



2022 Summer Festival of Bridge



Qualifying rounds concluded Congratulation to SWPT winners ASHTON



Wednesday, January 19

Results

Cornucopia of deals

The opening rounds of the SWPT kicked off with a cornucopia of pleasures.

I was hovering in the lobby at the start of play, deciding which pair to watch when I noticed an overseas player could not find his way to the table (blame Apple devices). Laurie, seeing me in the lobby asked me to play to get the ball rolling.

SWPT, Match 1

Board 1, North deals, nil vulnerable

	♠ A J 8 7 2	
	♥ 9	
	♦ Q 10 8 3	
	♣ J 7 6	
♠ 10 5	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>	♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ K 8 7 5 4 3 2		♥ 10 6
♦ 5 2		♦ K J 7
♣ A 5		♣ K 9 3 2
	♠ K Q	
	♥ A Q J	
	♦ A 9 6 4	
	♣ Q 10 8 4	

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	2NT
pass	3♥ ¹	pass	3♠
pass	3NT	all pass	

1. Transfer

At other tables South led obscure cards like ♦5 or ♠10 against 3NT (those leads got what they deserved), but I went with ♥5, fourth highest from my longest and strongest, as did many others. Declarer won ♥10 with the queen and cashed ♠K, Q.

Believing my ♠10 to be a true card (i.e. not ♠1095) she did not overtake, instead playing a diamond to dummy's 10 and partner's jack. A heart to the jack

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and king, and a heart back established five tricks if declarer were to play a club. ♦A and a diamond to partner's king followed, and I claimed down four on the club return. A flat board, but +4.43 on the datums.

South West Pacific Teams					
Cross-IMPs					
Pos	No	Pair	Average	Total	Bds
1	53	alan watson & Stephen Lester	+4.66	+415 / 89	1
2	73	john wang & Gary Chen	+3.68	+6774.9 / 1839	21
3	13	Matt Mullamphy & Ian Thomson	+3.39	+3623.7 / 1068	12

I have been No. 1 in the datums ever since. I like playing one board events!

By the second board, Alan Watson's true partner had found the table, and I was able to table hop, kibitzing to my heart's content.

The Power of the Closed Hand

The next contentious board reinforces an oldie but a goody BOS Tip, espoused by UK expert Tony Forrester in the 1997 The Complete Book of BOLS Bridge Tips:

"Make use of the power of the closed hand. It is declarer's biggest edge. Try to lead from dummy as often as possible, even when there may appear at first sight to be little advantage."



Bob Hamman has equivalent advice:

If you are ever to amount to anything at this game, you must build up a picture of the unseen hands. The idea is to know what the problem is before you try to solve it.

	♠ 7 5 4 2		
	♥ K Q 3		
	♦ 7 6		
	♣ K 10 4 3		
♠ Q J 3		♠ A K 8	
♥ J 9 6 5 2	N W E S	♥ 4	
♦ J 5 2		♦ A K Q 9 8 4 3	
♣ Q 7		♣ J 8	
	♠ 10 9 6		
	♥ A 10 8 7		
	♦ 10		
	♣ A 9 6 5 2		

On a hand where beginners would automatically take the first eight tricks (don't finesse against partner, I was taught as a beginner), North has a decision to make at trick one after $\clubsuit 5$ (fourths) or $\clubsuit 2$ (fifths) lead. Has partner led away from the jack or the ace?

One South made the intelligent lead of ♥A to look at dummy before shifting to a club – no luck, North played ♣10.

Back to North's dilemma after a low club lead. If it was me, I hope I would have the feeling East doesn't have ♣A because of what he didn't play at trick one – ♣Q (and a fifth highest ♣2 would reinforce that supposition even more). If we are expecting East to hold two or three clubs to the ace, surely he would put the queen in, hoping South has led from ♣K.

Congratulations to Tina Strickland, Sylvia Gluck, Pamela Livingston, Kinga Hajmasi, GeO Tislevoll and Malcolm Mayer (they must have gone to the same teacher as me), the few who put in ♣K at trick one on a low club lead.



Technique in full glory

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

West	North	East	South
Tutty	Smyth	Neumann	Bird
		1♦	2♠
pass	3♠	dbl	pass
5♣	all pass		

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“On Board 2, the fireworks started. 4♠ NS is a decent contract, which makes on a heart guess if EW don't find their diamond ruff.

Seven Souths in 4♠ (one doubled), made 10 tricks on a diamond lead when East didn't divine the position. Surprisingly, only three Easts delivered the diamond ruff(s) against 4♠.

Meanwhile, EW can make a lot of club tricks, depending on how hearts are tackled.

Played by East, a heart lead will hold declarer to 10 tricks. Played by West it takes an improbable underlead of ♠A, overtaken by South for a heart switch.

21 EW pairs climbed to 5♣, including Avi Kanetkar in partnership with David Beauchamp. All but one went down.

With David declarer from the West seat, he received ♠A lead and continuation, ruffed in dummy. He cashed a top club, then ♦A, ruffed a diamond in hand and a spade in dummy, followed by a second diamond ruff.

In hand, with a losing diamond still in dummy, he cashed ♣Q, drawing dummy's ♣J, followed by his penultimate club, on which he discarded a heart from dummy.

He was left with ♥Q92 and the last club, with ♥A85 and a losing diamond in dummy. North had erred by discarding a diamond to keep his hearts intact,

but recovered by playing ♥2 on ♥3. Inserting dummy's ♥8 was the winning play, and perhaps the only chance, given South's weak jump overcall, but David played ♥A and was one down.

At the other table, South overcalled 1♠ only, so when a similar position was reached and North, Kiwi Brian Mace put in ♥10, declarer didn't have enough information (or confidence) to duck that, so he also took the ace for a flat board.

Jodi Tutty demonstrated the right technique in 5♣. After ♠A and a diamond shift, she won ♦A and ruffed a diamond, then crossruffed diamonds and spades. When she ruffed her last spade from hand, she cashed ♣K, drawing North's last trump. North was down to hearts only, and Jodi had managed the crucial part of the exercise, ending in dummy to play a heart to the nine, ending playing North.



Jodi and David will represent Australia in the Mixed Teams at the upcoming world championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy (the 45th World 2021 Bridge Championships, 27 March to 9 April).

David might do well taking some lessons on cardplay from his partner!”



The final upcoming ABF Licensed Events for 2022

Here are the last two major events for this year, again taking you from one side of the country to the other

Keep free October 19 - 28 for the Sydney Spring Nationals, and enjoy 10 days of bridge

The last event of the year is the Golden West Swiss Pairs in Mandurah, Western Australia

Recognition for Veteran players and datum winners

A benefactor has kindly arranged for a cup to be donated for the highest placed Veterans' pair in the Summer Festival Open Swiss Pairs (the TBIB Open Swiss Pairs). The trophy is designated the Canberra Bridge Club Cup.

In 2022, the winners are **Alexander Long - Tony Lusk**.

In addition, gold medals are to be awarded to those pairs having the highest datums in the qualifying rounds for various elite events (currently the Victor Champion Cup, the Gold Coast Congress and the South West Pacific Teams. Winning pairs need to have played all matches, so pairs in five- and six-person teams are not eligible. We will announce the datum winners for the SWPT, after careful tabulation has been completed.

Tasmanian Festival of Bridge



Andrew Richman, Convener: It will be great if people can book accommodation early and then cancel if needed, as V8 SuperCars have clashed with us.

Thu 24th - Sun 27th March 2022

Thursday/Friday:

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Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs - PQPs

Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs

Saturday/Sunday:

TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs – PQPs

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