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Chairman's Corner

The proposed amalgamation of the FABC and NSWBA is progressing nicely. The broad parameters of the merger have been largely agreed, at least within the joint FABC/NSWBA sub-committee set up to formulate a proposal to put before the members of the two organisations. In essence, the representation of affiliated clubs on the NSWBA Council will be increased from three councillors to four. One of these will be elected by Sydney metropolitan clubs; one by outer metropolitan clubs, essentially a belt encompassing Newcastle, Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Wollongong; and two by country clubs, partitioned into north and south NSW by an imaginary line drawn due west from Sydney. The constitution of the NSWBA will be redrafted so that membership of the Association which is currently restricted to 'natural persons' is broadened to include corporate and community entities as well. While anyone will be able to nominate for an individual 'FABC' position, voting will be restricted to affiliated clubs within the designated geographic area. The number of votes allocated to a club will depend on the size of its membership. A sliding scale will apply which tapers off sufficiently rapidly to ensure that larger clubs can't swamp the vote of smaller ones.

The assets of the FABC will be quarantined in a trust fund administered by the NSWBA under strict instructions imposed by the FABC to guarantee that they can't be plundered. The amount remaining in the "Betty Hill Trust" will be applied only for the benefit and promotion of country bridge. The balance will be applied for the benefit of all affiliated clubs wherever they are located. None of the moneys will go to support the NSWBA. The amalgamation will result in considerable cost savings through the elimination of duplicated accounting, auditing, banking and secretarial services. One element of the FABC structure that will be retained is the use of regional representatives to act as intermediaries between affiliated clubs and the central body.

The timetable we are working towards is as follows:

- Finalise the amendments to the NSWBA Constitution by 1 Oct 2007
- Adopt the amended constitution at the NSWBA Annual General Meeting on 12 Dec 2007
- Dissolve the FABC as soon as practicable thereafter.

In the meantime, the NSWBA is pushing ahead with its second regional workshop which will be held in Wagga on the weekend of July 28/29. The following clubs are being invited to send representatives.

Alinga Bridge Studio	Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club
Batemans Bay Bridge Club	Milton Bridge Club
Bathurst & District Bridge Club Inc	Mollymook Bridge Club
Bega Valley Bridge Club	Moruya Bridge Club
Bowral Bridge Club Inc	Mudgee Bridge Club
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Cowra & District Bridge Club	Tumbarrumba Bridge Club
Dubbo Bridge Club Inc	Tumut Bridge Club
Forbes Bridge Club	Urunga Bridge Club
Goulburn Bridge Club	Wagga Wagga Bridge Club Inc
Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Bridge Club	Wellington Bridge Club
Ingleburn RSL Bridge Club	West Wyalong

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Dr Alex Yezerki

Defence to “Myxo” type multi two bids

Regular tournament bridge players need to have their defences ready for all the different types of “funny” two bids that are encountered in Australia these days. The “Multi 2♦” opening which shows a weak 2 in either major is ubiquitous.

In New South Wales “RCO” Two Bids are encountered frequently in the larger bridge clubs and on the Congress circuit. RCO stands for **R**ank, **C**olour, **O**dd and thus 2H= **R** and 2S=**C** and 2NT=**O**dd (to cover two suits of mixed rank or mixed colour). Most if not all Multi Twos are lumped together into bidding category called “Brown Sticker Conventions”. These conventions are prohibited in many overseas tournaments (except top level international events) but in Australia most bridge clubs seem to allow them so one needs to be prepared in case your opponents use them.

In 1997 Sydney professional Paul Lavings wrote in his column in the ABF Newsletter regarding defending against RCO and Multi Two Bids : - “ Simple methods have great appeal to me. There is less scope for misunderstandings and a general formula allows your partnership to play against any system without continuous discussions “.

Sydney professional Kieran Dyke’s views on coping with various ‘multis’ can be found on the Web (just google the words *Kieran Dyke generic defence*) : “The generic defense **XXX** (First double strength, second double takeout, third double blood) covers them perfectly well against every two-bid I’ve ever encountered, including the superfert 2C (0-4 any) played by one forcing pass pair, and the 6-9 any 2C opening from old-style Moscito. RCO twos, Myxos, Tartan twos are easily shrugged off.”

Most tournament players have organized themselves to defend against RCO’s and Multi’s. However many players are not prepared to cope with Myxo’s which you will frequently encounter at Gold Point (National) tournaments.

So what is a Myxo two bid ? Its origin is dated to the 1970’s and is attributed to Bob Sebesfi and Paul Woods of Sydney. Myxo stands for Myxamatoxis. Internet users can simply google those three words and obtain lots of information. The following is from the Cavendish.Demon web site : “In Myxo opening all two level bids show either suit above, or both suits above that (plus a few other things as an opening)”.

It may be easier for some readers to view a summary of a popular Myxo method.

2C = **weak two in diamonds (5+)**. 9 PTs any suit; 23-24 balanced; weak both majors (5+4+);

2D = weak two in hearts (5+).or GF;or weak 5+5+ blacks;

2H =; weak two in spades (5+). Or weak 5+5+ both minors

2S = weak 5+5+ reds; pre-empt in clubs.

3C = weak 5+5+ C and H.

3D = weak 5+5+ D and S.

Responses to the two level openings: on most hands responder to the opener will bid opener’s ‘suit’. A new suit is natural non-forcing. 2NT is the strong bid.

So how best to defend against these two Bids ? Certainly a generic defence such as recommended by Kieran Dyke will work much of the time. But such a defence fails to recognise the fact that the most common hand type launched by a myxo two bid is simply a weak two in the suit above the suit that has been bid. If the Myxo two bidder has a stronger type of hand you will almost certainly be passing , listening and eventually defending.

Here is a defence recommended to me by a top interstate player who uses Myxo two bids with most of his partners.

- 2NT = 16-18 with stopper in their suit (upgrade a “good” 15 of course) ; after this bid partner uses your normal ‘response to 2NT’ bidding structure. Five Card or puppet Stayman is a good idea to locate 5 card majors.
- X is take out of their assumed suit (ie the weak 2D-H or S) **or 19-21 balanced**; responder can use Lebensohl here by partnership agreement.
- 3NT to play (could be 22+ balanced); a 4♣ bid now by responder can be played as BARON asking for 4 card suits up the line.
- cue their (spoken) suit = natural with values suitable for the vulnerability and having regard for whether partner is a passed hand.
- jump cue their “shown” suit = Michaels Cue Bid.
- With a strong balanced hand unsuitable for X or 2NT, pass on the first round.
- After (2D) – P - (2H) - ? – you are in 4th seat here treat this as the opening bid - defence as if third hand had opened a weak two in Hearts.

Be aware that when your opponents are using Myxo’s and they are non-vulnerable, they love to open on weak and smelly hands so try not be jostled by them. A favorite action is to launch a Myxo two bid with a five card weak two (especially 2♣ showing weak two in ♦). They love to steal your bidding space

and they trade on the fact that when your are vulnerable against not you will rarely seek to penalise them.

Some readers of this article may well have their own pet methods of defending against various multis. If your methods work most of the time – fine stick to them. As long as you have some sensible and not too complex method you should do OK. The people that Myxo bidders love to meet are those who have no defence prepared or players who say “we just ignore them”. Good tournament players using Myxos aggressively will eat you for breakfast – most of the time ! Good luck.

Peter Jamieson

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Declarer Play Problem – 6NT

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

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♣	1 ♠	Double *
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6NT //

South decided to double the 1♠ overall to keep the pot boiling at a low level. The charge into 6NT was risky (source of tricks?) but understandable. West leads ♥J and you win this in hand with ♥K as East follows with ♥5 and you study dummy. You note -- **only 10 top tricks are available**. Seeking more information you cash ♥A and East shows out discarding ♠4. Looks like you need the clubs to provide two more tricks (or it could be one club and one spade trick). **Why didn't West lead a spade** – could it be the spades are 0-2-6-5? If clubs are 3-3 and West has the queen it will be easy. However you know from textbooks and your own experience that a 4-2 split of the clubs is more common than 3-3. You should try to give yourself an extra chance. Seeking more information, you cash ♦K and all follow suit. You cash ♦Q and again all follow – *East with the jack*. What now ?

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Sydney Spring Nationals



24 OCT – 1 NOV 2007

Gold Masterpoints

Playoff Qualifying Points

Venue: Hakoah Club, Bondi

Details: www.abf.com.au/events/spnot

OPEN TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Qualifying: Wednesday 24th to
Friday 26th October 2007
Final Series: Sat 27th & Sun 28th
October 2007

DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS (Swiss Matchpoint Pairs)

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th
October 2007

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Defence Problem for South

Dealer: East	
Nil Vul, Pairs	East (Dummy)
	♠ J 4 2
	♥ Q J 10 4
	♦ A K Q
	♣ 9 3 2
	South (You)
	♠ K 8
	♥ A 5
	♦ J 7 5 2
	♣ Q 8 7 6 4

East opens 1C and rebids 1NT over West's 1S. West now bids 2H, East raises this to 3H and West goes to 4H. (*Note: 2H was non forcing and checkback was available*). Partner leads ♦10 won in dummy with ♦Q as you and declarer follow small. At trick two declarer plays ♥Q – what do you do ?
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The 2007 NSW Singles was won by Rosemary Farr-Jones . This event is run over 20 weeks from January to June on Tuesday mornings. Players must play with 4 different partners and the best 12 scores are averaged to calculate the final percentage. The placings were dominated by the women this year with Annette Marshall, Billie Gupta, Helga Delgorge and Frances Cufar coming 2nd, 3rd 4th & 5th respectively.



NSW Mixed Pairs Championship 2007

- 1 Jeanette Reitzer - Edward Chadwick
- 2 Elizabeth Fanos - George Finikiotis
- 3 Kim Morrison - Marilyn Chadwick



Winners of NSW Mixed pairs
 ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

NSWBA Teams of Three

This popular annual event has been running for over 30 years. The format is that people enter as a team of three. On the morning of the congress (Sunday June 3) they are allocated expert captains by random draw. There were numerous spot prizes handed out which engendered a fun feeling for the day. Thanks go to Manzoni Accessories and Paul Lavings (Post Free Books) who generously donated prizes. This year we had 50 teams.



Winners : 2007 Teams of Three

- The top three placegetters were:
- 1 Ishmael Del'Monte, Tony Bond, Susie Berger, Daryo Muraben
 - 2 Inez Glanger, Robyn Kelly, Mizuho Okamoto, Sue Allen
 - 3 George Finikiotis, Helen Eaton, Garry Clarke, Sally Clarke

Thanks to convener Judy Mott who was ably assisted on the day by Judy Frazier. The congress was directed by Nick Hughes.



Congress Results

Ballina Open Swiss Teams

The Final

- 1 Barbara & Roger Wethered, Helen & Robert Milward (Gold Coast)
- = 2 Helen & Peter Tootell, Gary Lynn, Roger Stanfield (Ballina)
- =2 Ed Barnes, Peter Wilshire, Keiran Crowe-Mai, Anita Sharma (Sydney)

The Plate

- 1 Madge Spooner, Julie Berry, Helen Hancock, Edna Smith (Ballina/ Tamworth)
- 2 Eileen & Jack Pierce, Audrey Humphreys, John Kable (Ballina)
- 3 Clare Treanor-Cook, Jill Theakstone, Henry Hirschhorn, Mary Leonard, Judy Carroll (Ballina)

Hawkesbury Bridge Club 29/04/2007

- 1 Avinash Kanetkar, Dennis Raymond, Glen Prichard, Nandu Gangal
- 2 Anthony Wells, David Priol, Elaine Pugh, Jeffrey Pugh
- 3 Ken Storr, Michael Phillips, Shirley Phillips, Zofia Dreher

Strathfield

- = 1 George Bilski, Jacek Wocial, Peter Ciszak & Wieslaw Podworski
 - =1 Catherine Ritter, Jamie Ebery, Nevena Djurovic and Sartaj Hans
- 3rd place went to Ben Chosid, Pauline Gumby, Warren Dobes & Warren Lazer

Mudgee

Pairs Final:

- 1 Margaret Geddes & Christine Williams
- 2 Ian Walker & Bernie Adcock
- 3 Jeff Pugh & Tony Wells

Pairs Plate:

- 1 Olive Carter & Rosemary Barclay
- 2 Andrew Webb & Nola McMillan
- 3 Lorraine Harkness & Jack Lindsay

Teams:

- 1 Margaret Geddes, Christine Williams, Helena Dawson & Christine Chandler
- 2 Jenni Hector; Liz Scorer; Carol Connelly & Diane Kajons.
- = 3 Lorraine Harkness, Jack Lindsay, Ian Walker, Bernie Adcock
- =3 Margaret Redden, Jan Green, Glenda Pahlow, Robin Gibson.

Wollstonecraft Teams

Wollstonecraft Bowling Club – Bridge Club held its inaugural bridge congress on Sunday June 17. A capacity crowd turned up (26 teams) and the results were:

- 1 Helena Hutton, Tony Hutton, Michel Courtney, Tania Lloyd
- 2 Claire Goodyer, Tom Goodyer, Les Varadi, Marika Pogany
- 3 Ruth Jamieson, Peter Jamieson, Alan Squirrel David McDonald
(Directed by Nicoletta Giura)

North Shore Bridge Club

Super Congress

Mr Solace's Swiss Teams (Friday June 22)

- 1 Marlene Watts, David Beauchamp, Liz Adams and Ted Chadwick
- 2 Nicky Strasser, Paul Gosney, Marilyn Chadwick, Toni Sharp
- 3 Elly Urbach, Les Varadi, Frank Budai, John Mottram

Captain Cook Cruises Swiss Pairs (Sat June 23)

Placegetters North/South field

- 1 Nevena Djurovic – Jamie Ebery
- 2 Ted Chadwick - Marlene Watts
- 3 Jane Douglass – Kieran Dyke

Placegetters East-West field

- 1 Peter Jeffery – Robert Case
- 2 Marilyn Chadwick – Toni Sharp
- 3 Helena Hutton – Tony Hutton

Two Men & A Truck Swiss Teams (Sunday June 24)

- 1 Bruce Neill , David Wiltshire, Ed Barnes and William Jenner-O'Shea,
- 2 Jane Douglass, Kieran Dyke, Marlene Watts, David Beauchamp
- 3 Nevena Djurovic, Jamie Ebery, Les Grewcock, Elly Urbach

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Advance notice for your bridge diary in September. Change to advertised date

After a successful inaugural event last year, the NSWBA will once again be holding a fund raising event for the Stroke Recovery Association in September. There will be more information in the Bulletin's next issue but mark this date in your diary; 10.30am on Thursday September 6th at the NSWBA. For more information regarding the Stroke Recovery Association and for clubs that would like to raise money for this organization, please contact Bruce Williams on 1300 650 594 or visit their web site www.strokensw.org.au

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ANC FREMANTLE

ANC stands for Australian National Championships, which are held every year in a different state capital (Darwin was added to the roster in 1995). Competitors earn the right to play via state qualifying events so these are Inter-State Championships, rather than National Championships but the ANC name has stuck.

In 2007 the ANC will be held in Fremantle (Perth's port). The bridge begins July 6 with the Butler Trials, which run for a week. Then come the ANC pairs events then on July 16 the Teams Championships begin with the finals held Saturday July 21.

On the ABF web site you can see the personnel of the various State Teams. Go to the ANC page and under 2007 ANC Teams click on **Teams** to view all the names. On the ANC page you will also find a link to the BAWA web site. The BAWA ANC site is well constructed and contains lots of information about the ANC.

NSW Open and Women teams were published in the previous NSWBA Bulletin. The Seniors team is Barbara McDonald, Alan Walsh, Steven Bock, Neville Moses, Tom Moss, Dennis Zines.

The NSW Youth Teams is : Nabil Edgtton , John Hornibrook, Daniel Krochmalik, Nicholas Rodwell, Gabby Feiler, Paul Gosney.

Matthew McManus will be the non-playing captain for the Open and Youth teams. Keiran Crowe-Mai will be the non-playing captain for the Seniors and Women's Teams.



6NT Declarer Play Problem Answer

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

There are two effective solutions. One pretty line is to "rectify the count" by losing a trick to West. To do this at Trick 5, cross to ♠K as West, as expected, shows out (West pitches a heart). **Now play the ♥9** – losing this trick to West. This is the position after six tricks have gone:

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

Win West's red suit exit (East pitches ♠10) and cash the other red winner and East is squeezed and must give your contract with a club discard. As the cards lie it is also possible to make 6NT without 'rectifying the count'. After crossing to ♠K you can cash ♥Q (East pitches a spade) and then – the ace of diamonds. To keep club length East must pitch another spade and now you can play ♠A and another spade –losing to the queen. But now you have generated a third spade trick and with ♣Q onside doubleton you have made your contract.
(This deal comes from a daytime walk in duplicate at NSWBA in April 2007)



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Defence Problem Answer

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

The winning defence is to rise with ♥A and switch to ♠K and then continue spades to get your ruff for +50. This is quite plausible if you consider that if partner had ♣A and ♣K he might well have led that suit to inspect dummy. So declarer surely has a top club honour. West's 2♥ bid was non forcing and he didn't use "check back" . . . but he accepted the game try and thus seems likely to have 5-5 shape. Declarer's club honour is probably the ace since he accepted the game try missing ♥A and ♠K.
(This hand is from a Monday night session at in 2006 NSWBA . South did not find the killing defence)

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Recent NSWBA Results

NSWBA SWISS (Butler) PAIRS

- 1 Fiona Ballard - Andrei Lachs
- 2 Terry Collins - Louise Collins
- 3 Michael Kefford - Margaret Kefford



The Swiss Pairs Winners

Dave Griffiths Memorial Pairs

Dave Griffiths was one of NSWBA's longest serving bridge directors. He died in December last year aged 82. Council has established an annual memorial pairs event. The inaugural event was held Sunday June 24 at NSWBA, which attracted 36 pairs. Top scorers were Liz Bornecrantz & Graeme Corin from Revesby Bridge Club where Dave also worked for many years. Kimberly Griffiths (Dave's granddaughter) came in to present the trophy (donated by Frances Cufar).



Winners Dave Griffiths Memorial Pairs

There was a prize for the pair who came closest to 50% as Dave was always keen to encourage the intermediate and new players. The winners of that prize were Simon Haynes & Catharina Muller.

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Be a Good Sport

You must not try to help your partner or fool your opponents by anything but the bids you make and the cards you play. . . bridge is not poker !

- ♦ Don't tip partner off – and make sure you ignore partner's tips. Ethical players will make a point of ignoring any information they accidentally get from their partner's mannerisms or hesitations.
- ♦ And don't try to deceive the opponents by your hesitations and mannerisms. If you accidentally hesitate without a problem, apologise " say something like " sorry – I didn't have any reason to hesitate. I was asleep "

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DIARY OF UPCOMING CONGRESSES IN NSW

NOTE: visit NSWBA web site and select *Congresses in NSW*, to send email to the convener or enter the Congress online or, where available, view PDF of advertising brochure.

Date	Club	Event	Contact	Phone
July 8	North Shore	Northern Suburbs Open Teams	John McIlrath	1300 772337
July 14-15	Taree	Congress Teams	Judy Scott	6553 7878
July 20-22	Orange	Pairs & Teams	Christine Kershaw	6362 3029
July 22	Twin Towns Services	Birthday Teams	Ernie Scott	5536 1173
July 27-29	The Sapphire Coast	Pairs and Teams	Bruce McPhail	6495 4095
July 29	Ingleburn RSL	Teams	Bev Foley	9618 0797
August 3-5	Brisbane Water	Super Congress Pairs & Teams	Christine Hadaway	4366 6096
August 11-12	Moree	Pairs	Bernadette van Dongen	6752 1358
August 11-12	Nowra	Pairs & Teams	Ted Murphy	4234 1861
August 13	North Shore	Winter Swiss Pairs	John McIlrath	1300 772337
August 12-16	Trumps	Moss Vale Holiday	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
August 14 –19	Coffs Harbour	Super Congress Pairs & Teams	Robyn Bingham	6651 7845
August 18-19	Wagga Wagga	Pairs & Teams	Doreen Kjeldsen	69331828
August 26	Bayside	Winter Teams	Lynn Kalmin	9388 2662
August 24-26	Dubbo	Pairs & Teams	Jane North	6882 1844
August 25-26	Ballina	Butler Pairs	Lyn Graham	6681 5533
September 1	Kings & Queens	Spring Pairs	Will Jenner-O'Shea	9327 2546
September 7-9	Bateman's Bay	Festival Pairs & Teams	Richard Scutter	4472 4969
September 8-9	Port Macquarie - Hastings	Congress Teams	Elaine Moss	6583 9495
September 9	Trumps	Friendly Pairs	Derrick Browne	9969 5959