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(Ed) I am testing some new Bulletin layout processes hence the slightly different 'look' of this Bulletin.

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# BULLETIN

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## Chairman's Corner

Plans for the first of the regional bridge club workshops is well advanced. The Northern NSW workshop will be held at the Tamworth Bridge club over the October long weekend. That's somewhat later in the year than originally envisaged but the bridge calendar is so congested that finding a weekend that didn't clash with a congress in that region nor with a national event proved difficult. The workshop will kick off around 1:00 PM on Saturday with sessions on Masterpoints, Financial Management, Teaching & Promotion. The NSWBA will then host a dinner for all the delegates, followed by a bridge game commencing around 7:30 PM where there will be an opportunity to partner an expert. The Sunday session will commence around 9:30 AM with a presentation on Conflict Resolution and Ethics, then Directing, followed by a lunch break. In the afternoon there will be a session on congresses, as well as the opportunity for those wishing to do so to grab an expert to answer any questions they may still have.

Clubs located in the northern NSW region are invited to send delegates along to the workshop. In the case of affiliated clubs, the travel and accommodation expenses (on a twin-share basis) of up to two delegates will be met by the NSWBA. Non-affiliated clubs are also welcome to send one or two delegates but in that case the NSWBA will only meet half the expenses incurred. Clubs, whether affiliated or not, wishing to send additional delegates are welcome to do so at their own expense. Lorraine Harkness and Peter Gill who are jointly organising the workshop will be contacting all eligible clubs around July.

A Southern NSW workshop, to be staged in Wagga, is scheduled for February next year, with another in March to cater for the Sydney metropolitan clubs.

On a totally different topic, OzOne which aims to make Australia a force in international bridge is a highly commendable project. Unfortunately it is having a most deleterious effect on the NSWBA. The problem is that it has siphoned off many of Sydney's top players so that they are no longer available to compete in state events. As a consequence not only are our table numbers down but the field for the Interstate Team Finals this year had far fewer luminaries than usual. This is an unfortunate side effect and one I am sure the OzOne organisers never intended. Just as the OzOne players are expected to benefit from exposure to tough competition at the international level, so will those aspiring to state representation benefit from the stiffer competition they will encounter when there are OzOne pairs in the field. This trickle down effect can only benefit the standard of Australian bridge in future and could eventually help OzOne achieve its goals. It is imperative therefore that the OzOne overseas playing schedule and the schedule of major NSW selection events be better synchronized.

**Dr Alex Yezerski**  
Chairman NSWBA

**NSWBA Tournament Regulations Changes**  
These changes are effective from 1 January 2006. Go to our web site to view full regs.

*Most of the changes made are of a technical nature. Those that will affect players significantly in their table routine are marked with an asterisk (\*).*

1.2 Now specifies the Laws of Bridge as promulgated by the WBF instead of specifying the 1997 Laws.

1.4 Specifies which sections of these regulations apply to NSWBA affiliated clubs when they don't have their own set of Tournament Regulations.

4.4.1 Equivalent standard in substitutions now reflects the relative abilities of the pairs rather than players.

4.5.1 A loophole in the number of allowed substitutions in 9+ session events has been plugged.

4.6.4 & 4.9.3 Specify allowances for players who are representing NSW or Australia in ABF or international events and hence cannot attend regular NSWBA session(s).

5 Updated to reflect the new (Oct 2004) changes to the ABF System Regulations.

5.5 Yellow systems and defences must now be posted on the NSWBA website as well as in the Systems folder.

\*6.1.6 A call is now defined as made when the bidding card is removed from the box with apparent intent. Do not touch the bidding cards till you have decided on the call you intend to make.

\*6.1.9 After the opening lead and explanations, all bidding cards are returned to their boxes – declarer no longer leaves the final contract displayed on the table.

\*6.2.2 The bidding slip is no longer to be marked by the players with dealer and vulnerability.

6.5 Specifies that the ABF Alerting Regulations will be used by the NSWBA. The Alerting Regulations themselves have moved from Section 7 to Part C of the Regulations.

7.1 Specifies the maintaining of a register for Directors to record details of offences (mobile phones, slow play, late arrival, etc).

7.8 Both offending teams are now penalised, not just the winning team.

8. "Adjusted score" and "average" are now defined as 2 IMPs for a fouled board instead of 3 IMPs.

13.9 (new) Documents procedures to be adopted if a match is forfeited.

13.10 (new) Documents scoring procedures if 1 or more boards in a match cannot be played due to no fault of the players.

15 Appeals procedures are now Section 15 instead of being Part B.

Part B is that part of the ABF System Regulations which defines the Yellow, Red, Blue and Green colour coding of systems and Brown Sticker conventions.

Part C is the ABF Alerting Regulations in full.

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### **NSW Open and Womens Teams for 2006**

These two long running selection events comprising three stages reached its conclusion at NSWBA on Sunday April 30. The top three pairs will represent NSW at the Australian National Championships in late July.

Congratulations go to the successful pairs

Open:

Murray Green – Andrew Peake

Martin Bloom – Peter Gill

Kim Morrison- Marilyn Chadwick

Womens

Merrilee Robb – Wendi Halvorsen

Heather Renton – Marlene Watts

Billie Gupta- Liz Druckman

The team trials for the Seniors and Youth teams will be held soon.

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## Congress Results

### Batemans Bay March 11-12

- 1 Len van der Hor - Liz van der Hor
- 2 Geoff Hutchins - Elaine Leach
- 3 Helen Bruce - Edith Jones

#### Teams

- 1 S Ashton, A Morris, M Abraham, N Griffiths
- 2 N Bugeia, G Stockham, K Colbert, E Glass
- 3 V Hopwood, A Mellings, B Spurrier, B Spurrier,

### Armidale Pairs March 12 2006

#### Final

- .1= Ian Price - Bruce Tier
- .1= Lorraine Harkness - Jack Lindsay
- .3 Ann Pettigrew - Adrienne Stephens
- .4 Elizabeth Martin - Bea Sanger
- .5 Rosemary Barclay - Olive Carter

#### Plate

- ..1 Lee Bruyn - Olive Tilly
- ..2 Edward Hahn - Robert Stewart

### Cove Teams March 12

- 1 Martin Bloom, Steven Bock, Catherine Ritter and Sartaj Hans
- 2 E Barnes - D Wiltshire - N Edgtton - K Vohandu
- 3 M Kefford - M Kefford - P Weaver - P Bayliss

### Central Coast March 17-19

#### Swiss Pairs

- 1 Brian Bedkober & Robert Krochmalik
- 2 Heather Cusworth & Peter Jeffery
- 3 Pamela Blinman & Merrilee Robb
- 4 Sally Clarke & Josie Ryan
- 5 Elizabeth Fanos & George Finikiotis

#### Swiss Teams

- 1 George Gaspar, Seamus Browne, Adam Edgtton, Nabil Edgtton
- 2 K Ody, N Joss, A Mills, S Morris
- 3 P Berzins, D Berzins, - P Coats, D Coats Tony Skinner.

### Lindfield Autumn Teams March 26

- 1 Liz Quittner, Joe Quittner, Ruth Jamieson, Peter Jamieson
2. Avril Zets, David Wurth, Peter Livesey, Tony Ong
3. David Smea, John Mottram, Peter Jeffrey, Julian Abel

### Peninsula Teams April 2

- 1 George Bilski, Witold Chylewski, Mark Kolodziejczyk and Ryszard Waszyrowski
2. Mischa Solar, Les Lowe, John Mottram, Liz Quittner
3. Steven Bock, George Finikiotis, Greg Eustace, Graeme Corin

### Maitland Teams April 9

1. Emil Battista, Barbara Hunter, Roger Yandle, David Monahan
  2. Jim & Ellie Fitz-gerald, George Finikiotis, Elizabeth Fanos
  3. Marlene Watts, Witold Chylewski, Mark Kolodziejczyk, Edward Chadwick
- ### Lindfield Bridge Club Anzac Day Swiss Pairs

1. Rakesh Kumar – Les Lowe
2. Jane Dawson – Bob Richman
3. Marie Hucker – Nancy Everingham
4. Nicky Strasser – Kieran Dyke
5. Lester Kalmin – Lynn Kalmin

### Lindfield Bridge Club Anzac Swiss Teams

1. Jane Douglass, Val Cummings, Helen Lowry, Ted Chadwick
2. Jane Dawson, Michael Courtney, Liz Adams, Tony Nunn
3. Warren Dobes, Patrick Neary, Helena and Tony Hutton

### Defence Problem for West

**Dir:South** North  
**Vul: All** ♠ 8  
**Imps** ♥ 1083  
♦ J32  
♣ Q109432

West  
♠ Q962  
♥ J72  
♦ A104  
♣ K87

### BIDDING

W	N	E	S
			2C
Pass	2D*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3C**	Pass	3D
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

\* negative or waiting

\*\* Puppet Stayman

( 2NT showed 23-24 and 3D showed no 5 card major but promised one or two 4 card majors)

At match point pairs you might try a neutral lead but this is IMPs so you attack with a low spade (the 2 if you use the popular 4<sup>th</sup> highest). It goes ♠8, ♠K, ♠A and declarer plays ♦6 to dummy's jack (partner plays ♦9 and continues diamonds, partner plays ♦4 and declarer ♦Q which you duck. Declarer plays a third diamond to you ace and partners pitches ♥5.

What is going on ? What card do you play now ?

Answer : page 4

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## Answer to Defence Problem for West:

(from page 3)

There have been numerous clues for West on this deal which was Board 23 NSWBA ITS stage 1 February 15.

**Dir:South** North  
**Vul: All** ♠ 8  
**Imps** ♥ 1083  
 ♦ J32  
 ♣ Q109432

West	East
♠ Q962	♠ K107543
♥ J72	♥ 965
♦ A104	♦ 95
♣ K87	♣ 65

North  
 ♠ AJ  
 ♥ AKQ4  
 ♦ KQ876  
 ♣ AJ

Partner has produced ♠K and therefore can not have any more big honour cards. Declarer has promised a 4 card major but has already been proven to hold five diamonds. Partner's ♥5 discard tells you he dislikes hearts so surely hearts is declarer's hidden major. It is almost certain that declarer's original shape was 2-4-5-2 (though there is a slight chance he has bid NT offshape with a 3-4-5-1 pattern..Your best move after winning ♦A is to plonk ♠Q on the table and continue spades. This nets you +200.

*(Ed at the table West did not lead a spade and declarer was untroubled. Note that 5C, 5D and 4H all make –would you and your partner avoid 3NT ?)*

♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣

## NSWBA Library on the Web

Visit our web site to check out what's available in the NSWBA Library.

♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣

## Results of Teams Congress held Sunday April 30

at Kings and Queens Bridge Club , Rose Bay

1. A Ramer, A Johannsson, W Malacynski,

R Waszyrowski

2. S Morris, E Kowalczyk, S Young, M Burtenshaw

## 3NT Tester

**Dealer: E** North  
 Vul: Nil ♠ A J 6 5  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ J 10 8 7 5  
 ♣ 6 2

South  
 ♠ K 2  
 ♥ AJ  
 ♦ A Q 6  
 ♣ A K J 9 8 3

In the NSWBA Open team trials Stage I, 14 of 16 pairs bid these hands to 3NT. Most opened 2NT and were raised to 3NT. A 2C GF opening from South should see N/S reach 6D but only one pair (Paul Lavings –Ed Barnes) achieved that).

Anyway back to the task at hand. West leads ♥K and the spotlight is on you. Plan your play. Answer page 5

♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣

## Modified Hamilton ?

Most duplicate bridge players like to climb into the auction over the opposition 1NT opening when holding some distribution and points. A popular method for describing these types of hands is "Hamilton" ( also known as 'Cappelletti' or 'Pottage').

If you have Internet , just *Google Hamilton Convention* and check out the details.

Some Sydney bridge players have been using a modified version of this which goes like this : 2C shows both majors and responder can bid 2D enquiry with equal length asking the overcaller to choose. If the overcall is 2D this promises a single suited hand ( 6 carder) –usually a major (responder bids 2H –pass or correct). Immediate overcalls of 2S or 2H show five of that suit and a 4+ minor. Double is penalties.

Modified Hamilton is superior in my view (Ed) for two reasons : (i) it allows the best major suit fit to be located (not possible in Hamilton which uses 2D to show the majors) and (ii) it inconveniences opponents who play "system on" after a Hamilton 2C (an unknown single suiter) overcall. For example what does a double of 2D (unknown single suiter) mean ? Is this Stayman or a heart suit or a diamond suit?

By the way famous English bridge player & writer, Eric Crowhurst, recommended this 2C for majors, 2D single suiter approach-see his 1980 book *Acol In Competition*

## Answer to 3 NT Tester Problem from P4

(Board 1 March 15, 2006, hand rotated for convenience)

Dealer: E

Vul: Nil

North

♠ A J 6 5

♥ 7 4

♦ J 10 8 7 5

♣ 6 2

West

♠ Q 9 7 3

♥ K Q 10 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

East

♠ 10 8 4

♥ 9 8 6 5 2

♦ K 9

♣ 10.7.4

South

♠ K 2

♥ A.J

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3

South declares 3NT and receives ♥K lead. On the surface you have eight cards in each minor suit and a choice between finessing for ♦K or for ♣Q. Seven declarer's won ♥A and cashed ♣A, then crossed to ♠A and finessed ♣J- OOPS.

This is wrong because the only club layout that this succeeds against is Q x x of clubs with East. you can't handle a 4-1 club break (queen onside).

The best line is win ♥A and cash ace and king of clubs-if the queen does not appear, cross to dummy and play ♦J. This is a superior line to the straight club or diamond finesse. Seven South Players wrote down -50 and one N/S pair bid to the safe 5D game.

♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣

## USA ALERT RULES

In America they have a sensible rule for when partner opens 1NT. The responder must say what it is !

*This from the ACBL web site:*

EXAMPLE: a 15-17 1NT opening bid is made. - - -

The partner of the bidder will say aloud, "fifteen to seventeen.". And after the 1NT opening where responder makes a transfer bid - -

EXAMPLE: 1NT-(P) : 2D *response*, the 1NT bidder will say aloud, "Transfer." A third example: a non-forcing opening 1C or 1D is made in which the opener could have fewer than three cards in the suit opened. After the opening bid, the opening bidder's partner says, "May be short."

*(Ed Maybe the ABF should adopt these three ACBL rules. It would save a lot of angst by removing some ethics problems that occur in these situations in Australia at present)*

# Sydney Spring Nationals



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## EXCLUSION BLACKWOOD

Exclusion Blackwood is a continuation and extension of the Roman Key Card Blackwood convention. The concept behind this convention is to show a void while exploring for the possibility of a slam. The bidding process is quite easy to learn and will assist in reaching, through the exchange of information, the correct contract. Many contributions to bridge theory were made by **Mr. Bobby Goldman**, 1938 - 1999, and the idea behind Exclusion Blackwood is attributed to him. The Bridge World, May 1981 Volume 52, Number 8 has an article about the Exclusion Blackwood convention, written by Mr. Ron Gerard. The convention of Exclusion Blackwood is also referred to as

**Voidwood.** ♠

The bidding process:

Opener	Responder
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1 ♠	3 ♠
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It is agreed that Spades is the trump suit. Normally, the opener, who is looking for a possible slam contract, will employ the Roman Key Card Blackwood convention to discover the number of Key Cards held by the responder. However, the opener has a void, which makes the hand much more valuable. Exclusion Blackwood is a convention which will assist the opener in showing his partner that he holds a void and in which suit the void is.

Opener	Responder
1 ♠	3 ♠
5 ♣	Void in Clubs
5 ♦	Void in Diamonds
5 ♥	Void in Hearts

By jumping to the Five Level, the opener is communicating to his partner that he has interest in a slam contract and that he has a void in the bid suit. The responder, realizing the location of the void, responds to the Exclusion Blackwood convention by counting his Key Cards **except** the Key Card in the suit, in which the opener is void.

The bid on the Five Level by the opener is treated the same as had the opener bid 4 No Trump, employing normal Roman Key Card Blackwood. Therefore, the responder would bid according to the following, showing his Key Cards.

Opener	Responder
1 ♠	3 ♠
5 ♣	Void in Clubs Responder has 0 or 3 Key Cards Responder has 1 or 4 Key Cards Responder has 2 Key Cards without the Queen of trump Responder has 2 Key Card with the Queen of trump
	5 ♦
	5 ♥
	5 ♠
	5 NT

Opener	Responder
1 ♠	3 ♠
5 ♦	Void in Diamonds Responder has 0 or 3 Key Cards Responder has 1 or 4 Key Cards Responder has 2 Key Cards without the Queen of trump Responder has 2 Key Card with the Queen of trump
	5 ♥
	5 ♠
	5 NT
	6 ♣

Opener	Responder
1 ♠	3 ♠
5 ♥	Void in Hearts Responder has 0 or 3 Key Cards Responder has 1 or 4 Key Cards Responder has 2 Key Cards without the Queen of trump Responder has 2 Key Card with the Queen of trump
	5 ♠
	5 NT
	6 ♣
	6 ♦

In all bidding auctions, it is important to remember that the promised void suit Key Card is **not** counted as a Key Card when responding.

Voidwood was successfully used by France in the 2005 World Youth Bridge Championships held in

Sydney at the Homebush Olympic precinct on the below deal:

Dlr: E	North		
Vul: E/W	♠ AJ872		
Imps	♥ AQ9653		
	♦ —		
	♣ 74		
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ KQ9643		♠ 5	
♥ 10		♥ 72	
♦ AK52		♦ Q1097643	
♣ J3		♣ 965	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ 10		
	♥ KJ84		
	♦ J8		
	♣ AKQ1082		

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
		Pass	1C
1S	2H	Pass	3H
3S	Pass <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4C
Pass	5D <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5NT
Pass	6D <sup>3</sup>	Pass	7C
Pass	7H	All Pass	

1. No doubt hoping South will re-open with a take out double !
- 2 Voidwood
- 3 Grand slam try confirming all five aces are held (South showed 2 aces on hearts ,no ♥Q

An impressive auction which in my (PJ) view deserved to win an award ! There were some interesting results at other tables on this board. If you are interested then read Ron Klinger's report in Daily Bulletin 6 (page8) available on the Internet : Go to [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) then Select 'Competitions' then Select Youth Championships then Select Sydney, Australia then Select Daily Bulletins Needless to say, Voidwood should only be used by serious tournament partnerships who play regularly. This is the sort of bidding convention, which stimulates bidding accidents. But used sensibly it will sharpen up both small and grand slam bidding. ( The **Voidwood** article on the previous page appeared in BAWA Newsletter recently and comes from "The Bridge Guys" web site -just google bridge guys. There is lots of useful info there.):

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# Congress Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>
May 5 to May 7	Bathurst	Pairs & Teams	Margaret Craig	6331 5301
May 5 to May 7	Mollymook	Pairs & Teams	Tony Rolfe	4454 0454
May 6 to May 7	Port Macquarie- Hastings	Pairs & Teams	Bridget Earle	6582 3232
May 7	Trumps	Autumn Teams	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
May 20-21	Coffs Harbour	Teams	Robyn Bingham	6651 7845
May 20-21	Inverell-Delvyn	Teams	Don Learmonth	6722 5503
May 26 to May 28	Mudgee	Pairs & Teams	Val Heferen	6372 3383
May 27 to May 28	Leeton Soldiers	Pairs & Teams	Pam Whitehead	6953 2358
May 28	Tweed	May Madness Butler Pairs	Mrs Y Howie	5575 1693
May 28	NSWBA	Autumn Swiss Pairs	Liz Fanos	9264 8111
June 4	NSWBA	Teams of Three	Liz Fanos	9264 8111
June 11	Strathfield	Teams	Denis Rippon	9746 7401
June 17 to June 18	Newcastle	Pairs & Teams	Graham Rummey	4961 3633
June 18	Illawarra Master Builders	Teams	Patricia Daum	4283 3506 w 4294 1586 h
June 23 To June 25	Bridge at Club Willoughby	Pairs & Teams	John McIlrath	1300 SPADES
June 25	Tweed	Wintersun Teams	Mrs Y Howie	5575 1693
July 1st to July 2nd	Tamworth	Swiss Pairs	Pat Barker	6766 9988
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trumps	Winter Teams	Derrick Browne	9969 5969
Jul 9	Illawarra	Swiss Butler Pairs	Chris Diment	4427 2799
July 9	Lindfield	Swiss Teams	Angie Boulton	9416 2500