



# New South Wales Bridge Association

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## ♠ ♥ Bulletin ♦ ♣

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### Chairman's Corner

#### *Bridge is a Sport*

We all play bridge because we love it. Every so often, I am reminded that we can all help to make the game more fun for everyone by remembering to play in a sporting spirit.

By all means, play tough and be competitive, but we should all be good sports. For example:

- Be pleasant to the opponents (and partner!). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.
- If you think an experienced opponent may have done something inappropriate, speak privately to the official recorder.
- If you are slow, make the effort to catch up; it's not fair to use more than your share of the clock, and finishing late disrupts the schedule. Claim if it's clear.

Please give new players special consideration. They are the future of the game we love. A major obstacle for beginners is making the leap from lessons or supervised play to regular duplicate against what seem to them incredibly fierce opponents ... even though you and I know we are really pussycats!

Please, welcome them to your table. Make a special effort to explain your bidding. Don't claim till it's obvious ... then explain your claim gently.

#### ***The best venues***

As I write, I have just returned from the Coffs Coast Super Congress. It's a wonderful event at a wonderful location. If you haven't been there, try it!

This led me to think about where we might hold the Australian National Championships the next time they come to NSW in 2013. It seems like a long way away, but these things need a lot of advance planning!

If anyone has a suggestion, in Sydney or outside, please email me (chairman@nswba.com.au) or phone the NSWBA office.

**Bruce Neill**  
**Chairman**

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#### **NSW STATE INDIVIDUAL**

The 2009 NSW State Individual was won by Pauline Gumby.

Runner up was Fraser Rew with Tom Kiss third.

Best Youth - Erin Tewes

Best Restricted - Henry Chu.

#### **STATE MIXED TEAMS**

1 Alan Walsh, Barbara McDonald,  
 Edward Griffin, Mike Hughes

2 Linden Raymond, Michael Courtney,  
 Helen Horwitz, Paul Gosney

3 Helen Lowry, Berri Folkard,  
 Julian Foster, David Weston

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#### **PJ's Slam Diary**

Playing teams (IMP's scoring) you hear partner open 1 spade in second seat. What are your plans for advancing the auction holding:

♠ J 9 4

♥ A J

♦ A Q

♣ A Q J 8 7 4

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## Bidding Problem

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North dealer : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
—	2NT(1)	Pass	4 ♠
Dble (2)	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	?		

- (1) Weak, both minors  
(2) For takeout

What should North do now with:

♠ 7 5  
♥ 10  
♦ J 8 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 9 7 6

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## Book Review

**My Favorite 52** by Larry Cohen

One of the most successful American bridge players (and writers) of the last 20 years, Larry Cohen, presents a collection of his favourite personal bridge moments. Using an intimate 'over-the-shoulder' presentation, Cohen takes readers through deals that he collected over a period of 30 years. He was the declarer on all of them. The book's interactive style allows readers to follow the bidding and play, and even to make their own decisions at key points. Cohen discusses the pros and cons of different options at each critical moment, explaining the reasons for his own choice and why the winning action is also the correct one.

Cohen says "They aren't your everyday instructional deals where declarer has to make an ordinary safety play. There are many positions that I trust will be new to even the most veteran readers. Still, I believe that with the warning bells sounded, even the hardest of these problems are actually solvable by advanced-level players."

*My Favorite 52* was originally published as interactive software. This is its first publication in book form.

Available for \$29.95 through the usual bridge product retailers including:

- ♦ The Bridge Shop ☎02 9967 0644
- ♦ Post Free Bridge Books ☎02 9388 8861



The ABF and the NSWBA present the  
**2009 Sydney Spring Nationals**

**21 – 29 OCTOBER 2009**



**Gold Masterpoints**

**Playoff Qualifying Points**

**Venue:** Hakoah Club, Bondi

**Details:** [www.abf.com.au/events/spnot](http://www.abf.com.au/events/spnot)

### OPEN TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Qualifying: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2009

Final Series: Sat 24<sup>th</sup> & Sun 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 2009

### RESTRICTED TEAMS

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

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2009

### DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS

(Swiss Matchpoint Pairs)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 2009

**MANZONI  
WOMENS' TEAMS**

**BOBBY EVANS  
SENIORS' TEAMS**

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Qualifying: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Finals: Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2009

# MARION RICE

## *Birthday No. 100 !*

Marion Rice, a regular player at the NSWBA, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A party in conjunction with the regular duplicate game was held for her at the NSWBA on Friday August 14th.



The party was attended by the local press and representatives from the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute.

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## City of Sydney Teams

*(held at NSWBA in June 2009)*

- 1 Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer,  
Kieran Dyke, Andrew Peake
- 2 Bob Sebesfi, Fred Curtis,  
Orlando Wu, John Hornibrook
- 3 Helen Lowry, Berri Folkard  
Marcia Scudder, Inez Glanger

### Dave Griffiths Memorial Pairs

1st NS Toni Joseph – Abraham Joseph  
1<sup>st</sup> E/W Liz Bornecrantz – Graeme Corin



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### Deep Finesse – loading deals from a web site that uses ASE 8:

Firstly, take note of where Deep Finesse lives on your PC — right click on the Deep Finesse Icon and record the details shown under “start in”

Next open up the chosen bridge session ( eg session 2 Mixed Teams) Monday night and **right click** on the Deep Finesse button and select ‘save Link as “ (if you use Mozilla) or ‘save target as’ if you use Internet Explorer. Navigate to the place you located in step 1 above — you need to save in Deep Finesse's "**deal archives**" folder under a suitable name eg MIXED 2.

THEN open up Deep Finesse and select ‘Load Deal from file” and choose MIXED 2 or whatever you chose as the save name.

Now the next trick is when the next Deep Finesse panel appears you will see ‘last’ as the default in the panel (bottom middle). You change this to the board number that you want eg 23 and press enter- and that deal is now loaded ready for analysis.

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## An Unusual Decision

As a general principle, a pre-empter describes the hand held and leaves further decisions to partner. The same applies to a player who has made a normal two-suited bid such as the Unusual 2NT or a Michaels Cue-Bid. Originally both of these overcalls were played as weak. These days some top pairs play them as weak or very strong. Some go as far as having no limits on the bids as long as the shape is right.

Be that as it may, if you use the Unusual 2NT and your hand is the weak variety you should not take a second bid unless partner forces you to speak or invites game or you have exceptional shape (such as a 6-6 pattern). That applies whether 2NT is an opening bid or an overcall. On this deal from the final of a national open teams, one North breached discipline and the price was heavy.

North dealer : Both vulnerable

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

North dealer : Both vulnerable

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	2NT	Pass	4 ♦
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Despite the bad trump break, declarer had no trouble making the contract. At the other table:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	2NT	Pass	4 ♦
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♣?	Dble	5♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: ♦7

East won and switched to the HJ, ducked, followed by another heart. Declarer finished four down for -1100 and 9 Imps away. No doubt North will not produce such a 5C bid again. To bid 5C in this situation would suggest 5-7 in the minors (and with such a pattern, you are better off to jump to 5C at once).

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## STROKE AWARENESS WEEK 2009

Will be conducted September 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> .

### Bridge Tournaments:

NSW Bridge Association is again helping to support fundraising in conjunction with bridge clubs all over NSW. Many of the 155 Bridge Clubs in NSW are running red point duplicates during Stroke Awareness Week, with proceeds going to the Stroke Recovery Association.

### Tartan Ribbon Campaign:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of September has been set as "Tartan Ribbon Day", on which volunteers will be selling ribbons in various locations throughout CBD Sydney. Tartan was chosen to convey the complexity of Stroke signs and symptoms and its long term effects on people's lives.

### Information Displays:

The Stroke Recovery Clubs and various community and health organisations throughout NSW undertake displays of information material during Stroke Awareness Week.

If you wish to become involved in Stroke Awareness Week please call the organisers on 1300 650 594.

If your club is holding a fund raising session, go along and support it. All players are very welcome to attend the game at the NSWBA on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.15 with a talk given by Ted Chadwick. There are lots of prizes including lucky door prizes of Penguin books, You can view the flyer at [www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp)

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## Slam Diary continued (from page 1 )

<b>Dealer W</b>	<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>
<b>NS Vul</b>	♠ A K 8 6 3		♠ 10 7 2
	♥ K 6 3 2		♥ Q 9 8 5
	♦ K J 2		♦ 9 5 3
	♣ K		♣ 9 3 2
<b>West</b>			
♠ Q 5			
♥ 10 7 4			
♦ 10 8 7 6 4			
♣ 10 6 5			
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ J 9 4		
	♥ A J		
	♦ A Q		
	♣ A Q J 8 7 4		

This was board 28 on the second session of the City of Sydney Teams June 15. 2009. Your editor did some limited research and reports as follows.

In one match David Wiltshire (North) and Ed Barnes (South) bid smoothly to 7♣ as follows:

Wiltshire	Barnes
1♠	2♣
2♥	3♠ <sup>1</sup>
4♣ <sup>2</sup>	4NT <sup>3</sup>
5♥ <sup>4</sup>	7♣ <sup>5</sup>

- 1 Game Forcing, agrees spades
- 2 Control (A or K) –never shortage initially as this is partners suit
- 3 Roman Keycard Blackwood on spades
- 4 Two keycards, no ♠Q
- 5 Barnes considers 7♣ to be almost cold - though if opener is minimum eg AKxxx - xxxx - xxx - K then the contract will fail unless the spade suit delivers several tricks.

At the other table of the Barnes match, their opponents had a bidding error and bid to 7♠. East led the textbook approved small trump and it was easy for declarer to play low in dummy. So that was + 2210 picking up IMPs against 7C !

In another match the N/S pair had a very crisp auction:

Kim Morrison	Keiran Crowe-Mai
1♠	2♣
2♥	3♦ <sup>1</sup>
4NT <sup>2</sup>	7NT <sup>3</sup>

- 1 4<sup>th</sup> suit game forcing
- 2 natural- a hand too good to bid 3NT
- 3 Crowe-Mai is confident opener will have all the missing aces and kings

In his match Michael Courtney bid 4NT (simple Blackwood) directly over 1♠ and then asked for kings (bingo !) and settled in 7NT. Courtney told me if Linden Raymond had shown only two kings he would have bid 6NT to protect his red suit holdings on opening lead.

Last story – at one table the auction subsided in 3NT after 1S – 2C : 2H – 2N(forcing) and when opener now bid 3NT, responder got cold feet and passed.

Pairs who have “Minorwood” as part of their system might do well on this deal. After 1♠ – 2♣ : 2♥ – ? responder can now bid 4♣ which sets clubs as trump and asks for key cards. Here North will bid 4♠ showing two keycards for clubs. South now asks for kings in other suits, gets the good news and bids 7NT.

Pairs using a big club system with relays should all get to 7NT. But a ‘simple’ big club system may not get to a grand slam. Locating the singleton ♣K plus checking on aces and kings is a lot of work.

Some partnerships would ‘set’ spades as trump early, ask for keycards and discover ♠Q is missing and settle for a small slam in spades. This happened to one distinguished pair who represented Australia recently.

Jamieson –Johannsson struggled into 6NT. Of course after the match we identified how we *should* have got to 7NT:

North	South	
1S –	2C	
2H –	3D1	1 4 <sup>th</sup> suit game force
3NT –	4C 2	2 sets clubs as trumps
4D3 –	4NT4	3 a diamond control
5H* –	5NT**	4 roman keycard on ♣
7C –	7NT	* 2 of 5 aces, no ♣Q
		** grand slam try guaranteeing all five aces and ♣Q asking partner to bid 7C with good quality unshown extras, or bid 6C

A final thought - there are some players in Sydney I know who would be tempted to psyche a 1♦ opening as dealer on the West hand. That would probably torpedo N/S chances of bidding a grand slam! PBJ

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**Concord Bridge Club** now operates from new premises at Canada Bay Club, 4 William Street, Five Dock.

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## Passed Hand Bidding over Partner's Major Opening- Modified Drury

By Valerie Cummings

For this system to be effective it is assumed that responder will bid at the three or four level (some pairs use 2NT= limit raise) holding 4-card support.

From a passed hand only 2♣ is artificial, and opener should bid 2♦ with almost all minimum hands.

2♣ shows one of four hands:

- 1) A maximum pass with 3-card support for the Major.
- 2) Long clubs, 6-8 HCP, hopeful of playing in 3♣.
- 3) Long hearts (over 1♠ opening) and 6-8 HCP.
- 4) Long diamonds, 6-8 HCP, ready to pass 2♦.

Over 2♣, **2♦ from opener is artificial** and responder's next bid will describe which of the four is held. Opener will bid 2♦ on any hand which was ready to pass 2♦ if that bid had been made in a not-forcing style.

### Exceptions:

- 1) 2NT from opener shows 18-20 balanced.
- 2) The simple rebid of the Major is natural, weak, promising extra length in the Major.
- 3) Pass, 1♠ : 2♣, 2♥ shows a weak 5+5+. Responder can pass, correct, or bid game in either major.
- 4) A jump shift e.g. Pass, 1♠ : 2♣, 3♥ is strong, natural, forcing.

The style recommended in this article has the great merit of permitting a passed hand responder to:

- 1) Introduce a long suit of their own without showing any strength e.g. Holding  
Axx x Q10xxxx Jx

Over partner's 1♥ opening bid 2♣ and pass 2♦ from partner, or, holding  
X Q10xxxx Ax Jx

Over the expected 2♦ bid over 2♣, after a 1♠ opening from partner, bid 2♥, denying the strength to bid 2♥ over 1♠.

- 2) Protecting partner's weak 3<sup>rd</sup> in hand opening by showing a good raise at the 2-level e.g. Bid 2♥ over 1♥ from partner holding e.g. Axx Qxx Qxxxx xx

but holding e.g.  
Axx Kxx Kxxxx xx

bid 2♣ and then 2♥ over 2♦ from partner.

I hope that this gadget proves useful to you.

Valerie Cummings

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## JUST KEEP ON BIDDING!

By Greg Quittner

This was board 19 from round 8 of the 2009 City of Sydney Teams in June 2009 at NSWBA.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	1♠	2NT	4♠
Pass	4NT	5NT!	Pass
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

East has a 2NT bid one dreams of. South applies the pressure and North looks for slam. East has already fallen in love with his hand and asks West to bid 6C or 6D. North is in a no win situation.

West ruffs the spade lead, draws two rounds of trumps and claims 13 tricks. South feels that North should have sacrificed in 6S. East feels that with a void in spades West should have bid 7C.

TIP : When you have a very distributional hand with few losers, keep on bidding !

*Postscript:* East can defeat 5S by leading ♦A and then underleading his club honours to West's ♣Q so that West can give East a heart ruff.

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# CONGRESS RESULTS

## Taree Teams

- 1 Mike Mcelhinny, Tony Woolford  
Yvonne Cains, Noelle Kebby
- 2 Arthur Anlezark, Margaret Thorn  
Mike Johnson, David Tucker
- 3 Peter Briscoe, Carol Briscoe  
Barbara Griffiths , Saima King and  
Chris Manser

## Brisbane Waters Super Congress

### Congress Pairs

- 1 Paul Borchardt - Astrid Borchardt
- 2 Ken Wilks - Ian Walker
- 3 Nancye Joss - Lorraine Harkness

### Swiss Pairs

- 1 David Stern - Tony Leibowitz
- 2 Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer
- 3 Jamie Ebery - Richard Lock

### Teams

- 1 Patricia Grigson, Annette Marshall,  
Terry Bodycote, Peter Bendelstein
- 2 Vita Winestock, Paul Lavings,  
Hugh Wichmann, Megan Sutherland
- 3 Bernie Adcock, Janet Hill,  
Rosalie Broughton, Ken Wilks

## Nowra Congress

### Pairs

- 1 Mariann Bookallil - Michael Wilkinson.
- 2 David Christian -Chris Hasemore
- 3 Stephen Fischer - Niek Van Vucht

### Teams

- 1 Elaine Leach, John Brockwell,  
Lawrence Hurley, Stephen Hurley.
- 2 Sally Clarke, Garry Clarke,  
Shirley Crockett, Noel Crockett
- 3 Graeme Corin, Greg Eustace,  
Gaye Allen, Ian Lisle

## Grafton Pairs Congress

### Championship Final

- 1 Janet Brown - Eric Hurley
- 2 Del Liddle - Alan Marr
- 3 Heather Brown- Frances Hiatt

### Grafton Pairs Plate

- 1 Heather Grant - Frank Campbell
- 2 Claire Henry - Jean Sebbens
- 3 Marilyn Miller - Sheila Monie

## North Shore Bridge Club

## Winter Congress

### Pairs

- 1 Warren Lazer & Andrew Peake
- 2 Angela Boulton & Peter Boulton
- 3 Paul Borchardt & Astrid Borchardt

### Teams

- 1 Ross Stuart, Stephan Winkler,  
Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
- 2 Jane Russ, Janice Harris,  
Peter Bendelstein, Terry Bodycote
- 3 Helen Horwitz, Murray Green, Erwin  
Otvosi, Kennet Christiansen

## Coffs Harbour Super Congress

### Open Swiss Pairs

- 1 Sartaj Hans – Tony Nunn
- 2 Ron Speiser – Paul Gosney
- 3 John Mottram – Liz Quittner

### Open Swiss Teams

- 1 Ervin Otvosi, Kennet Christiansen,  
Paul Gosney, Nabil Edgtton
- 2 Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Catherine  
Ritter, Nye Griffiths
- 3 Andrew Mill, Andrew Hegedus,  
Ishmael Del'Monte, Kim Del'Monte

### Restricted Teams

- 1 Jan Rae, Kath Rooney, Joan Mills  
and Errol Miller
- 2 Bina Kassam, Bijan Assaee,  
Denise Barnes, Peter Barnes
- 3 Jenelle Francis, Margaret Dunlop,  
Ruth Weatherley, Jan Campbell

### Revesby Teams

- 1 Jamie Ebery, Nevena Djurovic,  
Theo Antov, Dan Popescu
- 2 John Carter, Anthony Ruello,  
Kingsley Casinader, Dave Mahadevan
- 3 Peter Cox, Patricia Mann,  
Pamela Canning , Michael Curry

*Best restricted* : Miraca Gross, John Gross  
Kaye Wayne, Timothy Wright

## 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
Sept 12-13	Batemans Bay	cancelled	—	—
Sept 12-13	Port Macquarie - Hastings	Teams	Margaret Walker	6587 1020
Sept 13	Hunters Hill	Teams	Linda Allen	9879 6803
Sept 13	Lismore	RES Pairs	Graham Askey	6621 5058
Sept 19-20	Glen	Pairs	Graeme Payne	6734 2233
Sept 20	Tilligerry <i>Lemon Tree Passage</i>	Swiss Pairs	Michael Skelton	4892 3898
Sept 20	Great Lakes	Sat: Pairs Sun: Teams	Daphne Yarnold	6554 5692
Sept 27	Trumps	Teams	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
Oct 4	Brunswick Valley	Anniversary Congress Teams	Barbara Powell	6680 5948
Oct 4	Wollstonecraft	Pairs	Bev Clarke	9436 2191
Oct 9-10-11	Commercial Club Albury	<b>Super Congress</b> (pairs and teams)	Hans Van Aken	0402 918 498
Oct 10-11	Muswellbrook	Sat: Pairs Sun: Teams	Emil Battista	6543 3331
Oct 11	Cowra	Teams	Dianne Payten	6342 3046
Oct 10-11	Tenterfield	Swiss Pairs (both days)	Jim Wyndham	6736 2435
Oct 18	Pennant Hills	Teams	Trish Grigson	9484 2996
Oct 17-18	Taree	Sat: Pairs Sunday : Teams	Judy Scott	6553 7878
Oct 17-18	Mollymook	Sat: Swiss Pairs Sun: Teams	Mike Covill	4454 0214
Nov 1	Parramatta	Foundation Day Teams	Margaret East	9639 1364
Nov 1	Port Stephens	Teams	Christine Blackledge	4984 3458
Nov 7-8	Southern Highlands	Sat: Pairs Sun: Teams	Marina Beaumont	4883 7285
Nov 8	Tweed	Birthday Teams	Mary Knight	5536 1570