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♠ ♥ Bulletin ♦ ♣

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Chairman's Corner :

There was a time when Australia fielded one of the best Open Teams in world bridge. In recent decades we seem to have lost that edge.

But, the future looks bright! As I write this, the Australian Under 26 Team has just won the Pacific Asia Teams Championship in Macau.

It was a photo finish with the Aussies coming from behind on the last day to win, with China and China Hong Kong finishing second and third.

Four members of the team are regulars at the NSW Bridge Association: Ally Morris, Hoi Ming Chan, Leigh Matheson, and Adam Edgton. Justin Howard and Peter Hollands are from Melbourne, as is the non-playing captain, Cathy Mill.

Australia was also represented by an Under 21 team – Shane Harrison, Sam Schulz, Laura Ginnin, Stephen Williams, Nathan Howard and Ellena Moskovsky.

They didn't match the performance of their elders this time, finishing fifth out of six, but with this great exposure to international competition and the opportunity to see the example of and mix with the Under 26s, they too have great potential.

Go team!

Bruce Neill
 Chairman



The Winning Australian Under 26 Team in Macau
 (L to R) Cathy Mill, Hoi Ming Chan, Leigh Matheson,
 Justin Howard, Ally Morris, Peter Hollands, Adam Edgton

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NSW Mixed Pairs Championship

- 1 Elizabeth Fanos - George Finikiotis
- 2 Berenice Folkard - Michael Wilkinson
- 3 Toni Sharp - Kieran Dyke



Mixed Pairs Winners

Bidding Problem

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East dealer : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
1 ♠	2♠(1)	?	

(1) Good heart raise

What would you do as East with:

♠ K 2
 ♥ 10 7 6 2
 ♦ 9 8 6 4 2
 ♣ 8 6

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Lead Problem for West

Dealer East ; Nil Vul IMPs scoring

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♦ ¹
1♥	1♠ ²	2♥ ³	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

¹ Natural 4+ ♦'s, denies 12-14 balanced

² shows 5+ spades

³ weakish

As West you have to make the opening lead after the above bidding.

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

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NSW Singles 2009

- 1 Peter O'Brien
- 2 Ying-Zhao Zheng
- 3 Henry Chu
- 4 Kyoko Luiker
- 5 Billie Gupta



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OPEN TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Qualifying: Wednesday 21st to
 Friday 23rd Oct 2009

Final Series: Sat 24th & Sun 25th
 October 2009

RESTRICTED TEAMS

****NEW EVENT IN 2009****

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd
 October 2009

DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS

(Swiss Matchpoint Pairs)

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th
 October 2009

MANZONI WOMENS' TEAMS & BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS

Qualifying: Mon 26th – Wed 28th October 2009

Finals: Thursday October 29th 2009

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE - NJM

The NSW Seniors' Team Selection had almost reached half way and Steven Bock and I were making a move up the field when we came down with a thud against Liz Quittner and John Mottram. My play in 3NT on this hand had a lot to do with it:-

Dealer North, EW Vul			
John	Steven	Liz	Me
Mottram	Bock	Quittner	
West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	3NT//

At most other tables West did not bid and led a ♠ which as you will see would have made life easy. However John led ♥8.

♠ 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ A 9 7 2
♣ Q J 6 5 4



South
♠ A K J 9
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 10 5
♣ 8 7

Trick 1 went ♥8, 2, 10, Q. I decided to play for split ♦ honours and ran the Jack to Liz Quittner's queen. Naturally Liz switched to a spade which I won with the Ace and played another ♦. When John discarded a heart, I swore under my breath lost the trick to the ♦K and finished a trick short.

But as you can see from the full hand (next column) the contract was cold:

If I had thought about the hand instead of bewailing the ♦ break, I would have realised that for his bid with only ♠Q and nothing in the red suits John was marked with ♣A and ♣K. If he had begun with ♣A K x x (or ♣A K 10) he was bound to be end-played.

All I had to do was win ♦A clear the hearts, and lead a club up!

"Hang on" you say, "What if West pitches two clubs on the hearts and when you lead a club up takes the Ace and King and exits with a spade. You're a trick short!"

The Full Hand:

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

Oh dear, mea culpa. Did I forget to mention that the second diamond I played was the 5 in case West who figured to be short in the suit had started with ♦ K x and had not covered the Jack. (Even John Mottram makes the occasional mistake!) So I still had the ♦10 left. If the defence goes as you say I have a complete count on the hand. After six tricks have gone as described above and I exit with ♣8, West wins ♣K perforce, cashes ♣A and exits a spade. I win, cash my second spade winner (to make my eighth trick) and put the ♦10 on the table. East with only Diamonds left either ducks or is end-played.

(Ed despite this hiccup Moses-Bock finished in 2nd place this year to make the NSW Seniors team again –they won the Senior's selection event in 2005).

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Showtime

Solution to bidding problem on page 2.

You can use a double to show a top honour if they cue-bid partner's suit or make a stopper ask in that suit. Unless they are heading for no-trumps, reserve the support double for the ace or king in partner's suit. If they are exploring 3NT, use the double to show the ace, king or queen in partner's suit.

The lead directing double was vital on this deal:

East dealer: Both vulnerable

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

Suppose the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠(1)	Dble(2)	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- (1) Good heart raise
- (2) Top honour in spades

East doubles 2S to show the SK. The defence is now easy. West leads a low spade to East's king. East returns a diamond and the contract is one down.

Clearly a partnership will have to decide whether East's double here is lead-directing or should be used to say, "I would have bid 2S." The two are not compatible.

In one match neither East doubled 2S. At one table West led the DA, ending the defence at once. At the other West began with a club. Declarer took the CA, played HQ, HJ, the CK and then drew trumps. He picked to finesse the C10. That gave declarer six hearts and four clubs for +620. No swing.

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Answer to Lead Problem

Sitting West, Orlando Wu deduced that South must hold club strength - having failed to support North's advertised five card (or longer) suit. With only one trick likely from hearts, the defence needs two tricks from other suits. If partner has a club honour it is badly placed sitting 'under' declarer's clubs. Orlando decided to attack spades and chose ♠10! One can argue the opening lead of ♠K would have been superior on some layouts. But full marks to Orlando Wu for diagnosing the need for a spade lead and executing. On a non spade lead 5♦ makes easily.

This was Stage 1 Open Team Trials stage 1, Round 2, Board 14. Sixteen of the 35 pairs scored +400 after ♥A lead set up a heart for a spade discard.

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

Les Longhurst Teams of Three

The popular Les Longhurst Teams of Three was conducted at NSWBA premises 162 Goulburn St on Sunday, May 31st. The winners this year were the **RITTER** team pictured below L to R Anita Kite, Catherine Ritter, Sue Crawford and Maureen Cooksley .



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Three New Books

Prolific bridge book publishers, Master Point Press have three new titles.

Somehow we landed in 6NT by David Bird

This is an excellent book of card play problems and stories where every deal is 6NT. The first half contains famous 6NT deals from championship play with headings such as **Jeff Meckstroth's 6NT**. Some of the deals feature leads or defence play. The second half contains a selection of David Bird's well known humorous short bridge stories featuring the monks of St Titus, The Rabbi, Robin Hood and others. Some of those stories have appeared previously in bridge magazines but this is the first appearance of these stories in book form. As well, David Bird ensures there are no blank spaces as you may find in some bridge books for there are 32 quiz hands interpolated throughout the book. This book is rated suitable for Intermediate/Advanced players. This is a fine bridge book that will be both challenging and enjoyable to all keen bridge players. RRP\$32.95

A Bridge to Inspired Declarer Play

by Julian Laderman

Laderman's first bridge book ***A Bridge to Simple Squeezes*** won the 2006 American Bridge Teachers Association Book of the Year Award. His new book contains only 38 problems but the upside is that each deal is well and thoroughly examined. The style of writing is very smooth as befits the writer of a regular bridge column (***The Bronx Journal***). Laderman has an interesting twist – after the main work through, he asks the reader to modify the deal slightly and then demonstrates that the same principles apply. The book also has two appendices which examine probabilities and percentage plays in some detail. Though rated by the publisher as suitable for Newcomer/Intermediate players, I feel the level of detail and difficulty (in some problems) would make this book hard going for many newcomers. But if you are keen on advancing to skilled declarer play and have digested some beginner/intermediate card play books this book has much to offer. RRP \$32.95

Bridge Behind Bars

by Julian Pottage and Nick Smith

Readers of David Bird's Abbot stories or Victor Mollo's Bridge in The Menagerie will find the style and presentation of the many clever deals in this new book to be very entertaining. The central character is Timothy Newman – newly arrived in the Great Yarborough Prison. Tim features in every deal and encounters a wide range of crims with names such as Bossman, Armful Dodger and Goat.

Bridge fiction is not everyone's cup of tea but if you like clever bridge deals and humour then buy this book. RRP\$32.95

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- ♦ The Bridge Shop ☎02 9967 0644
 - ♦ Post Free Bridge Books ☎02 9388 8861
- (These reviews by Peter Jamieson)

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2009 ANC TEAMS

The teams to represent NSW at the Australian National Championships in Canberra in July are:

Open

Kieran Dyke - Andrew Peake
Mike Hughes - Bruce Neill
Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer

Women

Judy Mott - Avril Zets
Helen Lowry - Berri Folkard
Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder

Youth

Adam Edgtton - Ally Morris
Paul Gosney - Ellena Moskovsky
Erin Tewes - Leigh Matheson

Seniors

Paul Lavings - Frank Budai
Steven Bock - Neville Moses
Ross Stuart - Richard Douglas

The non-playing captains are:

Nye Griffiths - Open and Youth
Tina Zines - Women and Seniors

Congress Results

Bathurst Congress Pairs May 2

- 1 Matthew McManus – Keiran Crowe-Mai
- 2 Desmond Mulcahy – Bernard Huxtable
- 3 Gwenda Garde – Rosemary Thane

Bathurst Congress Teams May 3

- 1 Ed Barnes, Matthew McManus, Keiran Crowe-Mai, Ben Chosid
- 2 Terence Palmer, Andrew Milne Mached Baljet, Marcel Hoevenaars
- 3 Donald Butler, David Reddel Peter McClymont, Anthony Wells

Trumps Autumn Teams May 24

- 1 Linden Raymond, Michael Courtney
Edward Chadwick, Marlene Watts
- 2 Kinga Moses, Neville Moses
Marcia Scudder, Inez Glander
- 3 Helen Horwitz, Paul Gosney, Peter Livesey,
Peter Gill, Subhash Gupta

Newcastle Congress Pairs June 13

- 1 Helena Dawson - Jamie Ebery
- 2 Matt Blackham - Michele Tredinnick
- 3 Janet Hill - Bernie Adcock

Newcastle Congress Teams June 14

- 1 Ken Berry, Normand MacLaurin,
Helena Dawson, Jamie Ebery
- 2 A Anlezark, M Thorn,
M Johnson, D Tucker
- 3 L Falla, C Rands,
J Kieran, P Kieran

Wollstonecraft Teams June 14

- 1 Les Grewcock , Alex Yezerski ,
Mark Kolodziejczyk, Peter Ciszak
- 2 Steven Bock, Neville Moses
Greg Eustace, Graeme Corin
- 3 George Finikiotis, Elizabeth Fanos
Michael Courtney, Linden Raymond

Coffs Harbour Teams May 16-17

- 1 Janet Brown, Eric Hurley,
Marjorie Askew, Bill Powell
- 2 Greg and Sharon Mayo
David Weston, Julian Foster

Strathfield Congress May 17

- 1 Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
Peter Livesey, Peter Gill
- 2 Neil Perry, Arnold Volframs
John Mottram, Liz Quittner
- 3 Witold Chylewski ,Linda Aubusson
Patricia Grigson, Sarah Rutherford

NSWBA Swiss Pairs June 27-28

- 1 Witold Chylewski – Linda Aubusson
- 2 Lee Dreyer – Frank Dreher
- 3 Egon Auerbach – Judy Marks

North Shore Super Congress Mr Solace's Swiss Teams

- 1 Sally Clarke, Garry Clarke,
Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett
- 2 Judy Marks, Judy Rocks
Pam Rickard, Judy Twigg
- 3 B Hunter, Fifine Hutton
J Williams, M Thomas

North Shore Super Congress Watermark Swiss Pairs

North - South

- 1 Prue Siemsgluess- Mischa Solar
- 2 Frances Garrick – Peter Marsh
- 3 Peter Jeffrey – Julian Abel

North Shore Super Congress Watermark Swiss Pairs

East- West

- 1 Joan Stobo – Elaine Dignan
- 2 Gary Goldsmith – Don Forrest
- 3 Sally Clarke – Garry Clarke

North Shore Super Congress Two Men and a Truck Swiss Teams

- 1 Andrew Mill, Phil Markey
Khokan Bagchi, Simon Hinge
- 2 Griff Ware, Mark Abraham,
Nick Rodwell, Stephan Winkler
- 3 Marlene Watts, Edward Chadwick,
Michael Wilkinson, Kim Morrison

Ballina Teams 28 June

- 1 William Powell, Marjorie Askew,
Janet Brown, Eric Hurley
- 2 Nigel Mcivor, Jamie Mcfall,
Ben Raaphorst, Magda Kiraly
- =3 Jack Pierce, Eileen Pierce,
Gary Lynn, Susan Lynn
- =3 Helen Tootell, Peter Tootell,
Lyn Arnett, Mike Gilfoyle

Tamworth Congress Pairs June 27-28

- 1 David Weston – Julian Foster
- 2 Lorraine Harkness – Jack Lindsay
- 3 Bruce Tier – Ian Price

Lightning Strikes

by Bruce Neill

Lightning strikes are rare indeed. Some bridge situations are very rare also. This hand at the PABF Championships three years ago in Shanghai was the first time I ever saw declarer go down by failing to cover the trump four with dummy's trump six at trick one.

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

Australia reached six diamonds, and West for Hong Kong led the diamond four.

Deep Finesse confirms that if you cover with the six, you can make six diamonds. If you play low, as our declarer did, you can't! Mind you, a low trump lead from five to the jack against a slam wouldn't be everyone's preference.

They say lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice. But, fast forward to Macau PABF 2009 ... In Australia versus Thailand (2), the Australian South became declarer in 4H doubled after North opened a multi 2D.

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

West, who had doubled 4H, led the heart four. Not everyone's preference, to be sure!

Our declarer, in a reprise of 2006, played the three (!) from dummy.

Lightning strikes twice! If he had played the five from dummy, the contract makes easily.

Alas, perhaps distracted by the missed opportunity at trick one, our declarer now drifted one off. If you want to know how he could have made it after the defence took the club queen with the ace and switched to a spade, look at the report in the Daily Bulletin* dated 22 June, where Fu Zhong shows how it's done!

The moral of the story: cover a spot with a spot!

* Go to ABF website and use link to PABF then select Bulletins

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Watermark Bridge Classic

This new prestige invitation only event was conducted over the weekend 26-28 June at the North Shore Bridge Club. Eight teams played a robin qualifying after which the bottom four dropped out. Then the top two teams played off for 1st and 2nd prizes. The other two teams played off to determine the 3rd and 4th place prizes.

Kieran Dyke, Ishmael Del'Monte, Stephen Burgess and Michael Prescott beat Peter Gill, Andrew Peake, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer in the final.

David Wiltshire, Tony Ong, Michael Courtney, Richard Jedrychowski took 3rd place beating

Attention Bridge Directors in Northern NSW

QBA/ABDA are hosting a Directors' Weekend in Brisbane on 31st October & 1st November 2009

For more information contact QBA Manager Kim Ellaway at manager@qldbridge.com
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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 convenor or enter the Congress online or, where available, view PDF of advertising brochure.

Date	Club	Event	Contact	Phone
July 19	Trumps	Winter Teams	Derrick Browne	9969 5939
July 19	Twin Towns Services	Teams	Ernie Scott	5536 1173
July 26	Taree	Teams	Judy Scott	6553 7878
July 24-26	Brisbane Waters	Super Congress Fri: Welcome Pairs Sat: Swiss Pairs Sun: Teams	Carolyn Molloy	4360 2806
Jul 31 - Aug 2	Sapphire Coast	Super Congress Fri: Welcome Pairs Sat: Swiss Prs Sun: Teams	Garry Riddell	6495 0666
August 1-2	Grafton	Swiss Butler Pairs	Frances Hiatt	6642 2882
August 2	Ingleburn	Teams	Janet Willis	92032222 W 96036508 H
August 9	Moree	Pairs (Sat and Sunday)	Doreen Bailey	0428 669 463
August 9	Nowra	Sat: pairs Sun : Teams	Eddie Garkut	4422 9286
August 9	Tweed	Sun: Graded Teams	Mary Knight	5536 1570
August 15-16	Ballina	Sat and Sun Butler Pairs	M Goodall	6681 5533
August 15 -16	North Shore	Sat: Winter Pairs Sun: Winter Teams	John McIlrath	0437 274 343
Aug 15-16	Wagga	Sat: Pairs Sun: Teams	Valerie Cook	6925 4753
Aug 18-23	Coffs Harbour	Super Congress Gold Points <i>See full details of all events at club web site</i>	Robyn Bingham	6651 7845
Aug 23	Illawarra Bridge Association	Swiss Pairs	Chris Diment	4227 2799
Aug 30	Dubbo	Sat : Pairs Sun Teams	Jane North	6882 1844 W 6882 5107 H