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♠ ♥ Bulletin ♦ ♣

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Chairman's Corner

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF), as the name suggests, is a federation of the six State and two Territory bridge associations. The powers of the ABF, according to its constitution, are vested in a Council made up of two representatives from each state and territory. The ABF Management Committee (MC) is empowered by the constitution to manage the affairs of the ABF when the Council is not in session and is subject to the directions of the Council. That at least is the theory. In practice, the MC runs the show. Council meets for a one-day session twice a year at which it is presented with an agenda clogged with routine, inconsequential and mind-numbingly boring items. Not surprisingly, it has been reduced to a toothless tiger whose role has degenerated to rubber stamping decisions made by the MC behind closed doors.

This is unfortunate as the interests of the ABF and the State bodies do not always coincide. The proliferation of gold masterpoint events is a case in point. Gold masterpoints are a nice little earner for the ABF but, by debasing the appeal of red masterpoint events, they have had a devastating effect on the finances of State bodies and more importantly those of their affiliated clubs. It's hard enough for a club to make a buck running a red point event these days without having to compete with yet another super congress shoehorned into an already over congested congress calendar.

This is not a reflection on the current management of the ABF, they are doing what they believe is in the best interests of Australian Bridge on a national and international level. The problem is that the power of the MC is unchecked. If for no other reason than for the sake of good corporate governance, the MC should function much like the executive team in a public company and should be answerable to a board, in this case the Council, which is there to protect the interests of all the stakeholders. With the advent of Skype there is no reason why relatively

short board/council meetings cannot be convened, by way of a conference call, on a monthly basis to review major policy issues. The day-to-day running of the ABF would remain in the hands of the MC which, at least on my reading, is all that those responsible for drafting the Constitution had in mind.

It is high time, I contend, for the State and Territory bodies to regroup and reassert the ascendancy of the Council over the Management Committee or else risk seeing their influence over ABF policy wane further.

Dr Alex Yezerski
Chairman

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Bidding Question

Dealer North, E/W Vulnerable. IMPs.
 North opens 1♦, partner overcalls 1♠, RHO bids 2♥.
 You hold ♠ J 10 9 7 5 3 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ J 4

What call do you make? Answer Page 3

♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥

Summer Festival Canberra

2008

Online Entries Available

Sean Mullamphy, the Convener of the Summer Festival in Canberra this January is very pleased to announce that for the first time this year it is possible to enter on line.

Sean said that with so many players using the Internet to access information on upcoming events, online entries were a natural progression. For more information on the Summer Festival visit:

www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

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Defence Problem for South

Dealer E Both Vul IMPs		East (Dummy) ♠ A K J 8 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ Q 8 5
	South (You) ♠ 9 7 6 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ K J 4 3	

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Before leading, North, your partner asks for an explanation of the bidding and is told it is natural with 3♦ being a real suit.

Partner leads ♠A and it goes ♠5, ♠4, ♠2. Partner continues with ♠6 and it goes ♠8, ♠J and ♠9.

What do you do next ? Answer Page 5

Defence Problem for West

Dealer: S Nil Vul, IMPs	North (Dummy) ♠ K Q 5 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ 9 7 6 3 ♣ J 9 3
West (You) ♠ 9 7 4 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ K 7 5	

South opens 1NT (range 15-17) and gets raised to 3NT by North. To lead a diamond seems a bit unilateral so you choose to lead a major suit. Either suit might pay dividends but in the end you select hearts and put the ♥8 on the table. After a brief pause declarer plays low from dummy and partner's ♥J loses to declarer's ♥K. Declarer plays ♠2 to ♠K which holds the trick (partner playing ♠8 natural count ie two or 4 spades). Next comes ♣3 from dummy, ♣2 from partner (natural count showing three clubs originally) , ♣Q from declarer and you win your king. **What now ?** Answer page 7

National Novice Teams - Welcome Function January 2008 in Canberra

Following the outstanding success of the Welcome Function for Novice and Non-Life players in 2007, the organizers of the Summer Festival of Bridge are happy to announce that the drinks party will again be held in 2008. The National Novice Teams caters for players who are new to bridge at a national level with separate categories for players under 50, under 100, and under 150 masterpoints. It is the largest event of its kind in Australia.

The Welcome Drinks (from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday 15 January 2008) not only serves to welcome players but also gives an opportunity to demystify Teams Bridge in such a large event as the Summer Festival. Sean Mullamphy, the Convener of the Summer Festival, is also looking forward to welcoming teams from the Non-Life Teams Championship at the Welcome Drinks.

Last year, pairs who were matched through the Partnership Desk also used the Welcome Drinks as an opportunity to meet up with their teammates before the event started. For more information on this as well as the Novice Teams (and to enter online) – visit the website at: www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

The Novice Teams event runs for three days and is immediately followed by a one-day Novice Pairs competition. Why not take stay over the extra day and get in some more quality bridge.

Remembering Tim Seres

By Peter Jamieson

Thomas Peter Seres who passed away September 29 this year aged 82, was in my view Australia's best ever bridge player. There have already been several obituaries in the bridge press and on web sites. This article focuses mainly on a few of my own recollections.

Seres was already a skilled contract bridge player when he arrived in Sydney from Hungary in 1947 and he soon joined the Sydney bridge club scene. He rose swiftly to the top – and stayed there. There was already a bridge player named Tom in the group of players Seres mixed with, so he was given the name Tim, which stuck to him thereafter. In 1948 Seres won the first of many major Australian bridge championships. If you look in the appendix of Cathy Chua's 1993 book "The History of Australian Bridge" you will see that Seres absolutely dominated the Australian Tournament Bridge scene in the 60's, 70's and 80's. Between 1948 and 1995 Seres made the NSW Open Interstate Team thirty times. He represented Australia many times in international bridge competitions.

When I got into tournament bridge in 1970, Seres and his three main bridge partners Dick Cummings, Roelof Smilde and Denis Howard, were known as The Big Four. They were a formidable group and seemed to me to exist at a much higher level than any one else. They simply dominated the Australian bridge scene especially in the 1960's and 1970's.

Seres also had a very successful bridge partnership with his great friend Mary McMahon. They won seven NSW Mixed Pairs Championships and for many years they dominated the popular (but tough) Gold Coast Congress. Seres won his first Gold Coast Congress Teams in 1963 partnering Roelof Smilde. Numerous wins followed in both the pairs and the teams championships there partnering McMahon; his last win there was in 2003 partnering Zoltan Nagy (teammates Ron Klinger and Bruce Neill). When Richard Grenside was Chief Tournament Director at Gold Coast Congress he would always place Seres-McMahon at table one sitting North-South as a matter of respect and honour for their dominance of that Congress as well as their general stature in the tournament bridge world.

Seres 'main' bridge partner in his peak tournament years was Dick Cummings (1932-1999). Their trip to Europe in 1958 was where their very strong bridge

partnership was first recognized on the international stage. In his 1999 obituary in the Sydney Morning Herald, Denis Howard said of Cummings ' he was the greatest Australian born player this country has produced'. His bridge partnership with Seres was of world class for many decades.

And now a couple of bridge hands.

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

In the 1979 NSWBA Winter Congress I opened the North hand 1♦. Denis Howard sitting East overcalled 1♠. My partner, George Edwards bid 2♥ and Seres bid - - - -pass ! Seres had diagnosed the probable slam for North/South and did not wish to tip us off (with a jump in spades) to the fact that all our cards were working. I rebid 3♦ and Edwards bid 3♠ over which I bid 4♥ which, after considerable reflection, Edwards chose to pass. A nice slam in diamonds missed - - -

In 1975 Denis Howard reported this next deal in his National Times bridge column. It came from the famous 'big money' Rubber Bridge game at Double Bay Bridge Club where Seres was a virtual fixture.

Dealer S				
NIL Vul				
Rubber Bridge			East (Dummy)	
			♠ 9 7 4	
			♥ A 6 2	
			♦ K Q 10 4	
			♣ Q 10 4	
		South (Seres)		
		♠ A J		
		♥ K 9 4		
		♦ 8 7 5 3		
		♣ A 8 6 2		
West	North	East	South	
—	—	—	1 ♣	
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	
4 ♠	All Pass			

Partner leads ♣7. **What is your plan as South for the defence** ? Howard commented that you need to picture the sort of hand West has for his strong

bidding. . .something like five spades to KQ, the ace of diamonds and ♠K. This leaves very little for partner. If partner has a doubleton club you can set up a club ruff giving the defence three tricks but ♥K will almost certainly not score a trick at all. Seres spotted a chance – win ♣A and switch to ♥K as if he had both ♥K and ♥Q. Declarer won the king of hearts with ♥A and elected to play a spade from dummy. Howard noted that Declarer could have played three rounds of diamonds pitching a heart (not without risk) and then wrote in his classic style - "The raptorial Seres pounced on the spade lead and laid the ♥9 on the table. Declarer barely had time to murmur *moriturus te saluto* before North had wrapped up two heart tricks. Declarer numbed to further pain, sat quietly while North then played the 13th heart. South hit that with ♠J (known in the trade as an uppercut) and the ♠10 became a trick in North's hand. Two down in a cold contract but who would blame the hapless declarer?" The full hand :

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

I have one more personal recollection to report. Tim Seres was generous in his support and encouragement of keen young bridge players and would often have them as teammates in bridge congresses. In 1974 I was privileged (along with Geoff Smith and Marshall Ahern) to be teammates with Seres-Cummings in the two day Australian Bridge Magazine Swiss Teams held in the Bondi Regis Hotel. There were 36 teams and our team could only manage 5th place behind Tony Hutton's team (Richardson, Lewis, and Levitt). I can recall what a thrill it was to be playing a teams match knowing that our team mates at the other table were Tim Seres- Dick Cummings.

Top Sydney player, Andrew Markovics, used to own Double Bay Bridge Club many years ago. Tim Seres played 'serious' rubber bridge there almost every day. Markovics told me that if top overseas bridge players happened to be in Sydney, they would nearly always travel out to Double Bay to say hello to Seres.

Sometimes they would play a few rubbers and other times might just kibitz a few hands before going about their business. Markovics gave me two stories involving Seres and members of the famous Italian Blue Team. These stories were told to Markovics many years ago and are believed to be 100% true.

Firstly: Seres had just declared a contract of two diamonds against Giorgio Belladonna and garnered eight tricks with careful play. After play finished Belladonna said to Seres " You are the only man in the world who could have made that contract ". Coming from many times world champion Belladonna that was high praise indeed. The **second** story came from the 1968 Olympiad Championships in Deauville France. Seres and Cummings were playing against Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna. Garozzo had just declared a contract of two spades and had failed by one trick. Garozzo looked at his partner and said " I'm sorry partner, I could have made that". Cummings said to Seres "I can't for the life of me see how he could have made the contract". Seres replied " Neither can I but I'll bet my last cent they can! ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣

New Bridge Books

Master Point Press of Canada, one of the world's major bridge book publishers have issued four new titles in paperback :

- **Human Bridge Errors** by Danny Kleinman and Nick Struguzzi. This is a follow up to their popular first book for intermediate players titled *The Principle of Restricted Talent* RRP \$32.95
- **Bridge Master versus Bridge Amateur** by top UK player/writer Mark Horton. This book is aimed at intermediate players seeking to upskill. RRP \$32.95
- **A Bridge to Simple Squeezes** by Julian Laderman. This book is aimed at intermediate players wanting to improve their declarer play in squeeze techniques. The first edition of this book won *Book of The Year* from American Bridge Teachers Association. RRP \$29.95
- **Card Play Techniques of Bridge** by Guy Leve was originally published in France in 2005. It aims to cover every possible card play coup and tactic available to declarer and defenders. The last quarter is all about squeeze play (for declarer and defender). RRP \$49.95

These titles are available in Australia through the usual bridge product retailers:

- ◆ The Bridge Shop – PH 02 9967 0644 (*The Bridge Shop is now Australian agent for this publisher*)
- ◆ Post Free Bridge Books – PH 02 9388 8861
- ◆ John Hardy Bridge Books and Software– PH 07 3398 8898

(Note - if you google **Masterpoint Press** their web site will tell you a bit more about these books).

Answer to Defence Problem for South

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

At the table South continued ♣K and now West had a chance to make the contract. West surely has six hearts plus the four diamonds he promised. He has followed to two rounds of clubs. Partner has led clubs (the unbid suit) to hopefully win some club tricks- it can't be from a doubleton club. The club pips tell you that the suit is 4432 - if partner began with three clubs he would continue at trick two with his **highest remaining club**. The ♣7 and ♣10 have not appeared and so partner's ♣6 can only be from an original holding of ♣A 10 7 6. You know the spade finesse, if needed, is working for declarer. Correct defence is to switch to ♦6. If declarer diagnoses the layout (*eg he may wonder why North attacked clubs from A 10 x x and suspect the bad news in diamonds*) then after he ruffs ♣K he plays all his trumps but one reaching :-

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

On the last heart, Partner must keep Q x x x spades and so must pitch his ♦Q. If Declarer reads what is happening he now ducks a diamond thus establishing his king and then finesses against ♠Q on the forced spade exit. *As it happened, declarer chose to ruff the third round of clubs, play two round of hearts ending in dummy then play ♦10 and thus going down one.* (This deal comes from NSW State Teams qualifying October 15, 2007).

CROQUET, ANYONE?

If you have some spare time between bridge commitments, and are looking for a new challenge, you might consider playing croquet. A couple of bridge-playing friends and I took up croquet about 3 years ago, and we are hooked. We think it is likely to appeal to people who like bridge, because the tactical component of play is very important. The physical skills required to play croquet to a reasonable level are much less than say tennis or golf. The mental skills are not dissimilar to declarer play: plan ahead, consider the probability of making a given shot, consider whether to attack or play safe.

There are two main variants of croquet, Association Croquet which is strategic and a game usually takes about 2 and a half hours, and Golf Croquet which is more sociable and takes about an hour. In each case, players are allocated handicaps ("bisques" which are extra shots) so players of different standards can play each other.

Where to play? Who plays? Is it expensive?

There are 67 clubs in NSW, 19 of which are in the Sydney Metropolitan area, so there is probably one near you. There are about 2500 members, so most clubs have a small membership; mostly less than about 50. Median age is in the 60s, but all ages can (and do) play; the top female croquet player in NSW is about 20. We have found clubs very welcoming; they are keen to attract new members. Most clubs offer a course of lessons (perhaps 5 lessons for about \$40) so you can try before you buy. If you decide to play, you can expect to pay an annual subscription of less than \$200, and green fees of about \$2 per day (although this varies; some clubs charge a bit more but don't have green fees). That covers all expenses and the clubs will provide all the equipment (and tea and biscuits, often!). If you get serious, you might want to buy your own mallet which could cost between about \$150 and \$500, but the club mallets are fine for most players. Play is year round, although it can get a bit hot in mid summer. There are a few clubs with lights (Cammeray in metropolitan Sydney, where we play) so you can play at night.

If you are interested, ring your local club and give it a go. Club details are available on the croquet NSW website (www.croquet-nsw.com). Or give me a ring on (02) 9958-6319 if you have any questions. Mike Hughes. ♠ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♠

DOUBLE BAY BRIDGE CENTRE

After some 20 years of ownership and operation by Linda and David Stern, management and operation of this club has passed on to Michael Prescott.

Congress Results

Trumps Friendly Pairs Congress

Sunday 9 September :

- 1 Louise Kobler - Louise Montz
- 2 Helena Hutton - Tony Hutton

Best below National Master:

Gary Goldsmith - Peg Anderson

Best Regional Master and Below:

Makundrai Patel & Ron Davies

Trumps Spring Teams, 23 September

- 1 Jamie Ebery, Nevena Djurovic, Catherine Ritter, Sartaj Hans
- 2 George Kozakos, Andrew Markovics, Paul Lavings, Tony Leibowitz

North Shore Teams 30 September

- 1 Graeme Corin, Greg Eustace, Alex Yezerski and Les Grewcock
- 2 John Mottram, Liz Quittner, Ben Chosid and Frank Budai
- 3 George Finikiotis, Steven Bock, Kevin Davies and Rakesh Kumar

Bondi Bridge Club Congress October 6-7

Swiss Pairs

- 1 Paul Gosney – Nicole Strasser
- 2 Joe Barda - Ishmael Del'Monte
- 3 Axel Johansson – Peter Jamieson

Swiss Teams

- 1 Ishmael Del'Monte, Vera Rowland, Arlene Dalley, Ken Dalley
- 2 Max Hitter, Tom Reiner, Antoinette Rees, Sidney Reynolds

Taree Congress October 13-14

Congress Pairs

- 1 Alison McGregor – Susan Stephens
- 2 Daphne Yarnold – Jackie Polack
- 3 Anne Rutter - Kevin Tant

Congress Teams

- 1 Kevin Tant, Anne Rutter, Barbara Griffiths, Yvonne Cains
- 2 Bernie Atkins, Judy Atkins, Jan Nicol, Tony Wagstaff
- 3 Beverley Barton, Michael Lawrence, Susan Stephens, Jan Lawless

Dick Cummings Open Pairs was held October 27-29 as part of the Spring Nationals

- 1 Sue Ingham – Peter Gill
- 2 Martin Bloom – Edward Chadwick
- 3 Sarah Tishler – Bob Richman

Muswellbrook Congress October 13-14

Pairs

- 1 Chris Williams – Margaret Geddes
- 2 Barbara Hunter – Emil Battista
- 3 Robyn Fletcher - Paul McGrath

Teams

- 1 Garry Clarke, Sally Clarke, Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett
- 2 Barbara Hunetr, Emil Battista, Normand MacLaurin, Ken Berry
- 3 Greg Mayo, Sharon Mayo, Eileen Pickles, Ken Wilks

Commercial Club (Albury) October 13-14

Swiss Pairs

- 1 Catherine Lachman – Helen Snashall
- 2 Adrian Thompson – Bala Manicavasagar
- 3 Keith Ogborn – Val Hopwood

Swiss Teams

- 1 Sean Mullamphy, Arjuna Delivera, Nye Griffiths, Griff Ware
- 2 Graham Atkinson, Janet Kahler, Ann Mellings, Marion Spurrier
- 3 Catherine Lachman, Helen Snashall, Michael McQueen-Thompson

Pennant Hills Teams October 21

- 1 Dominic Kwok, Phillip Fent, David Priol, Peter Lameks
- 2 Jamie Ebery, Nevena Djurovic, Sartaj Hans, Catherine Ritter
- 3 Robyn Kelly, Edward Chadwick, Bina Kassam, David Beauchamp

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

This annual ABF Gold Point event was held from October 24 to November 1 at the Hakoah Club in Bondi. Look out for detailed reports in the ABF Newsletter.

Open Teams: In the final ;

M Reid - P Newell - T Jacob - M Mayer *beat*
P Gumby - W Lazer - B Howe - N Ewart

Manzoni Women's Teams: in the final

J Hoffman - J Thompson - C Feitelson - E Havas
beat J Snow - H Borman - J Mott - M Solar

Bobby Evans Senior Teams : in the final

B Neill - P Gumby - A Kanetkar - T Brown - G Bilski -
W Malaczynski *beat*
Z Nagy - D Lilley - R Klinger - A Braithwaite - G
Lorentz - J Lester



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National Women's Teams at the Summer Festival of Bridge

Canberra 2008 – Entries now Open

Once again the Summer Festival of Bridge is proud to host the National Women's Teams Championship in Canberra this coming January. As the premier female bridge tournament in Australia, the National Women's Teams offers a unique opportunity for women from all over Australia to play in the same field as top national and international players.

The NWT is a three-day event and due to popular demand will be held at the familiar Rydges Hotel by the lake in Canberra from 16th to 18th January 2008. The format is nine 20-board matches followed by semi-finals and finals for the top four teams. The size of the field and the Swiss scoring make this a great opportunity for up and coming players or those just building their skills to gain experience and improve their game in a world-class field.

The Summer Festival recognizes that women are the backbone of Australian Bridge. With this in mind, the National Women's Teams Championship is immediately preceded by the Women's Last Train (14th and 15th January) and followed by the Women's Pairs on Saturday 19th January. As well, the leading all female team at the end of the South West Pacific Teams is given a trophy.

Visit the web site at:
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Answer - Defence Problem for West

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

The correct and killing continuation at trick four is ♦4. Partner wins his king and returns the suit for +50. The diamond switch makes good sense for these reasons;

- Declarer is pretty certain to have ♣A as well as ♣Q (note that partner would likely rise with ♣A if held to play a heart (or diamond) through declarer.
- Declarer is pretty well marked with ♠A since partner would usually win trick 2 if he had ♠A
- The sum of declarer's high card points diagnosed above is ten *excluding the heart suit*.
- Declarer has shown up with ♥K but probably has ♥Q as well, else he *might have* ducked the ♥J
- It looks like declarer's shape is 3-4-2-4 based on carding to date.
- The result of the above data and analysis is that if declarer has ♥Q then Declarer has 15 points and cannot hold ♦K.
- It is possible to construct a hand for East that includes ♥Q, but the rest of the defence would have to be extremely precise-ie exit ♥4 which partner wins and then must switch to ♦J. Better to 'place' declarer with ♥Q.
- You have to play a low diamond at trick four to cater for a ♦K x holding in partner's hand.)

(this deal comes from the Bondi Beach Bridge Club Congress – Swiss IMP Pairs October 6, 2007)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The NSWBA AGM is to be held on Wednesday December 12 at Level 1, 162 Goulburn St East Sydney at 6:30 pm. All members of NSWBA are invited to attend.

NSWBA needs several more councilors to help the Association to carry out its various tasks. If you might be willing to serve for a year or longer and wish to find out what work is involved, please phone or speak to Liz Fanns our office manager



The Tale of the Five of clubs

Dealer N
Nil Vul
IMPs

North
♠ A Q 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K
♣ A K 9 8 6 5

West

♠ J 6 3
♥ K J 6
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ 10 3 2

East

♠ 10 9
♥ A 10 9
♦ Q 9 7 2
♣ Q J 7 4

South

♠ K 8 7 2
♥ Q 7 4 3 2
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ —

Here is a story from a suburban bridge club in Sydney that might make you smile. South declared South declared four spades after this auction.

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Not unreasonably, West led ♦J (the unbid suit) won by dummy's king Declarer played ♣5 from dummy intending to trump it. . East played ♣4 and then something strange happened - - - - -

- - - -South played ♥2 and West ♣2 ! You can see what's happened- South thought he had trumped ♣5 - - -and so did West ! Declarer continued with ♣6 which he ruffed in hand. After cashing ♦A pitching a heart, he now drew trumps in three rounds ending in dummy – making 12 tricks. Note that this real life event is the only way that a five can be led and to win the trick naturally ☺

DIARY OF UPCOMING CONGRESSES IN NSW

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

Date	Club	Event	Contact	Phone
Nov 9-11	North Shore	Super Congress	John McIlrath	1300 772337
SEE DETAILS AT NSWBA WEB SITE – CONGRESS CALENDAR				
Nov 11	Tweed	Birthday Teams	June Cross	5576 2005
Nov 18	NSWBA	Congress Swiss IMP Pairs	NSWBA	9264 8111
Nov 18	Ballina	Novice Teams	Lyn Graham	6681 5533
Nov 24-25	Armidale	Congress Pairs Congress Teams	Pam Moore	6772 4578
Nov 25	Central Coast	Summer Teams	Helen Eaton	4384 5253
Dec 1-2	Kings and Queens	Gourmet Pairs (Sat) Gourmet Teams (Sun)	Ishmael Del'Monte	9327 2546
Dec 16 (Sun)	NSWBA	Christmas Party Pairs	NSWBA	9264 8111
Dec 17-23	Kings and Queens	Festival of Bridge	Ishmael Del'Monte	9327 2546
SEE DETAILS AT NSWBA WEB SITE – CONGRESS CALENDAR				
Dec 26- Jan 1	Trumps	Festival of Bridge	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
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