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2015 OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONS



Pertamina EP Red: Taufik Asbi - Robert Parasian - Franky Karwur - Julius George – (missing) Beni Ibradi

2015 OPEN TEAMS RUNNERS-UP



Tom Jacob – Michael Ware – Matthew Thomson – Tony Nunn – Fiona Brown – Hugh McGann



Winners Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs
Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumbay



Winners Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs
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TEAMS FINAL BOARDS 1-12 OF 48 - IMPS GALORE
Brent Manley

The first set in the Open Teams final between the Indonesian team known as Pertamina and the Michael Ware squad was a high-scoring affair. The two teams combined for 80 IMPs in 12 boards with only two pushes in the lot.

Ware and company drew first blood.

Dealer: North ♠ Q 3
 Vul: None ♥ 10 6
 Brd 1 ♦ Q 10 6 4
 Open Tms Fin Set 1 of 4 ♣ K Q J 8 2

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

♠ A K J 6 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A J
♣ 10 9

West	North	East	South	
Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob	
	1♣	Pass	1♠	
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠ //	
<hr/> Makeable Contracts <hr/>				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

The aggressive opening by Ware paid off when Franky Karwur and Julius George misdefended.

Karwur started with a low club, ducked by George to Tom Jacob's 10. Jacob fired back a club to the king and George's ace, and he cashed the ♥K. At that point, a trump switch would have defeated the contract, but

George continued with a heart to his partner's queen. The trump switch was too late. Jacob won in dummy with the queen, cashed a high club to discard a heart, took the successful diamond finesse, ruffed and heart and returned to hand with the $\heartsuit A$ to pull trumps and claim plus 420.

At the other table, Robert Parasian Tobing and Taufik Asbi reached a more reasonable $2\heartsuit$, taking eight tricks for plus 110.

Pertamina wasted no time taking the lead, doing so on the second board.

Dealer: East	\spadesuit A 9 7 3 2	West	North	East	South	
Vul: N-S	\heartsuit A J 10	Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob	
Brd 2	\diamondsuit Q 10 3			$1\spadesuit$	Pass	
Open Tms Fin Set 1 of 4	\clubsuit Q 8	$2\clubsuit$	Pass	$2\heartsuit$	Pass	
\spadesuit J 10 6		$2\spadesuit$	Pass	2NT	Pass	
\heartsuit 3	\spadesuit K Q 8 5 4	$3\clubsuit$	Pass	$3\diamondsuit$	Pass	
\diamondsuit A 5 2	\heartsuit Q 8 2	$3\heartsuit$	Pass	$4\clubsuit$	Pass	
\clubsuit A 7 6 5 4 2	\diamondsuit K 9 4	$4\spadesuit$	Double	All Pass		
	\clubsuit K 3	Makeable Contracts				
	\spadesuit ---	1	-	1	-	NT
	\heartsuit K 9 7 6 5 4	3	-	3	-	\spadesuit
	\diamondsuit J 8 7 6	-	3	-	3	\heartsuit
	\clubsuit J 10 9	-	-	-	-	\diamondsuit
		3	-	3	-	\clubsuit

The only lead to defeat $4\spadesuit$ is a diamond. Declarer cannot set up clubs by ruffing because that gives North more trumps than he has. Ducking a club gives North a chance to return a diamond, eliminating that entry to dummy.

In practice, Jacob started with the $\clubsuit J$, taken in hand by George. He got out of his hand with a low heart, taken by Ware to play the trump ace and another trump. Declarer then played the $\clubsuit A$ and another club, ruffed by Ware with the $\spadesuit 3$. George overruffed, ruffed a heart and was able to claim an overtrick for plus 690.

At the other table, Hugh McGann and Matthew Thomson reached $3\spadesuit$, just making for plus 140. The 11-IMP gain put Pertamina in the lead.

The next board was a push, but Ware went ahead on this deal.

Dealer: West	\spadesuit A K 10 4	West	North	East	South	
Vul: Both	\heartsuit Q 10 4	Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob	
Brd 4	\diamondsuit Q 9 4 2	Pass	$1\diamondsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	Double	
Open Tms Fin Set 1 of 4	\clubsuit J 2	Pass	1NT	All Pass		
\spadesuit 8		Makeable Contracts				
\heartsuit 7 6 5 3	\spadesuit Q J 9 6 3 2	-	2	-	2	NT
\diamondsuit J 8 7	\heartsuit K 8	1	-	1	-	\spadesuit
\clubsuit A Q 8 6 5	\diamondsuit A 10 6	-	2	-	2	\heartsuit
	\clubsuit K 7	-	2	-	2	\diamondsuit
	\spadesuit 7 5	-	-	-	-	\clubsuit
	\heartsuit A J 9 2					
	\diamondsuit K 5 3					
	\clubsuit 10 9 4 3					

George started with the $\spadesuit Q$, taken by Ware with the ace. He played the $\heartsuit Q$ at trick two, covered by the king and ace. He played the $\diamondsuit K$ next, ducked by George, then three more rounds of hearts, George pitching a spade and a diamond. Reading the situation, Ware exited with a low diamond to George's now-bare ace. Ware ended with four hearts, two spades and three diamonds for plus 150.

At the other table, Tobing and Asbi got too high and paid for it.

West	North	East	South
McGann	Tobing	Thomson	Asbi
Pass	1NT	$2\spadesuit$	Double
Pass	2NT	Pass	$3\clubsuit$
Pass	$3\diamondsuit$	Pass	$3\heartsuit$ //

McGann led his singleton spade, taken in dummy with the ace. Asbi played the ♥Q, covered by the king and ace, then played a heart to the 10 and a diamond to his king. He then tried a diamond to the 9, but Thomson won the 10 and played the ♠Q to dummy's king. Declarer ended up with only seven tricks for minus 200, an 8-IMP swing to Ware.

Ware gained another 6 IMPs on board 5 by going plus at both tables: 120 for 1NT making two by George and plus 140 for 3♥ making by Thomson.

Ware scored another 13 IMPs on board 7 when Ware and Jacob stayed out of a no-play 6♥ that was bid at the other table. The score at that point was 34-12 for Ware, and they tacked on another 4 IMPs on the next board with a partscore swing. It was 38-12 for Ware.

The tide started turning in favour of Pertamina on the following board.

Dealer: North	♠ K 9 6	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ Q J 8 4		Pass	Pass	Pass
Brd 9	♦ 9 7 5 3 2	1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
Open Tms Fin Set 1 of 4	♣ 2	2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
♠ 8		3♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass
♥ K 10 7 6 3	♠ Q 7 5 4 3 2				
♦ A K 8	♥				
♣ A 10 5 4	♦ J 4				
	♣ K Q 9 6 3				
	♠ A J 10	1	-	2	-
	♥ A 9 5 2	3	-	3	-
	♦ Q 10 6	-	1	-	1
	♣ J 8 7	-	1	-	1
		5	-	5	-

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

George's 1NT showed four or more spades.

Ware started with the ♦2, which went to the jack, queen and ace. Karwur led his singleton spade at trick two, taken by South with the 10. Karwur won the diamond return, played a club to the king and ruffed a spade low, played the ♣10 to dummy's queen and established the spade suit – and a trump trick for South, by ruffing a spade with the trump ace. The defenders took only two tricks, however, and Karwur had his vulnerable game for plus 600.

At the other table, the Multi 2♦ did not help McGann and Thomson to the right spot and they languished in the spade partial, making an overtrick for plus 140 and 10 IMPs away.

West	North	East	South
McGann	Tobing	Thomson	Asbi
	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The Ware team lost in the auction again on the next board.

Dealer: East	♠ J	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 5	Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
Brd 10	♦ Q 10 9 6 5 4			1♥	Pass
Open Tms Fin Set 1 of 4	♣ Q J 8 4 2	1NT [1]	Pass	3♠	Pass
♠ A K Q 10 8 6 5		4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
♥ 3	♠ 9 7 2	4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
♦ 8 2	♥ A K 8 7 2	6♠	All Pass		
♣ K 6 3	♦ A K 7 3				
	♣ 5				
	♠ 4 3				
	♥ Q J 10 9 6 4				
	♦ J				
	♣ A 10 9 7				

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

[1] 1NT = spades

There was nothing to the play – Pertamina plus 1430. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
McGann	Tobing	Thomson	Asbi
		1♥	Pass
1♠	2NT	Pass	4♣
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The interference made things more difficult for McGann and Thomson, but 4NT from Thomson or perhaps 5♥ from McGann would have helped them reach the right spot.

Another 7 IMPs went to Pertamina on the penultimate board and the high-scoring set ended with the Indonesians in the lead 42-38 at the quarter way mark.

TEAMS FINAL BOARDS 2-24 OF 48

Barry Rigal

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

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Brown's 4♥ looked easy. She ruffed the club lead, came to the ♦K and led to her spade king. Oops. Spade ruff, diamond ruff, spade ruff and another diamond ruffed with the queen and overruffed with the king meant she could cross-ruff nine tricks but still had to lose to the ♥J at the end. Had declarer led to her ♦A not ♦K at trick two she might have had a chance of sneaking a second diamond through? That is a counsel of perfection, at best.

In the other room 5♣ was a horror story when declarer tackled diamonds by leading the suit initially with a diamond honour from the South hand; the defenders managed to draw some trumps, in the end all declarer scored was a heart and seven trump winners. Down 800 and 14 imps to Pertamina, leading 56-38.

On the next deal both North players heard the auction proceed:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	??		

Holding: ♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ Q ♣ 8 7 6 5 it was easy for Tobing to pass, given the limited nature of the opening bid but not nearly as straightforward for Thomson. They were both right in a sense, since declarer's trump holding was ♣KJ1043, and he needed to play it for one loser to make game. Even I might have stood a decent chance today, since declarer's RHO had the singleton queen... no swing.

Both tables played 2♥ on the next deal, the Indonesians after a bit of delicate modern science, the Ware team after a simpler sequence. Thomson guessed the play well to land an overtrick and put his side on the board for the set, and Fiona Brown repeated this feat on the next deal. Both sides had bid accurately to 3NT on a deal where it was sensible to stay low, but Brown declared the hand from the side where it was harder to defend, and emerged with two overtricks to make it 41-56.

Dealer: North ♠ K 7 5 2
 Vul: None ♥ Q 6
 Brd 17 ♦ K Q 6
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ A 7 5 2

♠ A Q
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ Q J 10 8 4 3

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

♠ J 6 4
 ♥ A 8 7 5 3
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ K 9 6

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
	1♣	1♦	Double(♥)
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	All pass

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

It is my impression that so far the weak no-trump had been working well throughout the elimination phases, and here too E/W were inconvenienced by their inability to get in fast. Brown might have converted 3♣ to 3♦, but she let sleeping dogs lie. Nunn went down two tricks in his 3♣ contract on a heart lead, 2♦ made +110 equally comfortably on a trump lead, thanks to the favourable lie of the red suits. 61-41 now for Pertamina.

Both tables opened with a club pre-empt on the next deal (George with a 2♠ transfer pre-empt) and played 3♣ for +130. The next board didn't produce any real swing but Ware got the style-points, Pertamina the 2imps.

Dealer: South ♠ J 10 9 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ 9 8 3
 Brd 19 ♦ 10 9 4
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ 10 9 8

♠ K 8 7
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ Q 8 6
 ♣ A K J 4 3

♠ A Q 5 4
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ A J 3
 ♣ Q 6 5 2

♠ 3 2
 ♥ Q J 10 6 5 2
 ♦ K 7 5 2
 ♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
			3♥
3NT	Pass	6NT	All pass

Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
5	-	5	-	♠
1	-	2	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
6	-	6	-	♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
			2♦
2NT	3♥	Double	Pass
3NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

That South hand looks a lot more like a 3♥ opener to me than a 2♥ bid or Multi; but horses for courses...

Once Fiona Brown had doubled 3♥ for take-out she felt safe in offering a choice of slams in case the 4-4 or 5-4 club fit provided an extra trick via the ruff (it is easy to see how that could have been the case facing a hand with a fourth diamond or an unlikely third heart). Both slams had 12 tricks today, but a nice try nonetheless.

FINAL TABLE COUNT

The final count for tables at the tournament was

7955 versus 7759 last year.

Thanks to all participants

Dealer: West ♠ J 9 6 5 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 2
 Brd 20 ♦ J 10 3
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ 8 7 6 3

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

♠ Q 8
 ♥ A J 10 3
 ♦ A 9 8 7
 ♣ Q J 9

♠ A 4 3
 ♥ K Q 9 8 4
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ A K 4

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Both tables reached the apparently doomed 3NT, though Brown was a little lucky to escape a double to my mind. Brown received a low diamond lead, which she won to play hearts. The defenders and declarer exchanged play on the red suits, N/S emerging with two diamond and three heart tricks.

George received a top club lead. He crossed to a diamond to play a heart to the king (ducked by McGann) then led a spade to dummy to play a second heart and find the bad news. Now McGann exited in spades, and declarer gave up, deciding to cash his winners and try for an endplay. He never scored his second diamond trick, so was three down for 5 imps back to McGann, down 46-63.

On the next deal the Indonesians wrong-sided 1NT to lose an overtrick (had McGann led a low heart from J109843 instead of an honour he would not have beaten 1NT but he might have scared declarer). 47-63 with three to go.

Dealer: East ♠ J 5 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 7
 Brd 22 ♦ A K 10 6
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ A J 9 3

♠ K 8 2
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ J 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 7 6

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

♠ A Q 6
 ♥ Q 6 4 2
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ K 5 4

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
Pass	Double	1NT	Pass
		All pass	

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
		1♣[2+]	Pass
1♠(1)	Pass	1NT	All pass

Both tables reached 1NT but in very contrasting fashion; Thomson speculated with a double. Against George the defenders led spades at every turn, as declarer went after clubs in traditional fashion and had no joy there. After three rounds of spades, and three rounds of clubs, when South eventually got in with ♥A he cashed his long spade and dummy pitched a diamond, rather than a heart or the losing club. McGann exited with a diamond to his partner, who cashed two diamonds and a club then played a heart for McGann to score ♥10 at trick 13. Down 500, a gain of 7 imps for Ware, since Brown had chosen a quite reasonable line to play for hearts 3-3 and lost the same tricks in a different order. It was 63-54 now for Pertamina.

Dealer: South ♠ 9 8
 Vul: Both ♥ J 4 2
 Brd 23 ♦ K Q 6 2
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ J 9 6 5

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

♠ A J 6 3
 ♥ K 8 7 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 4 3 2

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

West Karwur	North Thomson	East George	South McGann
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	All pass

George's pass of 1♠ looks a little surprising (though if the overcall might have been based on a four-card suit one can understand it) and maybe he simply thought the one level would be easier than the two-level. Right he was! Thompson led the spade nine round to declarer's ten.

The heart queen lost to the king, and McGann played ace and another club for declarer's king. Karwur repeated the heart finesse, then ducked a diamond to North, who played a third club for declarer to ruff. The ♦A saw McGann ruff, then after a prolonged pause, continue with ♠A. When declarer did not unblock his king he was thrown in with a trump to give North a diamond and a club winner. (Had declarer unblocked ♠K South has to lead a trump (when dummy has two good hearts) or a club when declarer ruffs in hand and pitches dummy's diamond loser. Since South had a singleton diamond, his original 4-4-1-4 shape was perhaps his most likely shape?

In the other room 2♦ went down on repeated club leads when declarer rejected the finesse against the ♠J after the first spade went to the queen and ace. Nunn led out king and another spade, letting North pitch one heart on that trick and one on the fourth spade, and that meant a sixth loser when both diamond honours were offside.

Last board; still 9imps for Pertamina.

Dealer: West ♠ 6
 Vul: None ♥ K 6
 Brd 24 ♦ K Q 10 7 3 2
 Open Tms Fin Set 2 of 4 ♣ K Q J 9

♠ Q 10 9 5 3
 ♥ ---
 ♦ A 9 8 6 5
 ♣ 10 7 5

♠ A K
 ♥ A Q J 9 7 5 2
 ♦
 ♣ 8 6 3 2

♠ J 8 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 8 4 3
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ A 4

West Karwur	North Thomson	East George	South McGann
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	6♥ //

Makeable Contracts

-	5	-	5	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	4	-	5	♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Remember, careless talk costs lives. Tony the Trappist Nunn (I thought they were monks?) passed over 4♥ and conceded 480. Frankie Karwur bid again to push his opponents into danger territory, and discovered that not only the five-level but the six-level belonged to his opponents.

We can certainly sympathize with Asbi doing no more than bidding 4♥ facing a partner who rebid diamonds. Was there any call McGann could have taken to consult his partner about the heart slam? Surely not a jump to

5♥ but maybe a 4♠ cuebid then bidding 5♥...not something for an undiscussed partnership to experiment with.

12 tricks in hearts proved Easy (Karwur led ♦A to speed things up). Those 11imps made it 65-63 for Ware at the break.

TEAMS FINAL BOARDS 25-36 OF 48 - LIKE A HOMER IN THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH

Brent Manley

Going into the third set of the Open Teams final, the Michael Ware squad was barely ahead at 65.1-63. The stretched the margin to as much as 19 IMPs as the set progressed, but with a board to go, Ware was ahead by only 2 IMPs. A huge swing on the final board put them back on top in relative comfort with a set to go.

Ware's margin grew to 15 IMPs on the second board, but only temporarily. Here's what happened.

Dealer: East	♠ J 7	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ A J 10 7 4 2	Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
Brd 2	♦ K 9			Pass	1♦
Open Tms Fin Set 3 of 4	♣ 9 8 7	1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
♠ A Q 10 5 4		4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
♥ ---	♠ 6 2	Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
♦ A 7	♥ 9 8 6 5	Makeable Contracts			
♣ Q J 6 5 4 3	♦ 10 8 6 5 4	-	4	-	4
	♣ 10 2	-	-	-	1
	♠ K 9 8 3	-	4	-	5
	♥ K Q 3	-	1	-	3
	♦ Q J 3 2	1	-	1	-
	♣ A K				♣

Julius George started with the ♠6 and Franky Karwur won the ♠Q and cashed the ace, followed by the ♦A. Now a low spade was ruffed in hand by Ware, who could claim plus 790 at that point.

At the other table, the undoubled game was played the same way, Robert Parasian Tobing ruffing the third round of spades with the ♥10. When he led a trump from hand to the king in dummy and West showed out, he was apparently confused about trumps and claimed one down for minus 100. That meant a 13-IMP swing to Ware. The result on the board was later adjusted to plus 620, however, because Tobing had no trump trick to lose. As this issue went to press, the result was unchanged.

The 5-IMP gain put Ware ahead by 7 IMPs.

That margin grew on board 4.

Dealer: West	♠ 10 9 8	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ ---	Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
Brd 4	♦ Q 10 7 6	Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
Open Tms Fin Set 3 of 4	♣ A J 6 5 3 2	1♦ [1]	Pass	1♥	Pass
♠ J 5 3 2		1NT	Pass	2♣	Double
♥ Q J 10 7 5 2	♠ A K 7 6	2♠	4♣	4♠	Pass
♦ J 8	♥ A 8 6 4	5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
♣ 8	♦ A K 4 2	6♥	All Pass		
	♣ 7	Makeable Contracts			
	♠ Q 4	1	-	1	-
	♥ K 9 3	4	-	4	-
	♦ 9 5 3	5	-	5	-
	♣ K Q 10 9 4	1	-	1	-

[1] 1♦ = four or more hearts

Even without a club lead, declarer's limit was 11 tricks. As it was, Tom Jacob started with the ♣K and waited for his trump trick. George had to guess well in spades to avoid two down. Still, minus 100 meant 12 IMPs to Ware because at the other table, Tony Nunn and Fiona Brown stopped in 4♥, making 10 tricks for plus 620.

On board 9, Ware and Jacob had a chance for a double-digit gain but turned it into a 5-IMP loss.

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

♠ A K 6 3 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K Q J 3 2

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

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♥	Pass	3♠	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts

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

In the closed room, Nunn and Brown bid sensibly to 4♠, making 10 tricks for plus 620. In the open room, Ware and Jacob made life difficult for Karwur and George but turned plus 200 (or 500) into minus 800.

The phantom save was not a success, East-West easily arriving at four tricks for plus 800. Instead of gaining 13 IMPs, the Ware team lost 5. Ware was now ahead 82-69. The margin shrank on the penultimate board when Ware mishandled a 3NT contract that was made at the other table.

Dealer: South ♠ A 2
 Vul: None ♥ K J 4 3
 Brd 11 ♦ K 10 9
 Open Tms Fin Set 3 of 4 ♣ A K 8 2

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

♠ J 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ Q J 9 7 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts

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

George started with his singleton heart, Karwur inserting the 9. Despite the danger of a club shift (he didn't know West was void in the suit), Ware played low – and paid a heavy price for it.

Karwur shifted to a low spade, Ware having to play the ace to avoid blocking the suit. He played the ♦K next, George taking the ace to continue spades. Ware won the ♠K and could have succeeded by simply cashing the suit, but he played a diamond to his 9, which held. Dummy was now dead.

Ware played the ♦10 next, Karwur winning the queen to shift to the ♥A and another heart. Ware won the ♥J and cashed the king, but he could take only two more tricks. He ended with two hearts, two spades, two clubs and a diamond for minus 100.

The play went much differently at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♥	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Brown led her heart, which ran to Tobin's jack. The ♦K held at trick two. On the continuation, Brown won the ♦A and switched to the ♣Q. Tobing won the ♣A and knocked out the ♦Q, finishing with 10 tricks, losing only two diamonds and one heart. Plus 430 meant 11 IMPs to Pertamina, now trailing 82-80

On the final board of the set, Ware turned the tables on Pertamina with another jump to slam that had no legitimate play – but the Indonesians let it through.

Dealer: West ♠ A J 10 9 8 4 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ 4
 Brd 12 ♦ K Q 9
 Open Tms Fin Set 3 of 4 ♣ 8 5

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

♠ K Q 7 6 5
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ ---
 ♥ Q 7 3 2
 ♦ J 6 3 2
 ♣ Q J 10 7 3

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Ware	George	Jacob
1♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

Ware started with the ♦K and continued with the queen. The ♦A was the setting trick and Ware had plus 100 – not great considering that they were cold for plus 620 in 4♠. Their teammates bailed them out, however.

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Tobing	Brown	Asbi
1♥	2♠	3♣	4♠
4NT	5♠	Double	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Tobing and Asbi had the same three tricks to cash against the slam, but Tobing made the unfortunate choice of the ♠A. Nunn ruffed in dummy, pulled trumps and pitched two of his diamonds on the long clubs. He gave up one diamond trick at the end to score up plus 980. The set ended with Ware ahead 96.1-80 with one round of 12 boards to play.

TEAMS FINAL BOARDS 37-48 OF 48 – IT COMES DOWN TO THIS

Barry Rigal

Leading by 16.1 imps after three sets, Ware was hoping for some quiet deals—but as we have seen these teams can create swings where Nature had not intended them to exist.

The first deal saw Ware extend his lead by an undertrick imp when an active defence by McGann saw his side set up and cash four winners in a side-suit while a passive defence in the other allowed declarer an eighth trick.

On the next deal the defenders had a very challenging problem, which they got wrong. I have a lot of sympathy with both defenders – (and not along the lines of: “It’s my fault I could have chosen to play with anyone else”).

Dealer: East ♠ A K 9
 Vul: None ♥ A 9 4
 Brd 14 ♦ J 8 7 6
 Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4 ♣ 10 6 4

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

♠ Q J 8 3 2
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ A K 9

♠ 7 5 4
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ K Q 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 3

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Asbi-Tobing reached the excellent 3NT (by comparison to 4♠) and after a top diamond lead by East, West encouraged. The defenders played three rounds of diamonds, and declarer had nine tricks. The heart shift is impossible to find – if West encourages the opening lead; and how can he not? Declarer might have nine winners and ♦ J x x. Of course a heart shift before the second diamond beats 3NT...could West have worked

out that this was as likely as the alternative layout? I don't know. That was 7 imps to Pertamina to make it a 12 imp margin.

Dealer: West ♠ 10 9 6 5
 Vul: E-W ♥ 10 7
 Brd 16 ♦ Q J 8 3 2
 Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4 ♣ 7 2

♠ K J 7 4 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A Q 10 9 8 5

♠ A Q 8 3
 ♥ A Q 9 8 5 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ J

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

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
1	-	2	-
-	1	-	1
-	2	-	2
-	1	-	1
4	-	4	-
			NT
			♠
			♥
			♦
			♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The defence to 2♥ was uninspired. The first tricks saw dummy's ♦Q hold (it works better to cover so declarer cannot lead trumps from the board. The initial trump lead of the ♥10 went to the ♥J and ♥A and now declarer was simply playing for overtricks. When West ducked declarer's low spade lead, South had ten tricks.

In the other room 5♣x received a heart lead and trump shift from McGann. Declarer led a diamond up, to the queen from North. Had declarer ducked a second trump might have been inconvenient. He covered and back came a diamond, on which declarer settled for down one by discarding – a sensible move. Just 1 imp for Ware, up by 13.

Both East West pairs then did well on the next board:

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

After North opened a multi 2♦ they got to play 3NT from the East seat. Even after a heart lead declarer could build a club winner, guess spades, and cash out for nine tricks. Jacob emerged with an overtrick to make the lead 14 imps.

The lead grew to 18 imps when Karwur passed an 11-count in third seat that was opened in the other room. His side could make 140 in spades – though it might be argued to be a little unlucky to catch partner with a hand that many at this championships would have opened (perhaps that is why they are spectators not players in the final).

Time for an Indonesian surge:

Dealer: West ♠ 10 6
 Vul: Both ♥ 10 9 7 2
 Brd 20 ♦ J 4
 Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4 ♣ Q 7 6 4 2

♠ 9 4
 ♥ K Q J 8 6 3
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ K 8

♠ Q J 7 5 3 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ 10 7 3 2
 ♣ J 9

♠ A K 8
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ A 10 5 3

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠ [1]	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All pass		
[1] Six hearts, minimum			
Makeable Contracts			
6	-	6	-
2	-	2	-
6	-	6	-
5	-	5	-
4	-	4	-
			NT
			♠
			♥
			♦
			♣

Did Asbi know that the 2NT call was strong balanced as opposed to a heart raise? If he did, his action was even more random than it might appear.

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
1♥	Pass	2NT	3♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Both tables produced a slam-try raise to five, but Karwur had more specifically shown a minimum. He raised to six, while perhaps Ware's final pass may have been based on concern about partner having the heart ace not the spade ace?

6♥ needs trumps to break or a singleton ace onside. Today Karwur's luck was in. That made it Ware by 5 imps. The lead lasted a board.

Dealer: North	♠ A 10 6
Vul: N-S	♥ A Q 5
Brd 21	♦ A K Q J 5
Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4	♣ A 7
♠ J 8 7 2	♠ Q 9 4 3
♥ J 9 2	♥ K 10 7 6
♦ 10 7 6 4	♦ 9 8 3
♣ Q 3	♣ K 8
	♠ K 5
	♥ 8 4 3
	♦ 2
	♣ J 10 9 6 5 4 2

West	North	East	South	
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann	
	2♣	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	3	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	6	-	4	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All pass	

Thomson showed 22-24 and I believe McGann followed the second weakest sequence to 5♣ (going via a direct jump would have been weaker). Thomson had great controls but bad trumps and passed.

Tobing showed a game-forcing balanced hand and Asbi made a club slam-try via the two-step route to 5♣. Here North decided his controls and fast tricks warranted acceptance of the try. Slam is certainly with the odds – but you wouldn't cry about missing it. Today Tobing's luck held good and all of a sudden those 13 imps (two more IMPs than if non-vulnerable, note!) meant Indonesia led by 8 imps with three deals to go.

Back came Ware.

Dealer: East	♠ 8 2
Vul: E-W	♥ A 10 5
Brd 22	♦ A K 9 2
Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4	♣ Q J 7 3
♠ 3	♠ J 10 9 6 4
♥ K Q J 6 3	♥ 8 7 2
♦ Q J 7 5 3	♦ 8
♣ 9 8	♣ A K 4 2
	♠ A K Q 7 5
	♥ 9 4
	♦ 10 6 4
	♣ 10 6 5

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

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

One West was prepared to compete to 3♥ after limiting his hand at his previous turn, while Ware passed 2♠ as that was his first opportunity to show he did not have an opening bid.

Against 2♠ the top heart lead went to the ♥A – a play I'm sure Asbi would like to have back. When he drew two rounds of trumps to find the bad news, he led a club up and Jacob won the ♣K and played the ♠9 to draw trumps and make the position clear to West. Declarer won and cashed ♦AK. Jacob carefully discarded and now declarer played a club. Jacob won and drew trumps, then West's hand was high.

In the other room the play in 3♥ started with a spade lead to the queen for two rounds of trumps, on which McGann revoked. That led to declarer playing on side suits and losing an extra trick, for down three. The adjusted score was 3♥ down two. Pertamina now led by just one imp.

Dealer: South ♠ 6 2
 Vul: Both ♥ A K Q J 4
 Brd 23 ♦ 3 2
 Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4 ♣ Q J 5 2

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

♠ A K Q 10 3
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ 9 8 4

♠ J 9 7 5 4
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ A 3

West	North	East	South	
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann	
			Pass	
1♦	1♥	Double	1♠	
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
			Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♥

All pass

In the Closed Room Asbi knew to go low when spades were bid to his right. It was hard for Ware to bid again without showing real extras. In the other room Karwur might well have followed the LAW to bid 3♦ here. That would have led to a plus score in that contract or in defending 3♥. The defenders needed to win the first diamond and play clubs to hold declarer to eight tricks. Indonesia did so, while Ware did find the club shift but did not try to give his partner the ruff. Indonesia gained an overtrick to lead by 2imps.

Dealer: West ♠ 9
 Vul: None ♥ J 9 8 7 6 2
 Brd 24 ♦ A Q 2
 Open Tms Fin Set 4 of 4 ♣ A 6 2

♠ J 10 8 5 4
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K J 8 7
 ♣ 7 4 3

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ A 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 5

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

West	North	East	South	
Karwur	Thomson	George	McGann	
Pass	1♥	Double	2♦(♥)	
3♠	4♦	4♠	All pass	
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Closed Room Auction

West	North	East	South
Ware	Tobing	Jacob	Asbi
2♠	3♥	4♠	All pass

In the closed room neither North nor South had much reason to bid over 4♠ – unless you count a nine-count facing a three-level overcall as enough reason to say 'They can't do this to me'. Tobing led a heart, and on the diamond shift cashed out safely for down one. Declarer discarded his slow club loser on the heart and went -100.

Both defenders in the Open room had the chance to double 4♠ and win the match. After they led a heart, the defenders played three rounds of diamonds and declarer won to take the trump finesse. Once that lost, there

was no possibility of misguessing clubs any more. Two down and a win for Pertamina by 1.9 imps; never in doubt!

But Fiona for the Ware Team said she would not have wanted to win that way – so it may be that even had the players known their legal entitlement they would not have enforced the penalty.

That certainly deserves the Chocolate Frog Award!!

BARRY'S PROBLEMS

Barry Rigal

N/S	♠ A K 8 7 4		
North	♥ A Q 4 2		
	♦ 5		
	♣ A K 10		
	♠ J 10 6 5 2		♠ Q
	♥ 9		♥ J 10 3
	♦ K 10 8 4 2		♦ 9 7 6
	♣ 9 8		♣ J 7 6 5 4
	3		
	♠ 9 3		
	♥ K 8 7 6 5		
	♦ A Q J 3		
	♣ Q 2		
West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥(1)
Pass	7♥	All Pass	
(1) Two of the five key-cards, counting the trump king and the four aces			
Opening Lead ♠5			

On this deal from an Australian Pairs Championships North followed a subtle route in the auction by introducing spades before raising hearts. When he discovered that his partner did not have three cards in that suit, the Grand Slam had to have good play.

West led the spade five to the ace, trumps were drawn in three rounds, and the spade king was cashed. If all had followed suit, declarer Boris Tencer could have claimed the rest. But the 5-1 split made things harder. Now he had to decide whether to take the simple or ruffing diamond finesse for his contract. It appears that if West has the spade length it is more sensible to play East for diamond length, but in a Grand Slam there is no need to rush things.

Declarer improved his chances by cashing his three club winners before committing himself in diamonds. When West discarded a diamond on the third round of clubs, he was known to have one heart, two clubs, and five spades, and thus precisely five diamonds while his partner had only three diamonds. This made it five to three in favour of playing West for the diamond king, so after taking the diamond ace Tencer led the diamond queen from his hand, and West had no answer.

The board turned out to be crucial in the event; North-South scored an 80 percent board for their efforts and went on to win the title by a narrow margin from their opponents on this deal.

COMMON ERRORS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Brent Manley

At a tournament in Arizona, a woman was talking with a man on the patio at the hotel. The woman asked, "Are you playing in the bridge tournament?" The man said, "Oh, is that what they're playing?" He went on to say that he had walked by the day before and looked in, then told his wife the group was playing some game called "Alert."

NON-PLAYING ERRORS

Everyone who plays bridge makes lots of mistakes, but not all of them have to do with bidding, play or defence.

A common error among new players is failure to call the director when there has been an irregularity such as an insufficient bid, lead out of turn or revoke. The list is long.

This problem often occurs because of the presence of a self-appointed "expert" on the laws. This person's pronouncements may have the ring of authority but in many cases are incomplete or just plain wrong.

For example, did you know that when a player makes a claim, the laws say that play must cease? No one at the table may say, "Just play it out." That's not supposed to happen. If an opponent has reason to contest the claim, a director should be summoned.

Even more common is the failure to put the deal you just played out of your head. This, by the way, is a problem for even more experienced players. In the 40-plus years that I have been playing, I have struggled to dismiss my bone-headed plays so that I can concentrate on what's happening right now.

Partner can, of course, help you maintain concentration by keeping his/her mouth shut. If you and your partner are committed to doing the best you can, there should be no recriminations if one of you screws up. It's going to happen.

A well-oiled partnership puts such events in the past where they belong. Of course, partner can do only so much. You must train yourself to forget about what just happened. Okay, you let them make a doubled contract with an opening lead from Mars. Rehashing it in your head and mentally beating yourself up is not going to help you on the current deal, which requires your full attention.

I helped Bob Hamman write his autobiography 20 years ago. The opening chapter recounted how he and former partner Bobby Wolff started the second half of a match in a major event against a world-class pair. Already down by a lot of IMPs, they mis-defended a doubled game and let it make, increasing the deficit.

So how did Hamman handle the setback? "We went on to the next deal," he said. With the bad result clean out of Hamman's head, he, Wolff and their teammates rallied to win the match and the event.

You may not be able to play as well as the Bob Hammans of the world, but you can cultivate a strong mental attitude. Stewing over a bad result will not change it. You must put your mind on the task at hand – the board you are playing now.

If you figure out how to master this aspect of bridge play, you will have a distinct advantage over many if not most of your competitors.

My last piece of advice also involves your psyche. Bridge is a hard game, and sometimes it takes longer than you might expect to feel competent. Don't be discouraged. Everyone goes through slumps and has rough spots. The best bridge players in the world will tell you that they lose a lot more than they win. If you feel a bit lost at times, find an experienced player and ask for advice. It might also help to remember the famous quote from the late basketball coach Jim Valvano: "Don't give up. Don't ever give up". Bridge is a wonderful game. Don't give up. It's worth your effort.

A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE HANDS FROM FEBRUARY 2015

By Peter Gill

Ivy Dahler Pairs

Dealer: South	♠ A 8	
Vul: E-W	♥ 9 8 5	
Brd 3	♦ K J 10 9 7 6	
Round 8 Board 3	♣ Q 7	
♠ 7 6 4		♠ K J 10 9 3
♥ Q 10 6 2		♥ 4
♦ Q 4 3		♦ A 8 2
♣ 8 3 2		♣ K J 9 6
	♠ Q 5 2	
	♥ A K J 7 3	
	♦ 5	
	♣ A 10 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Gill	Gumby	Burke	Lazer
			Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Tony Burke led ♠5 to the king. Peter Gill's heart switch was won by Pauline's ace.

Pauline played a diamond to the jack rather than the king since she could see she might need as home for her fourth club. A spade came back to the ace, a club to the ace, ♠Q to pitch dummy's club, club ruff, ♦K to pitch a club, diamond ruff, club ruff. Another diamond from dummy, ruffed by ♥7. West had only ♥Q106 left, and overruffed with the ten, but had to lead a trump back into declarer's ♥KJ. A perfectly timed trump endplay.

Plus 420 was worth 8 imps for Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer who went on to win the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs, with GeO Tislevoll and Joan Butts 2nd. In the Nationals Swiss Pairs in Canberra in January, the same two pairs ran 1st and 2nd - the same quinella.

Gold Coast Open Pairs

Australia's premier matchpoint pairs event was won by Neville Francis and Magnus Moren, the first win by a local Queensland pair since Tom Landy and Don Neill (father of current ABF President Bruce Neill) in 1966 – almost 50 years ago. In those days, there were almost no international pairs – this time the players who came 2nd, 3rd and 4th came from Indonesia, USA, England and New Zealand.

Dealer: West ♠ K Q J 6 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 10 9
 Brd 16 ♦ 9
 Open Prs Qual S2 ♣ A K 3 2
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ J 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8

♠ A 9
 ♥ K Q 8 7 6
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

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

West	North	East	South
Moren	Burke	Francis	Gill
Pass	1♠	3♦!	Double
Pass	4♣	4♦!	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

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

After Neville and Magnus won the Bobby Richman Gold Coast Pairs Championship , I interviewed them briefly, and included their information in the talk I gave on Tuesday morning. They have recently reduced their System Summary from about 50 pages down to 12 pages, and now they win the biggest Pairs event in the South Hemisphere. I don't know if there's a link, but it is food for thought.

If a random bridge player sat down to watch Neville overcall 3♦ (weak jump overcall) then bid again after his partner passed, they might think he didn't go to the beginners' class, because a preempter never bids again when their partner passes.

So what happened here?

Neville knew that many players in his seat would bid 5♦ on the 8-4 shape. 5♦ is the wrong bid at Matchpoint Pairs, because it will too often be doubled for 500 or 800, a disaster at this form of scoring, compared to 450 or 480. The vulnerability is the key factor for East. Even if Neville buys the hand in 4♦, he's doubled a level lower than the field, so he's well placed, relative to the field.

Because his partner is a passed hand, Neville could show some flair and play games with N/S in the auction, without the danger of partner having a good hand. By bidding just 3♦ the first time, he avoided the trap of bidding 5♦, but can decide to bid 5♦ if South shows a spade fit, making West with spade shortage and hopefully a couple of diamonds.

This concept of not preempting too much when you have too much of a preempt, i.e. when you need the opponents to help guide you to the level you should bid to, is such a little known technique that most experts have never heard of it.

If I lead ♠A and switch to a trump, Neville wins in his hand (retaining ♦J in dummy) and does a Scissors Coup of sorts, by playing ♠10. This way I cannot play a second trump, and we score just 200. If I lead a red card, it's 500. At the table I led ♣6, partner played the ace and the king, hoping I had short clubs, and that was 710 to Neville and Magnus.

CHOCOLATE FROG NOMINATION

I would like to nominate the Ware Team and Tony Nunn in particular for a Chocolate Frog Award.

During the third set of Boards in the Open Teams Final, declarer conceded one down in 4♥ where in fact he had ten winners.

At the break he approached Sean Mullamphy who told him to agree the facts with the other team.

He came to Tony Nunn and asked him, and Nunn said "Did my partner have a trump trick?" Tobing said no and Nunn said "OK then". The director was never asked to rule as both sides agreed.

A member of the directing staff off the record said that had they been asked to rule prima facie declarer would not have been allowed to draw trump. Hence he would have suffered a ruff and it would have been 13 not 5 imps for Ware.

BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dir: East Vul: N/S			
North			
♠ 10 8 6 4			
♥ J			
♦ Q 9 3			
♣ A K 7 6 5			
East			
♠ 9 2			
♥ K 10 9 8 5 3 2			
♦ J 10 8			
♣ 3			
West	North	East	South
5♥	5♠	3♥	3♠
West Leads ♥A			
Which card should East play?			

Answer: Showing partner what you like

Which card should East play on West's lead of the ♥A? Hoping for a club ruff if West has the ♠A, East should play the ♥2. West switches to a club, wins the first round of spades and gives East a club ruff for one down.

Here's a useful tip. If you are known to hold a 5-card or longer suit and partner leads, say, the ace or dummy wins the trick, a good

idea is to play that an odd card encourages the suit led, while an even card is suit-preference. When you have 5+ cards in the suit led, the chances are excellent that you will have a card which can send the message you want. A suit-preference signal is also usually best when dummy has a singleton in the suit led.

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



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David Stern

As I always tell people The Gold Coast Congress is one of the best run tournaments in the world and I never take for granted the opportunity to be part of it.

From my side it is a privilege to work with two of the finest bridge journalists in the world – Barry Rigal and Brent Manley. Thanks guys for making my job easier and the professionalism you both show to producing a Bulletin that we and the tournament can be proud of.

Thank you to EVERYBODY associated with the tournament from Therese, Kim, The Directors, Admin Staff, Scorers and Caddies ALL of whom help the Bulletin meet its objectives.

I look forward to being back next year (hopefully with a direct flight to the Gold Coast) and seeing everybody again.

Ciao.

FINAL –“IZING” FOR THE TAIL (NOVICE) PART 2

By John McIlrath

Firstly, congratulations to Lou McKenna - Liz Ryan from Dendy Park Bridge Club, Victoria on winning the Novice Pairs.

Secondly, I can report that there was a deal of inappropriate kissing occurring during the last round of the Final. It was inappropriate in that under the Laws, they were “Inadmissible Doubles”, Law 35.1.

But I like the player’s thought process anyway - :

- ♠ 985
- ♥ KT7
- ♦ A65
- ♣ KQT3

What better way to show partner a strong hand? He opened 1♦ and South held a nice 12 count, so South doubled partner!!! Inadmissible Double, so partner is barred now. South corrected her bid to 2NT. Very clever, as on Hand 1, whilst North can make 9 tricks according to Deep Finesse, South can only make 8 tricks

How else can I show my 4-card Spade suit, board 3?

- ♠ QT73
- ♥ K873
- ♦ KQ
- ♣ T92

My left hand opponent opens 1♥ and my partner overcalls 2♦. Well, I have the other major, so why cannot I DOUBLE? Will that show my hand? Oops, an Inadmissible Double, so N.B. You cannot double partner. Once the inadmissible double is removed, your partner is now barred from the remainder of the auction on this board.

THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT

YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

¹⁶⁺ 9	6	^{15*} 3	^{1080*} 5	² 2	³⁻ 4	1	¹⁻ 7	8
1	¹⁻ 4	5	6	^{504*} 7	9	8	⁵⁺ 3	2
¹⁴⁺ 5	3	¹⁰⁺ 2	4	^{24*} 1	^{126*} 6	7	¹⁴⁺ 8	^{63*} 9
6	^{90*} 5	8	9	4	^{28*} 2	3	1	7
3	9	^{224*} 4	8	6	7	2	5	^{6480*} 1
^{448*} 4	2	^{7*} 1	7	^{216*} 8	^{15*} 3	¹³⁺ 9	6	5
2	^{56*} 8	7	^{162*} 1	3	5	4	9	6
7	1	6	3	9	³⁻ 8	5	¹⁶⁺ 2	4
8	7	9	^{10*} 2	5	1	6	4	3

YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

THE DINNER DANCE

















