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♠ ♥ Bulletin ♦ ♣

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Change to NSW Law may affect Club Constitutions

Many bridge clubs in NSW may currently operate under the *NSW Associations Incorporation Act 1984*. The new *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010* will commence on 1 July 2010.

The Government says the changes are designed to modernise the law, reduce red tape and allow more flexibility for associations, and to make the transition as smooth as possible. If you are interested, you will find a link to a Department of Fair Trading information sheet on the NSW Bridge Association website, at nswba.com.au.

Apology

On the Queen's Birthday weekend, the air-conditioning in 162 Goulburn Street broke down. I understand that the air-conditioner system's water tank on the top floor of the building sprang a leak and the system had to be taken out of service while it was repaired.

Some of our players had a very cold bridge session as a result. We are really sorry about that. I would like to thank our office staff for their quick action to get in temporary heaters for our floor until the system comes back to life, and convey our special apologies to the players who were affected.

Bruce Neill

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Defence Problem for South

Dealer: N Vul: N-S ; Teams

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

Here is the auction.

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

Your partner, North, leads ♣10 – Declarer calls for ♣J from dummy and your ♣K wins the trick as declarer follows with ♣2. What now? More importantly – what are your views on the shape and points in the unseen hands. Answer page 4

Bidding Decision for North

Dealer: E Vul: N-S

Your partner sitting South opens 1NT (15-17) and you hold a hand with high slam potential:

♠ A K 10 2
♥ K 5
♦ —
♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 2

One of the great attractions of Tournament Bridge is the chance to outbid the other pairs holding your cards. This hand is to say the least, exciting, but how do you find out if partner has the right cards for a grand slam? At one table in the NSW Seniors Team trials, Ian Lincoln (sitting North) had to decide what to do after these opening bids :

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♠ ¹	Pass	2NT ²
Pass	?		

¹ transfer to clubs ² super accept on ♣

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PJ's SLAM DIARY

Bidding Decision (continued from page 1)

NSW Seniors Team Trials last match
Board 18, Dealer: E Vul: N-S

	♠ A K 10 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ — ♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 2		
West		East	
♠ J 8 7		♠ Q 6 5 3	
♥ Q 9 6 2		♥ J 10 7 3	
♦ K J 8 5 4		♦ 9 7 6 3	
♣ 5		♣ J	
	South		
	♠ 9 4		
	♥ A 8 4		
	♦ A Q 10 2		
	♣ K Q 4 3		
West	North	East	South
	Ian Lincoln		Chris Williams
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Ian Lincoln and Chris Williams were the only pair (of eight pairs) in the NSW Seniors team's trials final to bid a grand slam on this board.

- 1NT showed 15-17 balanced high card points
- 2♠ transfer to clubs
- 2NT although minimum in points this hand warrants a super accept
- 4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood on clubs
- 5♣ 0 or 3 key cards – must be 3 given the superaccept
- 5♦ enquiry for ♣Q
- 5♠ yes- I have it
- 7♣ Ian Lincoln's thoughts were " I could see 12 certain tricks and concluded that the probability of the 13th trick being there is close to 100% due to : the shape of North's hand including the void , the super accept of the transfer from South."

A limited survey by you Editor found that some of the pairs had figured out 'good' auctions getting to 7♣ after the match – but it was surprising that so many experienced bridge players failed to get to the cold grand slam. Well done Ian and Chris!

The very next board in the same match was a decent small slam. Five of the eight N-S pairs languished in game contracts. Ian Lincoln and Chris Williams were one of the three successful pairs in six hearts.

B 19, Dealer: S Vul: E-W

	♠ A 9 6 5 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ K Q J 4 3 ♣ J		
West		East	
♠ Q 7 2		♠ K J 4 3	
♥ J 8		♥ 6 4	
♦ 8 7 6 5 2		♦ 10 9	
♣ 10 9 8		♣ A Q 5 4 2	
	South		
	♠ 10 8		
	♥ A K Q 10 3 2		
	♦ A		
	♣ K 7 6 3		
West	North	East	South
	Ian Lincoln		Chris Williams
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Ian Lincoln provided these comments:

- 1♥ at least 5 cards in H and an opening hand
- 2♦ showing the diamond suit and forcing to game. (we play the Two over One Game Force version of Standard American.)
- 2♥ showing 6 cards in Hearts
- 4♥ showing ♥ support for game and not showing slam interest at this stage.
- 5♣ showing slam interest with 1st or 2nd round control in clubs and asking if North has 1st round control in spades.
- 5♦ showing 1st or 2nd round control in diamonds and 1st round control in spades
- 6♥ South concludes that the slam is there with the A and K in diamonds and the high probability that North's remaining diamond suit will bring the slam home. South also knows that the ♠A is held by North.

ED you have to feel a bit sorry for E/W at this table (Judy Marks and Adam Rutkowski) who lost many IMPs on these consecutive boards through no fault of their own !

NB – on a spade lead, South wins ace, crosses to DA then three rounds of heart ending in dummy. When diamonds fail to run declarer needs ♠A on side for +980.

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

2010 ANC TEAMS

The teams to represent NSW at the ANC in Hobart in July are:

Open

Andrew Peake - Orlando Wu
Seamus Browne - Tony Burke
Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer
Peter Gill (NPC)

Women

Linda King - Kim Neale
Helen Lowry - Berri Folkard
Lynn Kalmin - Lorna Ichilcik
Michael Wilkinson (NPC)

Youth

Nabil Edgtton - Paul Gosney
Erin Tewes - Andrew Morcombe
Adam Edgtton - Daniel Braun
Kieran Dyke (NPC)

Seniors

Steven Bock - George Finikiotis
Marcia Scudder - Neville Moses
Nicky Strasser - George Bilski
Peter Jamieson (NPC)

(Note: Michael Courtney – Tom Snow won the Open Trials but later had to withdraw)



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It's time to form your teams for the Sydney Spring National Festival

Where: Derby Room, AJC Function Centre, Randwick Racecourse

20-22 October 2010 **Open Teams**

20-21 October 2010 **Restricted Teams** (limited to players with fewer than 300 Masterpoints)

23-24 October 2010 **Dick Cummings Open Pairs**

25-27 October 2010 **Manzoni Womens Teams**

25-27 October 2010 **Bobby Evans Seniors Teams**

(Open, Womens & Seniors Teams have a final to follow the qualifying rounds shown above)

Fabulous Prizes for the Restricted Teams

This year, the winning Restricted Team will be awarded free entry to the 2011 Gold Coast Restricted Teams Championship. In addition, the two pairs producing the highest datums in the Restricted Teams (who are not members of the winning team), will win free entry to the 2011 Gold Coast Restricted Pairs Championship, so if you are eligible, form a team and come along. (These prizes will only be awarded if ten or more teams enter)

Our stunning new venue – in the **AJC Function Centre at Randwick Racecourse** - overlooks the racecourse with breakout area for lunch (or smoking) in the grandstand. Access is easy – buses from the City or Central. If you wish to drive there is **free parking** available.

Argy's cafe will allow purchase of coffee, ordering of lunch etc and is located directly below the playing area.

More information, including the entry form is available at the website: www.abf.com.au/events/spnot



Answer To Defence Problem For South

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

Your thoughts should be along the following lines:

Points : You have 10 points, dummy has 12 points, declarer figures to have an opening hand of at least 12 HCP which adds up to 34 points. So your partner has at the most 6 points. If declarer has more than 12 points then defensive prospects are bleak.

Shape : Declarer could have explored for three card spade support by bidding 3♣ or 2♥ over East's 2♦ – failure to do so indicates he has only four spades. If Declarer had 4-4 in the majors then he would respond 1♥ not 1♠ – therefore he only has three hearts. So partner has four hearts but chose not to lead that suit –which he normally would with four hearts headed by one or two top honours, so the strong inference is that declarer has AKQ of hearts. In clubs it is likely that declarer has ♣Q as to bid 3NT on x x or x x x of clubs is somewhat fanciful (but not impossible).

If partner had a five card suit then most of the time he would lead a low card (4th highest if playing standard leads) to indicate the long suit that can best shoot 3NT. So it seems that North began with ♠ Q and at the most four points outside (which needs to be an ace otherwise 3NT is untouchable). There is a chance that North has led ♣10 from an original club holding of Q 10 9 8 x.

The correct and winning play here is to cash ♠K at trick 2 (on which North plays ♠4 encourage) and then return ♣3. Bruce Neill was sitting South and found this defence. When North (your editor) got in with ♦A it was easy to play a spade to the ace and win the spade exit with the queen for +50.

This was board 5 on May 24 at NSWBA. A quick survey revealed that 3NT was bid and made several

times by West when the defence failed to get things right. Note that an opening heart lead fails to beat 3NT as the defence is a tempo behind. A heart lead might be the only lead to beat 3NT – but not here.

New Bridge Session at the NSWBA.

Learn about Teams Bridge

Commencing on Thursday 17th June, the NSWBA will be running a new session from 2-4 pm which outlines the basic differences between playing in Teams Matches and playing in Match pointed Pairs. Concepts to be covered will include the difference in the scoring involved and the strategies that should be adopted in the bidding and play. Each session will conclude with some short teams matches.

Come with your favourite partner, or come alone. Members \$5, non-member \$7

If you've never played Teams before, a whole new world of bridge will open up for you. Most weekends, there is a Congress on in or close to Sydney at which Teams is played on at least one day (see the extensive Calendar at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp>).

In addition, you will be able to play in the various teams events at the Sydney Spring National Festival to be held in October at the AJC Function Centre, Randwick Racecourse (see advertisement elsewhere in this Bulletin or go to www.abf.com.au/events/spnot)

Improve Your Game

Sunday Workshops with Ed Barnes at NSWBA 1/162 Goulburn St 10:am – 3:pm

Each of Ed's workshops tackles a skill that can be honed effectively in one lesson ;

1st August - Roman Key Card Blackwood

8th August – How do I play this suit? – suit combinations

12th September – Declarer Play: Making a 'plan'... and revising it

\$30 per workshop ; Lunch included
Booking Essential – call 92648111

NSWBA RECORDER

George Finikiotis has become the Recorder for events conducted at the NSWBA. If you have concerns about ethics, unpleasant or offensive behaviour during such events which you feel are not covered by the laws of bridge, or which you don't want to raise with the Director at the table, then you can raise them with George. Speak to him personally or email him:
recorder@nswba.com.au

Hard Day at the Office

By Rakesh Kumar

We begin this story with a lead problem. The bidding was minimally informative: after partner's pass, RHO opened 1NT (15-17, may include a 5-card major) and LHO signed off in 3NT. What will you lead from this?

♠T87
♥T963
♦J97
♣AK8

Answer later. Meanwhile, let me tell you how, during the recent North Shore Teams event, Steven Bock found that it took more than good play to earn praise. Witness this hand

(S dealer, both vulnerable; directions rotated for convenience)

	♠AKT832	
	♥T7	
	♦KJ8	
	♣Q5	
♠J94		♠Q76
♥A8642		♥J3
♦Q53		♦T9764
♣A7		♣JT4
	♠5	
	♥KQ95	
	♦A2	
	♣K98632	

Steven played in 3NT on a heart lead. Unerringly, he led a low club to the queen and ducked a small club to the ace. For lack of anything better, West returned another heart, and the ten held. Steven now crossed to ♦A and ran the clubs, pitching spades and eventually cashing the king of diamonds. He made 11 tricks (5 clubs, 2 spades, 2 hearts and 2 diamonds) while at the other table 3NT was 2 off, for

a 13 IMP swing. Partner's first comment was "If you took the diamond finesse, you could actually have made 12 tricks." "Did you see how I had to play the clubs?" asked Steven, more than slightly aghast at this lack of appreciation by the third opponent.

Not long after, the other opponents joined in:

(E dealer, nil vulnerable; directions rotated for convenience)

	♠AT743	
	♥92	
	♦KJ92	
	♣A2	
♠KQ65		♠82
♥85		♥Q63
♦Q43		♦T8
♣KJ87		♣T96543
	♠J9	
	♥AKJT74	
	♦A765	
	♣Q	

As South, Steven played in 4♥ and West led ♣7. Steven rose ace, took the heart and diamond finesses, and duly made 12 tricks for a flat board. At which point West piped up "Did you know that you could have made all 13 tricks if you ran the opening lead to your queen?" Steven scowled.

Back to that lead problem. Did you try the ♣AK? Steven did, and was rewarded magnificently. Here's the full hand – of course 4♥ is a much safer contract. It was duly bid at the other table and made 12 tricks, for an 11 IMP swing.

(E dealer, EW vulnerable; directions rotated for convenience)

	♠A52	
	♥KJ2	
	♦AQ85	
	♣764	
♠T87		♠J963
♥T963		♥8
♦J97		♦T42
♣AK8		♣JT952
	♠KQ4	
	♥AQ754	
	♦K63	
	♣Q3	

This time partner applauded and declarer scowled, as both said "How *did* you find that lead?"
Recognition at last ...

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

Congress Results

Bathurst Congress Teams May 2

- 1 Ed Barnes, Matthew McManus,
Keiran Crowe-Mai, Ben Chosid
- 2 David Priol, Dominic Kwok
Machteld Baljet, Marcel Hoevenaars
- 3 Kevin Balkin, Pauline Balkin
Christina Bodiroza, Hilda Murray

Peninsula Congress Teams May 2

- =1 Bev Menzies, Carolyn Dowling,
Linda Abbenbroek, Jan McLennan
- =1 Henk Sluyter, Neville Nott,
Wayne Zhu, Les Marks
- 3 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett,
Ed Vaughn, Robin Vaughn

Coffs Harbour Teams May 15-16

- 1 Greg and Sharon Mayo
David Weston, Julian Foster
- 2 Janet Brown, Eric Hurley,
Marjorie Askew, Bill Powell
- 3 Colin Tolley, Mike Sifford,
Alex Windows, Thomas Free

Strathfield Congress May 16

- 1 Marlene Watts, Paul Gosney
Jamie Ebery, Nevena Djurovic
- 2 Sartaj Hans, Helena Dawson
Catherine Ritter, Tony Nunn
- 3 Witold Chylewski, Linda Aubusson
Patricia Grigson, Shirley Arnold

Trumps Autumn Teams May 23

- 1 Chris Dibley, Warren Dobes,
Wayne Smith, Grant Cowen
- 2 Al Simpson, John Newman,
Josh Wyner, Derrick Browne
- 3 Linden Raymond, Michael Courtney,
George Bilski, Jennifer Rothwell

Newcastle Congress Pairs June 19

- 1 Robyn Fletcher - Paul McGrath
- 2 Jamie Ebery - Nevena Djurovic
- 3 Normand Maclaurin - Ken Berry

Newcastle Congress Teams June 20

- 1 Normand Maclaurin - Ken Berry
Roger Yandle - Christine Williams
- 2 Garry Clarke - Sally Clarke
Shirley Crockett - Noel Crockett
- 3 Marlene Watts - Edward Chadwick
Jamie Ebery - Nevena Djurovic

Wollstonecraft Teams June 20

- 1 Bob Richman, Jane Dawson
William Zhang, Michael Wu
- 2 Nazife Bashar, Kinga Moses
John Scudder, Inez Glanger
- 3 Liz Adams, Tony Nunn
Wendy Ashton, Peter Gill

Illawarra Bridge Association Inc Pairs June 19

- 1 George Czubala – Wally Malaczynski
- 2 Margaret Reid – Henrica Cary
- 3 Jan Dooner – Ron Lorroway

Teams June 20

- 1 George Czubala – Wally Malaczynski
Andrzej Adamczewski, Ryszard Waszyrowski
- 2 Robert Kinloch, Jeff Carberry
Kay Hart, Alan Watkins
- 3 Ingrid Mooney, Neville Mooney,
Jill Regterschot, Larry Regterschot

North Shore Super Congress

Mr Solace Teams Fri June 26

- 1 Susan Crompton - Neil Perry
Ross Stuart - Gary Lane
- 2 Jamie Ebery - Terry Brown
Richard Jedrychowski - Peter Fordham
Michael Wilkinson – Leigh Gold
- 3 Bina Kassam - Pauline Gumby
Joan Stobo - Felix Yu

Watermark Swiss Pairs June 27

- 1 NS Michael Wilkinson - Kim Morrison
- 2 NS David Smee – Greg Quittner
- 1 EW Peter Cizak - Witold Chylewski
- 2 EW Nicky Strasser – Edward Chadwick

Two Men and A Truck Teams June 28

- 1 Judy Osie - Phillip Osie
Witold Chylewski - Peter Cizak
- 2 Roslyn Howes - Val Mace
Sally Clarke - Garry Clarke
- 3 Mim Flynn - Julianne Rocks
Judith Twigg - Pam Rickard

NSW Mixed Pairs

- 1 Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
- 2 Ruth Jamieson – Peter Jamieson
- 3 Marlene Watts – Tony Hutton

NSW State Singles

- 1 Pat Crowe
- 2 Annette Marshall
- 3 Frances Cufar

NSWBA Swiss Pairs

- 1 Jamie Ebery – Nevena Djurovic
- 2 Timothy Cregan – Betty Priestley
- 3 Les Varadi – David Smee

**Teams of Three Congress- at NSWBA
Sunday June 6 2010**

The numbers were down this year, but the 22 teams had a fun day. The teams were allocated their expert captain via a random draw. There were six 8 board matches and the captain played two matches with each team member. By tradition the captains always sat in the South chair (*and wore a name tag!*). Hand records were available after each match and some captains could be seen giving some tips on a few key hands during the day.

Ed Barnes was the Master of Ceremonies and his people skills were demonstrated to great advantage as he handled the draw and made the introductory remarks. As well he made periodic announcements about prize winners for several (fun) ad hoc categories. The expert tournament direction was by NSWBA's Chief Tournament Director Matthew McManus.

After three matches came the lunch break, with a splendid food platter delivered to each table. After the tournament finished there was prize giving (with leather goods generously donated by NSWBA's sponsor, Manzoni Leather) ; photos were taken (these can be viewed at the NSWBA web site) and of course some nibblies, wine and soft drinks were provided. The top three place getters were:

- 1 Warren Lazer (C), Colin Thomas, Mark & Julie Guthrie (**see photo**)
- 2 Bruce Neill (C), Malcolm Martin, Henrietta Hohnen, Gary Goldsmith
- 3 Neville Moses (C), Peter Kay, Peter Liphay, Peter McAdam



(L to R) Mark Guthrie, Warren Lazer, Julie Guthrie, Colin Thomas

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Three (mini) Book Reviews

Bridge Squeezes Complete: Winning Endplay Strategy by Clyde Love

Level: Intermediate / Advanced Price \$37.95

This book was first published in 1959, and quickly became one of the classics of the game. Generations of bridge players have learned the fundamentals of squeeze play from Love. The original version had been out of print for some time, however it has now been republished in its first revision in 50 years. In its new modernized form, readers will find the ideas much more accessible, while handy end-of-chapter quizzes reinforce the concepts.

The Mysterious Multi
How to Play it, How to Play Against It

Authors: Mark Horton and Jan van Cleeff
Level: Intermediate / Advanced Price \$29.95

The Multi Two Diamonds is a popular convention among Australian tournament players, yet this is the first comprehensive modern book on how it fits into commonly played bidding structures. Various alternative uses for the opening major-suit two bids are discussed in depth. Chapter 4 gives some options (including the Meckstroth-Rodwell method) on how to defend against a 2D Multi which is very useful. There are chapters on other multi 2 bids plus lots of hands with commentary from top tournaments.

Bridge, Probability and Information

Author: Robert MacKinnon
Level: Advanced - Price: \$29.95

This book has many mathematical concepts but still aims to be accessible to any bridge player. It develops the ideas of probability and information theory and applies them to bridge in a way no previous author has done. Concepts such as Vacant Spaces, Restricted Choice, and how splits in one suit affect the probabilities in other suits, are discussed in depth. Readers will emerge with a much better understanding of how to apply these ideas at the table, and with some very practical rules and advice that will make them more successful players.

Available through the usual bridge product retailers including:

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

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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 9-11	Brisbane Waters	Super Congress Fri: Welcome Pairs Sat: Swiss Pairs Sun: Teams	Carolyn Molloy	4360 2806
July 18	Twin Towns Services	Teams	Jan O'Grady J. Verdict	6674 3675 07 5535 5649
July 24-25	Taree	Teams both days	Judy Scott	6553 7878
July 23-25	Orange	Fri: Walk In pairs Sat : Congress Pairs Sun: Congress Teams	Margaret Robinson	6362 8241
July 31- Aug 1	Grafton	Swiss Pairs	Frances Hiatt	6642 2882
August 1	Ingleburn	Swiss Teams	Janet Willis	92032222 W 96036508 H
August 8	Nowra	Sat: Pairs Sun : Teams	Adrian Haar	4464 2400
August 8	Tweed	Sun: Graded Teams	Robert Noble	5576 1186
August 14-15	Moree	Pairs (Sat and Sunday)	Doreen Bailey	0428 669 463 6752 7468
August 14-15	Ballina	Sat and Sun Butler Pairs	M Goodall	6681 5533
August 14 -15	North Shore	Sat: Winter Pairs Sun: Winter Teams	John McIlrath	0437 274 343
August 14-15	Wagga	Sat: Pairs Sun: Teams	Sue Matheson	6925 4100
August 18-22	Coffs Harbour	Super Congress Gold Points <i>See full details of all events at club web site</i>	Robyn Bingham	6651 7845
August 22	Illawarra Bridge Association	Swiss Pairs	Chris Diment	4227 2799
August 29	Trumps	Friendly Pairs	Derrick Browne	9969 5959
Sept 11-12	Sapphire Coast	Super Congress Fri: Welcome Pairs Sat: Swiss Pairs Sun: Teams	Garry Riddell	6495 0666