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**INSURANCE BROKER**



+430 EW

A confident 4♠ bid would have worked well, and North must have rued the day he didn't bid 4♠ after he had to defend 3NT.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Brian Mace</i>		<i>Tom Jacob</i>
			pass
pass	1♠	dbl	2♠
pass	pass	dbl	rdbl
3♦	3♠	pass	4♠

+620 NS

Mace showed willingness to compete over 3♦, and now Jacob raised freely to game, undisturbed by EW.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Sartaj Hans</i>		<i>Peter Gill</i>
			pass
pass	1♠	2♦	3♠
pass	4♠	all pass	

Here the EW action gave NS more wiggle room. Takeout doubles don't have to have a perfect shape, and East had enough in the way of extras to make up for the imperfect shape. NS were able to conduct a normal auction after the 2♦ overcall.

Only the two NS pairs shown above were allowed to play 4♠, while seven EW pairs scored a game bonus for 3NT making (nine, 10 and 11 tricks).



## NOT Round of 8

♠ K 7 6 3  
♥ 7  
♦ A Q 7 6  
♣ A 6 5 3

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

♠ 5 2  
♥ 9 8 6 3  
♦ K 8 5 3  
♣ 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
<i>J Simpson</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>S Simpson</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
		1NT <sup>1</sup>	pass
2♣ <sup>2</sup>	pass	2♦ <sup>3</sup>	pass
2NT <sup>4</sup>	pass	3NT <sup>5</sup>	pass
4♥	all pass		

1. 12-15
2. Stayman, may be start of relay, does not promise a major
3. No major
4. Relay
5. 3343 or 3334

Successful Kiwi husband-wife partnership Jo and Sam Simpson's sequence made West declarer, and this made the defence more difficult for North, Pauline Gumby.

With an unattractive set of holdings, she started with ♣A. Lazer discouraged (and gave count) with ♣9, I believe, but with everything else looking dangerous, she continued the suit to declarer's king.

This allowed declarer to shed a losing diamond on a top club, and the game came home with the loss of a spade, a diamond and a club.

At the other table, South led ♠5, and with the West hand exposed it was easy for North to win the king and switch to ace and another diamond, so 4♥ was down after the first four tricks.



At another table, West was also at the helm in 4♥. This time a low spade was led from the North hand, which looked to be a bad start to the defence. My correspondent continues:

“Declarer played a club to the king and ace. After cashing two diamonds, South, in with ♦K, considered his play.

Instead of the natural instinct to return a spade, he found a club switch to defeat 4♥.

This was cute, as it mangles the communications between the EW hands. Declarer can't draw trumps ending in dummy, and can only take one discard on the clubs before South ruffs.

A spade return doesn't work as declarer wins the ace, draws trumps and still has a club to get back to dummy to discard his last two spades.

Sadly, all this did was flatten the board, as most tables (including our other table) played it the other way up, and received ♠5 lead through the ace, which gave declarer no chance.”

## What's on offer for 2022?

### Upcoming ABF Licensed Events

**Despite Covid19's grip, the ABF plan to serve up all your favourite events, taking you around the country to some of our most exciting cities.**

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Then it's the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge in Launceston, from March 24 - 27

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Gold Bridge Festival from August 31 - Sept. 4



# National Women's Teams after eight rounds

Team	C/O	1	2	3	4	Total
Sylvester	41.42	9.64	15.15	14.46	19.74	100.41
Humphries	57.89	15.15	3.82	8.62	13.71	99.19
Lusk	51.00	12.61	16.18	12.01	6.55	98.35
Creet	59.75	4.85	13.45	20.00	0.26	98.31
Zhang	47.61	14.70	6.55	11.38	11.05	91.29
Chew	32.78	15.15	15.15	12.90	13.45	89.43
Wilson	51.80	7.39	11.05	0.00	17.71	87.95
Gibbons	50.76	5.30	8.95	5.54	17.08	87.63
Scudder	36.67	7.99	4.85	18.90	18.90	87.31
Morgan-King	43.82	10.36	7.99	11.38	8.95	82.50
Ichilik	42.28	12.01	12.01	7.99	6.29	80.58
Williams	33.11	18.41	4.85	7.10	4.63	68.10
Homik	33.57	1.59	18.54	8.62	2.92	65.24
Hocking	30.67	4.85	11.38	9.64	1.10	57.64
Hall	15.06	11.70	8.62	1.10	15.37	51.85
Lowry	21.63	8.30	1.46	10.36	2.29	44.04



## NOT quarter finals after eight rounds



Ashton	140
Rosendorff	75
Thomson	87
Coutts	129
Gumby	93
Simpson	92
Hughes	95
Zhou	97



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# 2022 Autumn Nationals

**Thursday 28th April - Monday 2nd May 2022**

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

**Gold Masterpoints awarded | PQPs in Open and Mixed events**

**Swiss Butler Pairs (Open, Mixed, Under Life, Under Grand)**

**Swiss Teams (Open, Under Life, Under Grand)**

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Under Grand Pairs

Under Grand Teams

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All matches 14 boards

9.30am start each day

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