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Chairman's Corner -

The subject on which I've received more correspondence than any other to date has been the structure of the Interstate Teams selection events. A common theme has been the undesirable fragmentation of the field as a result of having three separate qualifying Women's/Senior's events. Another, was the quirkiness of the rules whereby lowly placed pairs in the Stage I qualifier took precedence over more highly placed players in the other two qualifiers when it came to filling vacancies in the Women's/Seniors Final. Both these complaints are now being addressed by the Tournament Committee.

Of wider interest however were the conflicting views expressed with regard to a couple of sensitive issues, namely:

- Women's pairs having the opportunity to play in the Open selection event; and
- Staging events on Easter Monday

I raise the former with a certain amount of trepidation, but I feel it's important to air the issue in a broader forum if only to test the contention of one correspondent that "the majority of women's pairs would prefer to play in a segregated women's event". Is that really the case, and even if it is, should that matter? Might not it be argued that our responsibility is to devise a selection event that will yield the best possible women's team NSW can muster rather than one that maximises the enjoyment of the participants. If it's battle hardened warriors we are after, we may have to put them through boot camp.

The other issue that has raised the ire of some players has been the fact that one of the qualifying events was held on Easter Monday. Now, clearly, no one would think of scheduling an event on Good Friday or Easter Sunday but with the Bridge calendar as packed as it is it's difficult to accommodate those players who can't make it to the Association week after week. What hope has a Newcastle, Wollongong or country NSW player of negotiating Stages I and II of the Open ITS requiring as it does their presence in

Sydney on eight consecutive Wednesday nights. We might as well rename the NSW Open team, the 'Sydney' Open Team, as that more accurately reflects the pool of players on which it draws. A weekend qualifying event is one way of ensuring that a large segment of our player community is not entirely disenfranchised.

The biggest event on this year's calendar, the Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs, is being staged in Sydney later this month. You'll find more information about it inside this Bulletin. I look forward to seeing you there.

Alex Yezerski

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NSW TEAMS FOR ANC

The NSW **Open** Team for this years Australian National Championships being held in Sydney is :
 Sartaj Hans – Tony Nunn
 Chris Sundstrom – Paul Lavings
 Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer
 (Non Playing captain is Ted Chadwick)

The trials for the NSW Women's, Seniors and Youth Teams were held in May and the teams selected are:

Women's

Rasma Liepins – Nafize Bashar
 Carolyn Molloy – Nevena Djurovic
 Marlene Watts – Berenice Folkard
 (Non Playing Captain is Marcia Scudder)

Senior's

Neville Moses – Steven Bock
 Ruth Jamieson – Peter Jamieson
 Michael Hughes – Edward Griffin
 (Non Playing Captain is Tina Zines)

Youth

Daniel Krochmalik – Nick Rodwell
 John Hornibrook – Ken Hornibrook
 Andrew Brady – Michael Hanaghan
 (Non Playing Captain is Nick Hughes and Peter Gill will be Team Coach)

Declarer Play Problem No 1

From NSWBA April 20, 2005

Dealer: N	North
Vul: NS	
IMPs	♠ A 9 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ A Q 9 7
	South
	♠ 10 7 ♥ K J 9 8 4 ♦ A K ♣ K 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
—	1NT	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♣#	Pass	4♦#
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣**	Pass	5♦***
Pass	5♠\$	Pass	6♥

East's 3♦ bid was pre-emptive, 4C and 4D were control (Cue) bids, 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood, 5C showed zero or three of the five aces (trump K is the 5th ace), 5D asked for ♥Q, 5S said I have it but no side king. West leads ♦7 which you win in hand. You cash three rounds of hearts (East had a singleton ♥) - What now ? – Answer Page 4

Declarer Play Problem No 2

From NSWBA Match Point Duplicate May 2005

Dealer: S	North
Vul: EW	
	♠ A ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ Q 5 4 3 ♣ K J 9 8 6
	South
	♠ Q 4 2 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ A Q 3 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West leads ♠3 which you win in dummy as East discourages. Plan your play – Answer Page 4

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Lindfield Bridge Club is to move !

Their lease runs out soon and the Club is close to finalising their move to West Lindfield Sport & Recreation Club. Check the club's Bulletins (available at their web site or at the club) for details.

Mistakes I Have Made

By NJM

Dealer: S	North
Vul: EW	
	♠ 8 6 4 ♥ A 7 5 3 2 ♦ J 8 6 4 2 ♣ —
	South
	♠ A K 3 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ — ♣ A K Q J 10 9 2

Take a look at this little number which DW and I encountered during practice for the NSW Women's/Seniors Interstate Team Selection:

I opened the South hand 2♣ and after DW showed one Ace – soon identified as ♥A – I jumped into Six Clubs quicker than the proverbial rodent up a drainpipe.

West led ♥K (overleading) which I ducked with East contributing the 10.

Quiz:- What mistake did I make?

(Average time for solving: 2 minutes.)

Answer: Correct.

West held ♥ K Q 4 and East ♥ 10 9 and after ducking in dummy, I failed to unblock ♥ 8 ! oops)

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Results NSW State Mixed Pairs

The finals of this event were held May 28-29 at the NSWBA club in Goulburn St. Pairs came from all over NSW having qualified via regional tournaments. Following the two qualifying sessions on the Saturday the 14 pairs who made the final were all Sydney based and most agreed it was a 'strong field' (see our web site- results). The top three placings were:

- 1st Carolyn Molloy – Peter Gill
- 2nd Judy Snow – Bob Richman
- 3rd Lynn Lovelock – Kieran Dyke

Non qualifiers from the Mixed Pairs plus a number of open or other entries contested a Swiss Pairs event at NSWBA on May 29. The top three placegetters were:

- 1st Jane Dawson – Michael Courtney
- 2nd Lee Dreyer – Frank Dreyer
- 3rd Catherine Ritter – Sartaj Hans

ANC 2005 – Join in!

The Australian National Championships (ANC) will be in Sydney from July 22 – August 5. It's only here once every 8 years, so join in!

What's On

The first week has major events for State Representatives and other events with participating clubs. *(The schedule is in the ad on this page. Ed.)*

The second week is open to everyone. The main feature is the Australian Butler Pairs Championship which is a Gold Point event.

The first two Aussie pairs in the Open Butler will join the Australian team for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Melbourne in March 2006 – leading into the Commonwealth Games !

The Open and Women's Butlers have three stages. After an optional Warm-Up Pairs on Friday 29 July, Stage 1 lasts from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon, 30-31 July. It's just like a weekend congress, but also a great chance to play against many of Australia's best players!

The top players in Stage 1 of the Open and Women's Butler can join the elite of Australian bridge in Stage 2 - from Sunday evening to Tuesday 2 August. There is no night play on Monday and Tuesday.

Or if you were born before 1950 you can go on to the Seniors' Butler. Stage A of the Seniors also runs from Sunday evening to Tuesday afternoon!

After that, the top performing players carry on to Stage 3 - from Wednesday to Friday 5 August. Again there is no night play.

Other Events

You can also enjoy a series of other events during the second week – all finishing before dinner so you can enjoy a leisurely dinner and discuss the hands!

There's the Congress Swiss Teams on Monday 1 August, and the Congress Swiss Pairs on Tuesday 2 August. For newer players, the ANC Restricted Pairs on Wednesday is for players with under 300 masterpoints.

The ANC Swiss Pairs which runs from Wednesday to Friday is a great finale!



ANC 2005

Congress Events

22 July – 5 Aug

Week 1: Across Sydney!!

- Fri 22 Jul ANC Warm Up Pairs held at NSWBA.
2 Sessions commencing 1.30pm
- Sat 23 Jul ANC IMP Pairs at Lindfield Bridge Club
2 Sessions 10.00am start
- Sun 24 Jul ANC Danish Teams at Lindfield Bridge Club
2 Sessions 10.00am start
- Mon 25 Jul ANC Matchpoint Pairs at Kings & Queens Club
(O'Sullivan Rd Rose Bay). 1:00pm
ANC Matchpoint Pairs at Double Bay Bridge
Centre at 7:30pm
- Tue 26 Jul ANC Matchpoint Pairs Lindfield Bridge Club at
1:00pm
ANC Matchpoint Pairs at Kings & Queens
Bridge Club. 7:30pm
- Wed 27 Jul ANC Matchpoint Pairs at Bridge at Club
Willoughby 7:30pm
- Thu 28 Jul ANC Eclectic Pairs. 4 venues. Prize for best
overall score

Week 2 at Sydney Masonic Centre

- Fri 29 Jul Butler Warm Up Pairs. 2 Sessions
10.30am
- Sat 30 July to Fri 5 Aug: **Open & Women's Butler Pairs**
- Sun 31 July to Fri 5 Aug: **Seniors' Butler Pairs**
- Mon 1 Aug ANC Congress Swiss Teams – 2 sessions
10:00am
- Tue 2 Aug ANC Congress Swiss Pairs – 2 sessions
10:00am
- Wed 3 Aug ANC Restricted Pairs – 2 sessions
10:00am
- Wed 3 – Fri 5 Aug ANC Swiss Pairs – 3 days
10:00am

*For more information and entry forms,
see www.abf.com.au/events/anc or
email sydney_anc@optusnet.com.au*

Answer to Declarer Play Problem No 1

from page 2

Dealer N NS Vul	North ♠ A 9 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ A Q 9 7
West ♠ J 8 6 5 2 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ 7 ♣ J 10 8 4	East ♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q J 9 8 6 5 2 ♣ 2
	South ♠ 10 7 ♥ K J 9 8 4 ♦ A K ♣ K 6 5 3

South declared Six Hearts after North, John Scudder, had opened 1NT and East bid 3♦. West led ♦ 7 which you win and draw trumps in three rounds. You have a guaranteed spade loser. You must bring the clubs home for no losers. If clubs are 3-2 there is no problem. Tina Zines (who conducts NSWBA Bridge Lessons) decided to give herself an extra chance by stripping the diamonds, taking one round of clubs and exiting in spades. Looking at the above layout it did not matter who won the spade trick. If it was West, he would have to play a club from J 10 8 and Tina would play accordingly. As it happened East won the trick but now had to give Tina a 'ruff and sluff' and there was no club loser. Plus 1430 was worth 13 IMPs as several declarers had gone down in slam. Note that if you reach six clubs you MUST guess the clubs right – a very tough call!

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ANSWER DECLARER PLAY PROBLEM No 2

From page 2

Dealer S EW Vul	North ♠ A ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ Q 5 4 3 ♣ K J 9 8 6
West ♠ K 8 7 3 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ 10 7	East ♠ J 10 9 6 5 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 5 4
	South ♠ Q 4 2 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ A Q 3 2

South opened 1NT and is raised to 3NT. West leads ♠3 and East discourages. There may be a temptation to cash five clubs and then do something in a side suit. That would be misguided. It is patently obvious that West MUST hold the king of diamonds or you

have no hope. Furthermore West needs to hold ♥A otherwise after winning ♦K he simply plays a heart to East's Ace and the spade comes through.

The winning line is to cash two clubs (♠A and ♣K will do fine) THEN play ♦A and another diamond. Say West exits a diamond- win ♦Q and exit a diamond.

West wins this and has to give you your ninth trick. Looks obvious you say? Well an experienced Sydney "Expert" found a different line for -50.

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TED THE PROPHET

By Rakesh Kumar

In a recent Swiss Teams Congress, we faced Ted Chadwick and partner in our first match after lunch. Things looked grim after the first board we played:

West Dealer, Both vulnerable

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

Having established a heart fit, partner went slam-hunting with 4NT and I replied 5D showing one keycard. Now, lacking the room to ask whether I possessed the heart queen, partner bid 6H anyway and duly went one off. Ted pointed out that the hand was a good advertisement for playing Roman Keycard Blackwood responses as 14/30 rather than 03/14. I wondered whether his teammates' agreements included 6C opposite 4NT to show one ace and a void, in which case they would inevitably reach the ill-fated slam as well. Ted replied "I will be impressed if they reach a contract in hearts – any contract!" which I dismissed as another of his infamous attempts at sardonic humour.

At score-up time, I announced "Board 7: minus 100" and was amazed to hear "Plus 500" in response. Our teammates explained: "Oh, they had a bidding misunderstanding and played in 5 clubs in their 2-0 fit!!" I went back to Ted's table to assure him that I would never doubt him again

Despite the hiccup, Ted's team went on to win the event.

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World Youth Teams Championships

7th to 17th August 2005

Royal Showground - Sydney Olympic Park

HELPERS WANTED

HOSTS FOR THE VISITING TEAMS

This does NOT involve billeting

All players will be staying at the Hotels adjoining the playing venue. Help is sought with transport to and from the airport as well as an outing during the event as well as looking after any assistance they may have.

HELPERS FOR PREPARATION

We will require assistance with the planning and implementation for the event

HELPERS DURING THE EVENT

We will require an extensive team of people including hospitality desk, board caddies, logistical assistance, score runners and vu-graph assistance as well as other areas which will become apparent as preparation begins

SPONSORSHIP

Is sought for either direct, advertising or goods for prizes or fundraisers

David Stern & Peter Gill Co-convenors email to youth@dbbc.2005

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Congress Results

NB Congress Convenors ! Directors ! – please forward results via post, email or fax to Bulletin Editor at NSWBA –see top page 1 for contact information.

Results

Trumps Autumn Teams May 1st

1st: Michael Chen, William Zhang, Jin Li, Xiaohua Yang

2nd: Kinga Moses, Wendy Halvorsen, Tony Ong, Christine Boylson

3rd: Nick Rodwell, Anthony Newman, Adam & Nabil Edgtton

Mollymook May 14-15

Pairs Championship (24 tables)

Pairs Final

1st Marilyn Vaughan & Beverley Wark

2nd Adrian Haar & Vic Meakins

3rd Elizabeth Gordon & Nancy Hitchcock

Pairs Plate

1st Noel Bugeia & George Stockham

2nd Paul Daynes & Tony Rolfe

3rd Chand Gaind & Colleen Perriman consolation

1st= Marie Pollock & Doreen St.George

1st= Delma Evans & Ingeborg Legge

3rd Michael Covill & Tony Simpson

Teams Championship (32 teams)

1st Neven Burica, Ian Mansfield, Marelle Rogers, Michael Rogers

2nd Noel Bugeia, Ken Colbert, Eric Glass, George Stockham

3rd Frances Carr-Boyd, Wilma Daenzer, Marilyn Vaughan, Beverley Wark

Hakoah Autumn Congress May14-15

Pairs Final

1st Andrew Barany - Peter Livesey

2nd Lee Dreyer - Frank Dreyer

3rd Leslie Lowe- Mischa Solar

Pairs Plate:

1st Peter Cox & Di Jagelman

2nd Janette Bates & Nicoleta Giura

3rd Vera Rowland & Toni sharp

Teams

1st Peter Bayliss, Angela Dougall, Kevin Dougall, Judy McGeary

2nd Dagmar Neumann, Catherine Ritter, Linda Stern, Joshua Wyner

3rd Brian Jacobson, Peter Livesey, Bill Webster, Avril Zets

Strathfield Congress (Teams) May 22

1st Julian Abel, Heather Cusworth, John De Ravin, Peter Jeffery
2nd Elizabeth Adams, Seamus Browne, Ted Chadwick, Helen Lowry
3rd Kelsey Chen, Qin Wen Yang, Gao Zhang, Jia Yon Zhu

Best Strathfield team:

Kathy Chiang, YK Chiang, Herbert Lachs, Judi Mitchell

Great Lakes Congress 14 - 15 May

Pairs Final

1st J. Hadaway - K. Ody
2nd J. Scown - D. Scown
3rd N. Kebby - T. Woolford

Swiss Teams

1st K. Ody, C. Hadaway, T. Dixon, H. Gulliver
2nd K. Tant, A. Rutter, B. Griffiths, Y. Cains
3rd C. Judd, J. Saddler, L. Pears, A. Grayden

Mudgee Congress May 20-22

Pairs Final

1st Wendy Mitchell - Colin Mitchell
2nd Margaret Brown - Jackie Pascoe
3rd Ben Chosid - Peter Wilsmore

Swiss Teams

1st Kerry Johnman - Peter Johnman, Virginia Dressler - Tom Carr
2nd Rosemary Farr-Jones, Tony Musgrove, Lindsay Armstrong, Cilla Bradley

Bridge At Club Willoughby June 24-26

Inaugural Super Congress

Mr Solace's Swiss Teams (June 24)

1st John Mottram, Frank Budai, Elly Urbach, Les Varadi
2nd Annette Marshall, Witold Chylewski, Marlene Watts, Ted Chadwick
3rd Nicole Strasser, Kieran Dyke, Val Cummings & Jane Douglass

(28 teams 7x8 board matches)

Swiss Pairs (42 Pairs contested the qualifying June 25)

Final Sunday June 26 (5 tables)

1st Frank Budai - John Mottram
2nd Sue Ingham - Andrew Peake
3rd Keiran Crowe-Mai- Kim Morrison

Plate (Main Consolation)- 5 tables

1st Dermot McCormack & Pat McCormack
2nd M Davis, Rosemary Farr-Jones
3rd Normand Maclaurin - Paul McGrath

Two Men & A Truck Swiss Teams 48 teams June 26

1st Steven Bock, Neville Moses, Inez Glander, Marcia Scudder
2nd Iris Kampel, Juliette Friedlander, Frank Dreyer, Lee Dreyer
3rd Robin Ho, Colleen Tognetti, Deidre Greatorex, Jenny Lloyd

As well as the main events there were also seven sessions of walk in duplicates (you could play one or

more sessions) – for results of these events titled “Continuous Pairs”- see the Club’s Web site
www.playbridge.com.au

Chief Tournament Director was Matthew McManus. The Convenor, John McIlrath was also directing. Tony Howes directed the Swiss Pairs Finals. All boards were pre dealt with hand records after each match or session. Players were provided with a wealth of data about their scores (including datums) which can also be viewed on line. Organization and preparation were excellent. (*Ed. I am sure this new Super Congress will become a major annual fixture on Sydney’s Weekend Congress Circuit.*)

Tamworth Swiss Pairs June 25-26

1. Sharon Mayo - Greg Mayo (Tamworth)
2. Ann Rutter - Kevin Tant (Port Macquarie)
3. Ben Chosid - Michael Johnson (NSWBA – Tamworth)

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Answer: Declarer Problem No 3 from page 4

Dealer E Both Vul	North ♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ A Q 9 3	East ♠ 10 2 ♥ A Q 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 8 7 6 ♣ K
West ♠ 8 6 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8 6 4	South ♠ A K J 5 4 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q ♣ J 7 5 2	

East opened 1♥ & you overcall 1♠. West bids 2♥ and North bids 4♠- all pass. The ♥10 lead goes to ♥Q, East then cashes ♥A and exits with ♠2. There is strong inference that the top two diamond honours are divided (*if East had them both he would surely have tried to cash them*). You need to prove this. Draw another round of trumps winning in hand and place ♦Q on the table. West wins with ♦K and exits with ♦3. You stick the jack up which East wins as you ruff. *This is a normal club duplicate game at NSWBA on May 4th so you can expect East to have 12-13 high card points to open the bidding.* So back your judgement and cash the king of clubs – BINGO- the king falls and you can now pick up the club suit. On May 5, 2005 none of the five declarers in 4♠ found the winning line. It is surprising how often ‘textbook’ hands turn up at the local duplicate game. By the way, in ‘modern’ Tournament Bridge, many East’s would open 1H on :

♠ 10 2 ♥ A Q 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 8 7 6 ♣ 6 in which case the winning line would be instead to play WEST for ♣K 10 x x !

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DIARY OF UPCOMING CONGRESSES IN NSW

NOTE: Most Congresses have email contact or entries available via Internet. Just visit NSWBA home page and select "Congresses in NSW" heading to see full display of future Congresses

Date	Club	Event	Contact	Phone
July 10	Sapphire Coast	Pairs & Teams	Bruce McPhail	6495 4095
July 10	Bayside	Winter Teams	Matt Mullamphy	9388 2662
July 17	Western Suburbs	Teams	Val Hardie	9771 1065
July 22 –24	Orange	Pairs & Teams	Margaret Robinson	6362 8241
July 23 –Aug 6	ABF in Sydney	Australian National Championships <i>and ancillary events</i>	Bruce Neill Visit abf.com.au For full details	9924 7270
July 24	Twin Towns	Birthday Teams	Ernie Scott	5599 7351
August 7	Lindfield	Winter Swiss Pairs	Angie Boulton	9416 2500
August 13-14	Moree	Pairs	Pat Madden	6752 5769
August 14	Hunters Hill	Teams	Carolyn Molloy	9816 4201
August 15-18	Trumps	Moss Vale Holiday	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
August 16-21	Coffs Harbour	Super Congress Swiss Pairs & Teams Plus walk in	Robyn Bingham	6652 3951
August 20-21	Hakoah	Winter Pairs & Teams	Paul Marston	9327 4599
August 20-21	Dubbo	Pairs & Teams	Jan Archer	6882 9094
August 20-21	Wagga Leagues	Pairs & Teams	Doreen Kjeldsen	6933 1828
August 27-28	Ballina	Pairs	John Fraser or John Perry	6687 7332 6681 5533
August 27-28	Nowra	Pairs & Teams	Adrian Haar	4464 2400
September 1-4	Brisbane Water	30 th Anniversary Congress - Pairs & Swiss pairs & Teams	Christine Hadaway	4368 6096
September 6	Lindfield	Presidents Teams	Angie Boulton	9416 2500
September 10-11	Port Macquarie - Hastings	Teams	Bridget Earle	6582 3232
September 11	Trumps	Friendly Pairs	Derrick Browne	9969 5959