Perkins	62.41
52	185	Joyce O'Brien - Ian Brookes	82.80	179	176	Cherie Butler - Marion Bucens	62.31
53	30	Hugh Mcalister - Diana Mcalister	82.49	180	16	Ros Warnock - Valerie Isle	62.27
54	85	Nick Hardy - Jenny Adey	82.03	181	207	Bill Nash - Alex Mcauley	62.18
55	229	Richard Touton - Ryan Touton	81.98	182	114	Barbara Gordon - Janice Quigley	62.02
56	105	Jane North - Helen Wilson	81.78	183	174	Bill Lockwood - Alex Bremner	61.43
57	88	Darryl Almeida - Myra Katz	81.39	184	140	John Kable - Kay Milne	61.36
58	92	Alan Dormer - Anthony Hopkins	81.22	185	56	David O'Gorman - Julie Jeffries	61.04
59	171	Ronald Smith - Anne Small	81.21	186	102	Kees De Vocht - Jenny Carr	60.94
60	74	Cassie Morin - Helen Arendts	81.10	187	68	Megan Sutherland - Gerald Dawson	60.86
61	199	Frank Kovacs - David Mcrae	80.80	188	246	Arthur Bennett - Gillian Bennett	60.78
62	108	Carol De Luca - Bev Henton	80.60	189	178	John Sear - Sue Robinson	60.71
63	160	Chris Fernando - Bert Romeijn	80.49	190	107	Max Wigbout - Joan Waldvogel	60.64
64	63	Michael Johnson - Michael Simes	80.21	191	89	Joan Dawson - Barbara Pigdon	60.30
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66	172	John Donovan - Perelle Scales	79.99	193	196	Diane Nichols - Carole Hamilton	60.26
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96	87	Alan Glasson - Kathie Radcliffe	73.99	223	6	Barbara Grant - Louis Koolen	54.20
97	9	Murray Perrin - Neville Francis	73.98	224	232	Pat Oyston - Martin Oyston	54.03
98	21	Tony Ong - Denise Mckinnon	73.90	225	190	Noriko Nishigami - Trevor Dwerryhouse	53.95
99	217	Bastian Bolt - Rita Kahn	73.62	226	193	Michael Gearing - John Newman	53.24
100	123	Peter Livesey - Roger Thomas	73.50	227	98	Johan Roose - Judith Roose-Driver	53.10
101	235	Lisa Ma - Kim Frazer	73.41	228	18	Carolyn Leach - Sandy Leach	53.05
102	111	Gwendolyn Gray Jamieson - Val Hopwood	73.14	229	227	Denise Keenan - Dawn Swabey	52.83

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
103	104	Marina Darling - Bob Mcphee	73.07	230	38	Janelle Conroy - Freda Hadwen	52.77
104	42	Pat Beattie - Lea Woolf	72.61	231	103	Shirley Wanz - Susanne Mould	52.09
104	145	Stephanie Jacob - Christine Gibbons	72.61	232	146	Judy Wulff - Marilyn Whigham	51.72
106	13	Phil Gue - Peter Strasser	72.56	233	110	Ann Nichols - Alan Clayton	50.37
107	73	Lorraine Stachurski - Mindy Wu	72.53	234	4	Tessa Townend - Pamela Hawkins	50.26
107	167	John Stretton - Susie Stock	72.53	235	28	Pat Rogers - Audrey Bonnick	50.02
109	164	Bruce Crossman - Bev Crossman	72.12	235	220	Pat Kennedy - Geoffrey Norris	50.02
110	71	Connie Schoutrop - Sandra Johnson	71.90	237	156	Diane Quigley - Ross Gyde	48.85
111	239	Gwenda Jewell - Stephanie Chapman	71.63	238	198	Janet Wallis - Ann Bullock	48.66
112	228	Allan Morris - Beverley Morris	71.60	239	200	Jenny Crawl - Margaret Aiston	47.78
113	115	Patricia Mann - Ron Speiser	71.28	240	251	Lynne Gray - Roman Morawiecki	47.73
114	150	Maxi Fogelgarn - Judy Shapiro	70.94	241	60	Gwenda Mealyea - Cecile Senior	47.61
115	57	Michael Pemberton - Graham Wakefield	70.86	242	52	Jillian Tuckey - Rozanne Thomas	47.21
116	17	Jill Magee - Terry Strong	70.85	243	153	Jay Faranda - Eva Berger	47.05
117	212	Nina Moss - Peter Lloyd	70.83	244	158	John Tredrea - Clive Bunnnett	46.57
118	238	Paula Jenner - Lesley Gilhooly	70.65	245	208	Mike Robertson - Gavin Bow	45.94
119	117	Ines Dawes - Di Jones	70.51	246	66	Hope Tomlinson - Martin Johnson	45.21
120	90	Mimi Packer - Virginia Seward	70.22	247	47	Len Meyer - Phyllis Moritz	45.02
121	177	Julie Sheridan - Karen Martelletti	70.19	248	162	Bruce Fraser - John Bamfield	43.45
122	206	Sally Graham - Faye Morris	69.81	249	240	Fiona Smith - Keith Mabin	42.56
123	8	Penny Sykes - Elizabeth French	69.72	250	252	Tracey Lewis - Anne Barrowclough	41.47
124	191	Carolyn Miller - Kaye Donaldson	69.58	251	86	Naomi Waizer - Catherine Else	41.03
125	144	Jenny Date - Gregory Nunn	69.38	252	78	William Van Bakel - Joy Trigg	40.05
126	143	Tony Hutton - Malcolm Carter	69.35	253	170	Vivien Eldridge - Alan Davies	38.25
127	141	Rury Andhani - Kristina Wahyu	69.34	254	247	Derek Stringfellow - Eunice Stringfellow	29.30

Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	19	Jennifer Hollingworth - Carolann Verity	105.58	28	12	Winnie Chan - Catherine Ang	72.76
2	30	Margaret Kenny - Elizabeth Neil	94.39	29	8	Milton Hart - Krzysztof Lichon	70.26
3	1	Susanne Gammon - Deana Wilson	93.22	30	22	Clive Klugman - Fran Martin	69.99
4	14	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	91.73	31	37	Gordon Broadley - Ian Broadley	68.04
5	5	Rachael Loomes - Maurice Loomes	90.25	32	18	Carolyn McMurray - Margaret Cummins	67.31
6	51	Margaret Baker - Lorraine Pescatore	88.00	33	52	David Spencer - Teresa Phillips	66.97
7	50	Teena Mckenzie - Jane Gray	86.54	34	3	Jim Taylor - Cora Taylor	65.31
8	4	Albert Altit - Allan Rosenberg	82.97	35	20	Lillian Sealy - Bacha Kitchener	64.34
9	24	Ted Morriss - Jane Doyle	81.85	36	49	Natasha Thomas - Janette Kollisch	63.55
10	40	Margaret Fleming - Freda Star	81.49	37	10	Leif Michelsson - Maria Michelsson	63.38
11	9	Janet Hansen - Diane Morgan	80.68	38	47	David Corney - Margaret Corney	63.13
12	53	Ian Pick - Graham Carson	78.66	39	54	Sue Small - Ming Yang	62.98
13	39	Ashok Chotai - Veena Chotai	77.52	40	15	Barbara Wippell - Brian Wippell	62.53
14	21	Faye Symons - Denis Upsall	77.46	41	44	Adam Hertelendy - Dorothy Hertelendy	62.07
15	36	Peter Hooper - Susie Herring	77.17	42	17	Maree Filippini - Annette Hyland	60.54
16	46	Sandra Berns - Dov Berns	76.98	43	7	Marie Irving - Allison Simon	60.18
17	45	Bob Coker - Ian Wright	76.74	44	43	Robyn Clark - Sheila Wills	60.17
18	16	Ian Beattie - Gwyneth Hopkins	76.60	45	23	Kitty George - Angela Roberts	57.22
19	13	Raymond Jones - Rita Jones	76.58	46	32	Renate Pettit - Kelly Chapman	56.40
20	48	Kevin Walker - Helen Walker	76.07	47	28	Raymond Powley - Susan Powley	52.38
21	6	Cathy Crawford - Bill Bishop	75.76	48	27	Kay Roe - Marsha Knoll	49.68
22	2	Dot Piddington - Jack Luke-Paredi	74.63	49	26	Sue Scott - Jane O'Brien	49.11
23	41	Marcey Spielsbury - Sheryl Gardner	74.06	50	38	Karl Buchmann - Jill Buchmann	48.78
24	31	Wendy Gibson - Misako James	74.01	51	25	David Munro - Peter Rollond	47.25
25	33	Carole Robinson - Susan O'Neill	73.29	52	35	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin	47.23
26	29	Max Gilbert - Kathy Gilbert	73.09	53	34	Neil Waters - Jan Cluff	45.46
27	11	Barry Williams - Neville Williams	72.85	54	42	Ruth Greentree - Nannette Jones	34.81

Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams & Friday Teams

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	12	Susan Crompton - Michael Wilkinson - Michael Prescott - Marlene Watts	99.52
2	1	Zhenghong Xu - Aiping Zhu - Lei Chen - Yuhong Zhang - Yongzhong Chen - Luoluo Dong	97.68
3	35	Jonathan Free - Sue Ingham - Howard Melbourne - Terry Brown	94.24
4	13	Christine Duckworth - Brian Callaghan - David Mcleish - Paula Mcleish	91.27
5	16	Fraser Rew - Matthew Brown - Vicki Bouton - Glen Coutts - Marie Eggeling	91.15

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
6	33	Edgton	89.83	23	3	Beddow	67.98
7	36	Henbest	87.27	24	31	Back	67.67
8	38	Jakes	84.33	25	19	Driscoll	66.54
9	7	Jones	80.01	26	9	Steinwedel	66.46
10	30	Hoffman	79.35	27	29	Evennett	64.87
11	18	Millar	76.46	28	17	Turnell	63.70
12	4	Sterrenburg	75.62	29	26	Jackson	60.46
13	2	Martin	75.51	30	8	Parker	60.15
14	15	Norden	74.17	31	21	Millar	58.45
15	14	Lennon	74.01	32	6	Braithwaite	56.44
16	10	Bourke	72.83	33	24	Cullen	55.04
17	11	Watson	72.70	34	28	Burgess	54.44
18	20	Clarke	72.50	35	32	Ward	50.02
19	27	Wood	72.43	36	5	Biro	49.46
20	23	Green	71.76	37	22	Roughley	30.43
21	34	Lavings	71.30	38	25	Nice	14.12
22	37	Grant	69.83				

Holiday Pairs Event 3 - Session 1

N/S			E/W		
1	Sylvia Billingham - Ian Hoschke	59.85	1	Margaret Plunkett - Lorraine Collins	58.73
2	Nimal Weerasinghe - Max Robb	58.97	2	Eddie Mullin - Dianne Mullin	57.47
3	Helen Fleet - Robert Fleet	58.63	3	Dorothy Read - Geoff Read	56.90
4	Heather Williams - Linda Bedford-Brown	55.30	4	Heather Brown - Edna Nicholson	55.60
5	Malcolm Mckinnon - David Whitehead	53.59	5	Shane Knight - Margaret Liversage	54.05
6	Neil Hansen - Helen Standfast	53.58	6	Toni Pfafflin - Helen Clugston	53.19
7	Susan Herse - Di Hodges	51.49	7	Gary Heyting - Kevin Dougall	53.13
8	Rod Binsted - Philip Houlton	50.65	8	Helen Larsen - Debbie James	52.91
9	Leone Szabo - Sylvia Kudelka	50.26	9	Norma Browne - Jillian Griffith	52.18
10	Yvonne Soiland - Linda Abbenbroek	50.17	10	David Gardiner - Julia Gardiner	52.06
11	Dean Hollingworth - Peter Coppin	50.13	11	Nebojsa Djorovic - Donna Upchurch	51.56
12	Donna Rix - Helen Harkin	48.08	12	Elaine Dickson - Julia Guttmann	51.08
13	Larry Attwood - Kathryn Attwood	48.01	13	Jim Wood - Paul Thiem	50.62
14	Sharon Clifford - Kay Goodwin	47.48	14	Jean Moetara - Carol Harris	47.49
15	Mary Tough - Chris Tough	47.25	15	Pam Sexton - Sybil O'Keeffe	43.41
16	Di Dunne - Ken Nixon	45.13	16	Janette Cael - Edre Ridler	42.90
17	Bob Hart - Carolyn Hart	42.48	17	John Belward - William Heath	41.74
18	Dale Peak - Roger Peak	41.97	18	Margaret Carlton - Lyn Mayer	41.57
19	John Stimpson - Cherylene Stimpson	37.78	19	Charles Page - John O'Hara	41.19
			20	Anita Taylor - Judith Grix	41.02

Holiday Pairs Event 3 - Session 2

N/S			E/W		
1	Catherine Whiddon - Lyn Smith	57.64	1	Nimal Weerasinghe - Max Robb	59.95
2	Heather Williams - Sue Pynt	55.79	2	Paul Thiem - Jim Wood	58.56
3	William Heath - John Belward	53.70	3	Eddie Mullin - Dianne Mullin	56.48
4	Dale Peak - Roger Peak	52.78	4	Helen Fleet - Robert Fleet	54.17
5	Mary Tough - Chris Tough	50.00	5	Sally Luke - Margaret Liversage	52.31
6	Larry Attwood - Kathryn Attwood	49.31	6	Lorraine Robinson - Lorraine Carr	48.38
7	Brenda Herring - Barbara Herring	44.21	7	Kevin Mcmenamin - Bev Travers	44.44
7	Di Dunne - Ken Nixon	44.21	8	Heather Brown - Edna Nicholson	38.19
9	Neil Hansen - Helen Standfast	42.36	9	Malcolm Mckinnon - David Whitehead	37.50

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

16+		15*	1080*	2	3-		1-	
	1-			504*			5+	
14+		10+		24*	126*		14+	63*
	90*				28*			
		224*						6480*
448*		7*		216*	15*	13+		
	56*		162*					
					3-		16+	
			10*					

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

42*	1008*			3840*	36*		150*	
3	8	7	9	2	1	4	6	5
7	4	2	3	6	8	9	5	1
2	9	3	1	8	5	6	4	7
9	6	5	2	4	3	1	7	8
6	3	1	4	5	7	8	9	2
280*	72*	840*	54*		5*		648*	
4	7	8	6	9	2	5	1	3
1	5	9	7	3	4	2	8	6
40*				504*		21*		
8	2	4	5	1	6	7	3	9
5	1	6	8	7	9	3	2	4

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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9				1				
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DIFFICULT SUDOKU
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

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