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♠ ♥ Bulletin ♦ ♣

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Chairman's Corner

As this is the last Bulletin for the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during my freshman year as Chairman of the NSWBA.

As you'd be aware, the AGM is coming up on December 14th. Two of our councilors, Mike Hughes and Ross Stuart, are stepping down this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution to Council. Special mention should be made of Mike Hughes' unstinting service as Treasurer for many years which has contributed in no small measure to the healthy financial position the NSWBA is in today.

Thanks also go to the other members of Council who continue to give many hours of their valuable time to promote and foster the health of Bridge in NSW. I am also grateful to our admin staff, Liz Fanos and Carrie Foster, without whose unrelenting effort the Association's activities would rapidly degenerate to chaos.

We have many events planned for the coming year and welcome your attendance at them. I would especially like to see as many country players as possible on December 10th & 11th when we are staging a one off event to choose NSW representatives to play at the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship to be held in Melbourne in March 2006. It is your support at events such as these, and at our regular championships, that enable us to maintain the standard of Bridge in NSW at a level unmatched in Australia.

My final thanks go to Peter Jamieson, the Editor, who does a wonderful job of producing the Bulletin throughout the year.

All the very best for the festive season and I wish you a happy, productive and rewarding year in 2006.

Alex Yezerski, Chairman NSWBA

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of NSW Bridge Association is to be held Wednesday evening December 14, 2005 at 6:30pm at Level 1, 162 Goulburn St.

Members are encouraged to attend. Proxy can be given to another member who is attending the AGM. You may wish to play a part in shaping the future of NSWBA. You are welcome to nominate for a position on the NSWBA Council. Check with Liz Fanos in the office regarding procedures.

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Final Bulletin in 2005

This Bulletin is the final NSWBA Bulletin this year. The next Bulletin will issue in early March 2006.

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Bridge Director Changes at NSWBA

There have been some changes at NSWBA. The present line up is:

Matthew McManus remains as Chief Tournament Director and directs Monday evenings, weekend Congresses and selected special events.

Ted Chadwick: Tuesday am (red masterpoints)

Tony Hutton: Thursday am

Charles Klassen: Thursday evening & Friday am

Inez Glanger: Saturday afternoon

Dave Griffiths continues to direct Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Peter Jamieson continues to direct Monday am and Wednesday am sessions.

Please visit the NSWBA web site (select "Sessions" for session times and other information).

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Results of NSW Individual Championships Sunday November 27

1st Julian Foster

2nd Tony Chamberlain

3rd Michael Wu



Metropolitan Teams September 11 2005

On Sunday Sept 11 at NSWBA club rooms, there was a six round (10 board matches) Swiss Tournament to select two teams to go through to the State Teams Final in late November. Eighteen teams representing clubs from around Sydney contested the event and the results are of course on the Internet (visit FABC home page).

The top three placegetters were:

1st STRATHFIELD 1

Qin Wen, Gao ZHANG, Vicky Wei and Jack Chen

2nd PENNANT HILLS 1

Witold Chylewski, Annette Marshall, Mark Kolodziejczyk and Beri Folkard

Coming in third and just missing out was the TRUMPS 3 team comprising :George Biro, Kitty Biro, Mike Phillips, Neta Phillips

State Open Teams - Country Finals

The State Open Teams Country Final was played at the Newcastle clubrooms on October 29-30. The winning team representing Tamworth Bridge Club and the North Inland region, was Greg Mayo, Sharon Mayo, Michael Johnson and David Cohen

This team won the right to represent country NSW in the quarterfinals of the State Open Teams held at the NSWBA on November 25-27.

Second was the team from Brisbane Waters : Lorraine Harkness, Jack Lindsay, Wendy Hillis and Colin Mitchell

Third was the team from Maitland : David Monahan , Roger Yandle, Richard Lock , Helen Palmer and Matt Blackham

State Teams Qualifying at NSWBA in October-November

The NSWBA Monday night event to select teams for the State Teams Finals was conducted over six nights. The winners of the Knock Out stage were Helena Hutton - Tony Hutton - Leo Goorevich - Peter Wood who thus earned the right to proceed straight to the semi finals. The other NSWBA qualifiers for the quarter finals were :

GIURA Nicoletta Giura - Nick Hughes - Martin Bloom - Peter Gill - David Beauchamp

DYALL Henry Dyal - Nick Horne - Steven Bock - Kevin Davies - Alex Yezerski

PEAKE Andrew Peake - David Wiltshire - Sue Ingham - Terry Brown - Murray Green

State Teams Finals November 26-27 2005

In the quarter finals GIURA narrowly beat WEN : Qin Wen - Gao Zhang - Vicky Wei and Jack Chen who won the Metropolitan Final back in September.

DYALL outscored MAYO by 79 to 34 IMPs and the PEAKE was too good for CHYLEWSKI by 97 to 33.

State Open Teams Semi Finals -

GIURA 127 outscored DYALL 117

In the other semi it was

PEAKE 162 easily over HUTTON 54

State Open Teams Final -

GIURA Nicoletta Giura - Nick Hughes - Martin Bloom - Peter Gill - David Beauchamp narrowly beat

PEAKE Andrew Peake - David Wiltshire - Sue Ingham - Terry Brown - Murray Green by 126 IMPs to 122 IMPs.

Here are a few deals of interest from the finals provided by Nick Hughes..

Here is a lead problem. You are on lead as West against four hearts. RHO opened 1♣ showing 4+ hearts and 7-12 points. You bid 1♦, North has shown some strength and partner passes throughout. What is your opening lead ?

♠ A 9 6

♥ A 9

♦ K 10 9 8 5

♣ Q 10 9

Answer and comments a bit later in this segment.

In the semi, our team bid four slams for a total of 44 IMPs in. Nicoleta & I are often all over the place in slams but we relayed to this nice 7♥.

SF3, Bd 9 (rotated)

♠KQ6 ♠AJ92

♥AQ83 ♥KT95

♦KJ ♦AQT73

♣9542 ♣—

I was West. At the end of the auction, I described the East hand as Axxx, Kxxx, AQxxx, ---

A good hand for relay bidding - - Let's see your partnerships match that, especially if system forces you to open 1♣ with the West cards. Yuk!

OK here is the lead problem hand :

SF4, Bd 15

S/NS ♠QJ7

♥Q8752

♦QJ3

♣AK

♠A96

♠108542

♥A9

♥K

♦K10985

♦62

♣Q109

♣86532

♠K3

♥J10643

♦A74

♣J74

Another candidate for the board that got us through. Kevin Davies was on lead against 4♥ by S, having shown diamonds. He led the ♦9. Giura won dummy's ♦Q and played a spade, so she lost no diamond trick for +620. A black suit lead (or the ♥9!) shoots it easily. What do you think of the diamond lead? It's a

question of style. I'm a big fan of honour-third leads against suit contracts and would always lead a club, almost without thinking. Both leads might give up a trick. A diamond lead is tempting though. Partner could have $\diamond Q-x$ or might get a ruff, a club lead could blow the whole suit. I reckon it's important to have a known style, to help partner defend properly. For instance, it's good if you are known to avoid leading from three or four small.

At the other table, Martin Bloom (East) transferred over Peter Gill's 1 NT opening for +110 in 2♠.

One more deal – this part score battle is from the first set of the final: This was Board 5

N Dealer ♠Q832
 NS Vul ♡Q6
 ◇Q8
 ♣AK873

♠1095 ♠AKJ
 ♡J954 ♡K102
 ◇107652 ◇AK3
 ♣10 ♣9642

 ♠764
 ♡A873
 ◇J94
 ♣QJ5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gill	Brown	Bloom	Ingham
	1♣	dbl	1♡
no	1♠	no	2♣
end			

+90 in 2♣ was a good result for NS. Bloom would have done better to bid 1NT. Then Gill might have been able to use Garbage Stayman to land in 2◇.

The other table seemed headed that way:

Peake	Hughes	Wiltshire	Giura
	Pass *	1NT	Pass
2♣	dbl	Pass	2NT!
All Pass			

NS play Forcing Pass so North's pass showed 13+. After Peake's 2♣, EW were headed for +130 in 2◇ for a 6 IMP gain until North's dubious club-showing double. Giura has a routine pass but she realised EW were about to settle happily in 2◇. So she preempted with 2NT!

Peake led a low diamond – as you do – though a major lead shoots it. Wiltshire cashed the ♠K before clearing diamonds. Giura simply cashed the clubs to catch East in the four card ending. When she exited with ♡A-another, East had to concede the last trick to dummy's ♠Q for +120.

Making 2NT turned a potential 6 IMP loss into a 1 IMP gain. Not much but greater than the final margin.

Daily Bridge Calendar for 2006

The Daily Bridge Calendar makes a great present for the approaching Festive Season. It is about the size of a thick paperback airport novel (turned sideways) with a problem for each day. Problems set by famous bridge players & teachers include declarer play, opening leads, defence and some bidding. You tear off each page and the answer is on the back. Price at most outlets is around about \$28.

Principal sellers in NSW are Paul Lavings, Nick Fahrer and Ron Klinger (*Internet users just use Google to search on those names to get to their websites*)

Here is one of the problems for 2006:

Dealer: N	North
Vul: Nil	♠ A
	♡ A 9 2
	◇ A K J 10 6 5
	♣ 8 6 5
	[]
	South
	♠ 7 6 2
	♡ K J 10 8 4
	◇ Q 3
	♣ A K 2

You reach six hearts (E/W pass throughout). ♠Q is led. You win ♠A and play ♡2 from dummy to your 10 which wins (both opponents follow suit). Plan the play. Answer Page 5.

♣ ♦ ♠ ♡ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♡ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♡ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♡

Declarer Play Problem A

Dealer: S	North
Vul: NS Pairs	♠ A Q 8
	♡ 3
	◇ 6 2
	♣ K J 8 6 5 4 3
	South
	♠ K 6 4 3
	♡ A 9 4
	◇ J 8 5 2
	♣ A 2

Playing Acol, You open 1NT (12-14) and partner raises you to 3NT. West leads $\diamond 4$ to East's Ace. East returns $\diamond 10$ which holds the trick and continues with $\diamond 7$. After winning this trick with $\diamond Q$ and the next with $\diamond K$, West switches to $\spadesuit 7$.

You win $\spadesuit A$ and somewhat hopefully continue spades looking for a 3-3 break. West plays $\spadesuit 3$ on the second round but alas discards $\heartsuit 2$ on the third round. The club suit has to be broached and your $\clubsuit A$ collects $\clubsuit 7$ from West and $\clubsuit 9$ from East.

What now? Answer page 7

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COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP NSW TEAM SELECTION

A unique opportunity to represent NSW in a quality International bridge event

Qualifying: Saturday December 10th commencing at 10.00am

Swiss Butler Pairs with separate NS and EW fields

Final: Sunday December 11th commencing at 10.00am – a 5 table Butler Pairs

This event will select three pairs to play as a team to represent NSW in the 2006 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship to be held at the Victorian Bridge Association in Melbourne March 7 -12, 2006.

The three successful pairs will receive airfares to Melbourne and the NSWBA will pay the CNBC entry fee of \$2350.

ENTRY FEE is \$60.00 PER PLAYER (incl. GST)

Free entry to the Christmas Teams Congress for players not qualifying for the final.

DIRECTOR: MATTHEW McMANUS
Entries close at 5pm on Friday 9th December.
Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Director

No yellow systems will be permitted.

Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level.

Please enter on the noticeboard at the NSWBA, on-line, by email, or phone the office.

Declarer Play Problem B

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

You open 2NT, partner enquires with 3 clubs and your 3NT (denying a 4+ major suit) ends the auction. West leads ♦ 7 (if from length this will be 4th highest). Plan your play. Answer page 7.

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

Declarer Play Problem C

Dealer: W	North
Vul: Nil	♠ K 9 4
	♥ 10 6 2
	♦ A Q 9 7 6
	♣ K 5
	South
	♠ A Q 8 7 5
	♥ A 9 7 5
	♦ 5
	♣ Q 9 8

Partner opens 1 D, you respond 1 S and over partner's 2 D rebid you bid 2H. Partner bids 2S and you jump to 4S. E/W have passed throughout. LHO leads ♠ 2. *Plan your play*

Lets say you win ♠K at trick one (East plays ♠6) and play ♣K. West wins and continues with ♠ 3 to your ♠7 as East follows with ♠J. Now you cash ♣Q and ruff your last club and return to ♥A to play ♠A drawing West's last trump. On that first round of hearts East played ♥3 and West ♥8. Now you exit with ♥5 which West wins with ♥K as East produces ♥4. West now plays ♦J. Decision time for you.

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Trumps Bridge Club – Bridge Festival

December 26 to January 2. Bridge Tournaments available every day during this period. Look out for promotional brochures in your club or visit NSWBA web site and select 'Congresses in NSW' to enter on line. Phone Enquiries to Derrick Browne 9969 6969

Defence Problem No 1 for South

Dealer West	East
Nil Vul	♠ Q J 8 7
IMPs	♥ J 8 6 3 2
	♦ A 6
	♣ 8 5
South	
♠ A 10 9 3 2	
♥ A 9 7	
♦ 3 2	
♣ 6 4 3	

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2♦ <i>weak</i>	Dble	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

E/W are playing standard, so West does not have 15-17 balanced points. Partner (North) leads ♠6, declarer calls for ♠ 7 from dummy and its your play. What do you do and why ? Answer Page 8

Defence Problem No 2 for South

Dealer South	East
Nil Vul	♠ 10 7 4
IMPs	♥ Q J 7
	♦ 9 6 5
	♣ K 10 9 6
South	
♠ A 8 3	
♥ 10 9 8 3	
♦ Q 8 7 4	
♣ 7 3	

You pass as dealer and West's 1NT (15-17) opening bid is greeted with three passes. Partner (North) leads ♠2 – if from four this will be 4th highest. You win ♠A and before playing to trick two you do some thinking. Should you return a spade or is there a better alternative ? Answer Page 8

♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠

DAILY BRIDGE CALENDAR ANSWER

from page 2

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

Contract 6♥ by South – lead ♠ Q.

At trick two you play ♥2 from dummy to your ♥10 (*hoping to lose this trick to [Q]*) but ♥10 holds the trick – both opponents followed with small hearts. It looks like you can draw trumps even if East started with four to the queen, and run the diamonds to discard the black suit losers. When you lead a second trump towards dummy, West follows low. It looks like trumps are 3-2 and you are moments away from claiming. Can anything possibly go wrong? Well it doesn't seem likely - but what if West has four trumps and cunningly ducked his queen on the first round? Now, if you win dummy's ♥A and start the diamonds, West will often be able to ruff in soon enough to leave declarer with a black suit loser or two. The winning line at trick three is to make a safety play and put in ♥ 9 not caring if it loses for then you are in control.

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De Bortoli Wines was established by Vittorio and Giuseppina De Bortoli in 1928. Under the direction of their visionary son Deen, the company grew into one of Australia's most successful family wine companies. Now in the capable hands of the third generation, the family's commitment to quality is as strong as ever.

Ever expanding, De Bortoli Wines owns vineyards in New South Wales and Victoria in the Riverina, Hunter Valley, King Valley and the cool climate Yarra Valley, which also boasts one of Victoria's most popular and highly awarded restaurants.

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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.*

Taree Congress 8-9th October

Pairs Final -Oct 8

1st Bridget & Tony Earle (Port Macquarie)

2nd Noelle Kebby & Tony Woolford –

Teams Oct 9

1st Barbara Griffiths, Robert Hamilton, Anne Rutter and Kevin Tant.

2nd Gil Clarke, Pauline Erby, Phillippa Kidd and Pam Nelson.

Hakoah Congress

Pairs Championship

1st Toni Sharp & David Wiltshire

2nd Ishmael Del'Monte & Maryo Derofe

3rd Leslie Lowe & Vita Winestock

Swiss Teams

1st George Kozakos, Maurits van der Vlugt, Sharon Osberg, David Smith

2nd Paul Marston, Matthew Thompson, Brad Coles, K Christiansen

3rd Mario Derofe, Murray Green, Ishmael Del'Monte, Rob Fruewirth, Andrew Peake

Pennant Hills Congress 23rd October

1st Christine Boylson, Tony Ong, Leigh Gold & Stephen Burgess

2nd Les Varadi, Marika Pogany, Leslie Lowe & Tony Skinner

3rd Gao Zhang, Kelsey Chen, Shu Yang, Frank Lai

Best Home club team:- Kevin & Angela Dougall playing with David Boga & Henk Sluyter

Best Restricted team:- Cathy Cox, Malcolm Martin, Bob Lygo and Roger Horton

(52 teams competed)

This congress at Cherrybrook (Pennant Hills), continues to attract the largest field of any Metropolitan Club and should be congratulated on their continued success, (a) attracting a large number of their own members (b) attracting restricted players with 11 teams having less than 600 masterpoints combined.

Parramatta Teams Congress Oct 30

1st M Mears, L Marks, C McKenzie, N Bousfield

2nd Watts, E Chadwick, W Chyeski, M Durovic

3rd Shearer, V Hardie, F Molski, J Samborski

Southern Highlands Nov 5-6

Pairs: Carol Judd and Nancye Joss

Teams: Ellie and Jim Fitzgerald, Jack Lindsay and Lorraine Harkness

Cove Bridge Matchpointed Pairs, 20th Nov

1st Les Lowe and Tony Skinner

2nd Julian Abel and Peter Jeffery

3rd Marlene Watts and Ted Chadwick.

Detailed Results can be found at:

<http://www.playbridge.com.au/results/congress.asp?congress=201105>

There were 58 pairs playing in the morning session for a place in a 5 table Final Series. The afternoon saw an exciting session with the final and 5 consolation groups playing a barometer event. Round leaders being displayed, at the end of each move, via an overhead projector.

Directed by Matthew McManus

Hosted by John McIlraith.

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Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs

1st Ron Klinger – Bruce Neill

2nd Warren Lazer – Tony Nunn

3rd Maryo Derofe – Ishmael Del'Monte

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Declarer Play Problem A – Answer

This deal was reported in *The Spectator* magazine October 29 issue by Susanna Gross.

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

David Gold who now runs the St John's Bridge Club in London and is also a member of the 2005 England Bridge Team was the declarer in 3NT.

Gold reasoned that West was unlikely to have a five card heart suit since a five card suit would usually be lead at trick one instead of the four card diamond suit. With eight tricks gone, West was proven to have started with exactly four diamonds and precisely two spades. Therefore West should be 2 - 4 - 4 - 3 shape. Accordingly at trick nine he confidently finessed ♣ J with pleasing results.

Declarer Play Problem B - Answer

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

In the GNOT Sydney Metropolitan final in late August 2005, South won the lead in hand and played ♣A followed by ♣6 to guard against Q J x x clubs with East. Unfortunately for declarer, East now switched to ♠5 and declarer now had to lose three spades a club and a diamond for -100.

A superior line (to keep the spade suit protected) was to win ♦J at trick 1 and then run ♣8. Yes if West has ♣Q J doubleton or ♣Q J x this recommended line will fail. West's lead looks to be from length. Now if East has doubleton or singleton diamond then he figures to have 3 + clubs?

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Declarer Play Problem C - Answer

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

Did you know your basic percentages regarding suit breaks? Consider the original layout of the heart suit - with four cards opposite 3, the book says that 4-2 break of the opponents cards is a 48% chance whereas a 3-3 break is only a 35%. (Refer to 'Mathematical Tables' in Bridge Encyclopedia - table 4). In essence the diamond finesse against the king is 50%. Go with the percentage play - finesse ♦Q!

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

NSWBA Library

The NSWBA would like to encourage members to start using the bridge library at the NSW premises. Books and magazines are available for loan for a period of four weeks. There will be no charge for the loans, but a fee for late returns will be applied.

The library will be available during the half-hour prior to a session, and members wishing to borrow books (max two out at the same time) should initially contact.

1. Office staff
2. Session Director
3. Ross Stuart
4. Other Councillors

Members will be required to sign for the books in the loans register, and to sign on their return.

Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed regarding the operation of the library, and these should be passed to any of the above contacts.

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How to Bid a 7-6 shape?

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

In the NSWBA Monday night Schaufelberger Teams on Nov 28, this deal caused many swings. A number of experienced pairs got to the seven level - mostly in hearts but one pair reached seven spades. And I even heard of one West declaring four spades!

In one match, Tony Nunn was sitting West and saw South open 1♣. He overcalled 1♠. North bid 2♣ and East doubled (negative). South redoubled but Tony was unfazed and rebid 6♥ for +980.

Ed - I think these extreme two suiters are usually best bid naturally. Opening 1S will usually work best as surely it would never go pass, pass, pass? But if you do open 2C (GF) the best move is to show your spades and then rebid 6H.

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

Answer to 2 NT Defence (from Page 5)

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

The winning defence requires you to win ♠ A at trick one and switch to ♦ 3. You can deduce that partner has a suit like K J 10 x x x else he might have led a diamond at trick 1. If you succumb to the temptation of inserting ♠ 9 at trick one you have missed the boat. West wins ♠ K, cashes ♣ A and exits ♣ Q. North can continue spades but declarer is home – duck the first ♦ when South switches, win ♦ continuation with ♦ A and play a heart to the king for +120.

Answer to 1NT Defence (from page 5) –

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

South must resist the 'robot' defence of simply returning partner's suit without any thought. South can see that clubs lie favourable for Declarer if he is missing honour(s) there. Also hearts offer little joy. To beat 1NT the defence needs diamond tricks and the time to attack is NOW- at trick two switch to ♦ 4- BINGO! (Both these defence deals come from NSWBA Schaufelberger Teams Nov 28, 2005 and in each case the defence failed - - -)

DIARY OF UPCOMING CONGRESSES

Date	Club	Event	Contact	Phone
December 11	NSWBA	Christmas Teams	Liz Fanos	9264 8111
December 26, 27 28,29 ,30, Jan 1, Jan2	Trumps	Trumps Bridge Festival (see advertising brochures for details of the different events available)	Derrick Browne Enter on line via NSWBA 'Congresses' section of web site	9969 5959 or email trumps@trumps.net.au
January 8	Lindfield	Summer Teams	Angie Boulton	9416 2500
January 15	NSWBA	Summer Teams	Liz Fanos	9264 8111
January 18-30	ABF	Summer Festival of Bridge	ABF Web Site	Convenor is Sean Mullamphy
February 5	Bayside	Summer Teams	Matt Mullamphy	9388 2662
February 11-12	Great Lakes	Swiss Teams	Don Scown	6555 9262
February 12	Trumps	Summer Teams	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
February 18-25	Gold Coast	45 th ANA Gold Coast Congress	See QBA web site and paper brochures	
March 4-5	Illawarra Bridge Ass'n	Pairs and Teams	Chris Diment	4284 4271
March 4-5	Forbes	Pairs and Teams	Elizabeth Jelbart & Angus Glasson	6852 3347 6852 2856
March 10-11	Batemans Bay	Pairs & Teams	Richard Scutter	4472 4969 Mob 0415 738 848