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Chairman's Corner: Alex Yezerski is travelling overseas and in consequence his column will not appear this issue.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Three leading NSW bridge players passed away recently

John Arkinstall 1954 - 2007

John was born 28/12/54, and spent all his life in Bondi. He attended Bondi Public School, and continued his secondary education at Cranbrook. He studied commerce/law at University of NSW and was admitted to the bar in 1982. He established his own law firm, "Arkinstalls" because his illness with cystic fibrosis made it very difficult to work normal hours.

John was a very strong chess player in his school and university days, and won the City of Sydney chess tournament. He then discovered bridge and was hooked. Not only did he play; but he became very involved with the administration of the game. He was on the NSWBA council from 1983-2004, serving as a Councillor, Secretary and for 11 years Chairman. His leadership of the bridge association was instrumental in placing it in the position it is today. John and the late Bobby Evans worked tirelessly to purchase the current NSWBA premises, which all our members enjoy.

John was a representative for NSW on the ABF from 1987-2007 as a Councillor, member of the Management Committee and Secretary. He was also a trustee of the James O'Sullivan Foundation.

His ill health in his final years, forced him to step down from his role, and spend his time at home. He died in hospital on the 15/7/2007. All NSW bridge players owe him a great debt.

Ed Thanks to Judy Mott and David Currie for compiling this information.

John Arkinstall's team won the 1983 NSW State Teams Championships. John was non-playing captain for the NSW Youth Team in both 1988 and 1989. He was granted life membership of NSWBA in 1995.

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Linda Stern 1949-2007

Linda was born in London in 1949 to Sybil and the late Joseph Cornell and sister to her big brother Michael. The family migrated to New Zealand in 1957 settling in Auckland where Sybil and Michael still live. After finishing school Linda completed her Diploma of Education and then did some travelling. She spent some time teaching in London, then settled in Australia. She met David Stern in 1975 and they married in 1979. Soon after their son Justin was born followed a little later by their daughter Danielle. Linda was a skilled tournament bridge player— her tournament successes include

- ◆ Representing nine times in NSW Women's Teams at the Interstate Championships between 1978 and 2003 (notching up three wins).
- ◆ Won NSW Women's pairs championship in 1993 with her mother-in-law Gerda Stern
- ◆ Runner up National Open Teams 2006
- ◆ Won National Open Teams 2007 partnered by Peter Gill with teammates David Stern - Robert Grynberg plus Boye Brogeland - Espen Erichsen.

Linda and David owned and operated the Double Bay Bridge Centre, of which Linda was the proprietor. The Bridge Centre continues to operate. Linda always had a warm and sunny disposition and she will be very much missed by her family as well as all her friends within and outside of the bridge community.

Linda Stern

The Stern and Cornell families have been overwhelmed by the letters cards and emails following the sudden passing of their beloved Linda making it almost impossible to respond to all personally

Please accept this as our heartfelt thanks for sharing our grief and for all of the support you have shown us at this difficult time

We look forward to catching up soon and sharing our memories of a beautiful human being
 David Justin and Danielle
 Sybil Michael and Vivien
 Extended Stern & Cornell Families

Remembering Olek Minc

Olek Minc died Wednesday August 1, 2007 aged 82. Olek Minc was a fine bridge player who lived in Sydney. He was famous for bidding his hands to the max – and then playing the cards well. He had a successful bridge partnership in the 1970's with Gabriel Lorentz. In 1973 they and their teammates Egon Auerbach and Max Hitter won the inaugural National Open Teams Championship in convincing fashion. Olek Minc was often featured in Sydney newspaper bridge column reports of action in the famous rubber bridge 'big game' in Double Bay . In 1976 Minc-Lorentz finished first in the NSW Open Team trials. Here is a 1972 quote from Don Evans in his column " Olek Minc is a dangerous and unpredictable opponent". In 1978 Minc- Lorentz made the Australian Open Team in company with Tim Seres-Dick Cummings and Paul Lavings-Mary McMahon. In 1979 Minc-Lorentz won the Victor Champion Cup teamed with Auerbach- Seamus Browne (see team photo page 235 in *History of Australian Bridge* by Cathy Chua). He won the Open Interstate Teams representing NSW in 1975 and 1976. His team won the 1980 NSW State Teams Championships.

Ed -- I remember that whenever I came up against Olek Minc at the table, the atmosphere always seemed to be electric. Playing 10 boards against Minc was exhausting- it was like playing 20 boards against most other players.

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DECLARER PROBLEM A

Dealer S	North
All Vul	♠ 9
	♥ K J 6
	♦ K J 9 8 5 2
	♣ 9 8 2

	South
	♠ A 10 5
	♥ A Q
	♦ 10 6 4
	♣ A Q 10 7 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	3♠	3NT
All Pass		(N/S play a 12-14 NT)	

West leads ♠8 and You let East win trick 1 with ♠J. East continues with ♠K and again you duck. East continues with ♠2 won perforce with your ace as West discards ♦A!. Plan the rest of the play. Answer page 5

Bidding by responder after opener's reverse

What should you bid after this bidding :

1♦ - 1♠
2♥ - ?

There are quite a few schemes available to cover this situation which can be located in bridge textbooks or at bridge web sites. The most important thing is to have a bid at this point which tells opener that responder is weak. Marty Bergen, a well known USA bridge writer proposed a simple scheme in 1992 (page 51 of *Bridge Today* magazine) thus:

step 1= artificial force to game,
step 2 = weak, artificial

Other bids are natural and forward going.

Opener can now better judge the auction's direction. *(Ed) I'm not sure how effective this method is in practice but the theory is attractive in its clarity.*

Set below is a more complex method which was written up in the December 2006 ACBL Bulletin by Mel Colchamiro. See what you think.

Guidelines for responding to a reverse:

- 2NT by responder always shows a game-forcing hand with at least 8 or more points.
- Returning to three of opener's minor (with one exception) shows a game going hand.
- Rebidding your major shows a six card suit. I was taught that the responder's first responsibility after opener's reverse is to show a five-card major by rebidding it as soon as possible. I now disagree with that thinking. It is best to have six of them to rebid the suit.
- the fourth suit by responder warns of weakness.

Here are some example sequences. Following each one is a sample hand to clarify the rules:

Opener	You
1♣	1♠
2♦	?

2♥ = weak hand such as :

♠ K 9 8 3 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ 8 6 3

2♠ = six-card suit, weak hand such as

♠ K Q 8 5 4 3 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 7 3

2NT = heart stopper, 8-11 points eg

♠ A J 4 3 ♣ K J 8 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ 7 6 3

3♣ = at least three clubs with 9 or more points eg

♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K Q 8 3

3♦ = four or more diamonds & 9 plus points eg
♠KJ864 ♥73 ♦AQ98 ♣84

3♥ = 5-5 with 9 or more points such as
♠AQ732 ♥KJ732 ♦73 ♣3

3♠ = 6+ suit and 9 or more points eg
♠AQJ832 ♥97 ♦K83 ♣64

3NT = heart stopper, 12-14 points such as
♠AK74 ♥KJ8 ♦J43 ♣876

The one exception

1♣ 1♠
2♥ ?

Here it is not playable to use the fourth suit to show weakness because in this case, the fourth suit is 3♦ which would take the partnership past the safety level of 3♣. In this one specific auction, 3♣ (ie three of opener's minor) is a weak preference to clubs. The 3♦ bid here is used to artificially show a game-forcing raise in clubs.

Colchamiro describes the above style as partly "modern expert", partly Colchamiro and part modification suggested by Connecticut expert Jay Stiefel.

Colchamiro's advice to intermediate players is to open a strong 1NT whenever you can – even with two doubletons or a five-card major. However for those prepared to do the memory work, he claims the above method is worth it. PBJ



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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

MANZONI WOMENS' TEAMS & BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS

Qualifying: Mon 29th – Wed 31st October 2007

Finals: Thursday November 1st 2007



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Group Photo from the Workshop held at Wagga Wagga Bridge Club



On the weekend of July 28-29 a Southern Workshop was held at Wagga Wagga Bridge Club for affiliated clubs, initiated by the NSW Bridge association. This was the format:

Saturday 1:30 pm

Alex Yezerski – Introduction & welcome
Warren Lazer (Chair NSWBA Tournament Committee)

Recent changes to Tournament Regulations, followed by Q&A

Julian Foster (NSWBA Treasurer)

GST and other aspects of financial management, then Q&A

Bruce Neill (Chair Rules & Ethics NSWBA)

How to handle appeals & complaints of unethical behaviour.

3:15pm Tea Break

David Weston (State Masterpoint Secretary)

Common club masterpointing errors, followed by Questions & Answers (Q&A)

6-7pm Dinner

7:30pm Duplicate bridge

SUNDAY

Morning

Tony Howes (NSWBA Director Accreditation Convenor) Director rulings in non-straightforward situations

Pauline Gumby (NSWBA Congress Co-ordinator)

The congested Congress Calendar

Lorraine Harkness (President Australian Bridge Teachers Association) ;

Teaching Beginners, discussion of available teaching subsidies

12 noon lunch

1-2 pm **Open Forum to full panel.**

2:15 pm Close

The workshop was considered a success as shown by these comments:

"Thank you to the team. We were very privileged and enjoyed every minute of the weekend. We'll go home fired up and re-motivated."

"Very appreciative of the effort from all concerned to bring us in the country so much useful information."

"Amazing that you could collect the 'top' person in each of the fields to travel to Wagga at the same time."

"Very important to network. Well done."

"Very well organised and informative."

"It was good to have this made available in a country area."

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