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Teams Qualifying 6

Having watched one half of the NEILL team in Round 5, now was my chance to watch the other half.

They would be taking on Matt Mullamphy and Andrew Spooner, while Bruce Neill and Peter Buchen would face Mike Doecke and William Jenner-O'Shea.

After a quiet 3NT NEILL was unlucky not to gain on a hand where their opponents played 6♦ (on a poorly-fitting 5-4 fit with 25 HCP) with 5♦ requiring a series of good but unlikely views to make.

Roeder went two down in 5♦, Doecke took an extra trick in 6♦ to flatten the board.



Mike Doecke

After four deals the match score was 4-4, then the real action started.

Board 19 ♠KQJ3
Dealer South ♥J853
Vul:EW ♦8
 ♣10853

♠109854	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> WS</div> </div>	♠A762
♥4		♥K1092
♦AK653		♦J742
♣94		♣K

♠---

♥AQ76

♦Q109

♣AQJ762

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Buchen - Neill played 3♣ after Buchen opened a strong club, and Doecke came in to show a two-suiter with 1NT. Neill doubled, and Jenner-O'Shea bid 2♠. When Buchen bid 3♣, wasn't Neill worth a raise?

It turns out 6♣ cannot be defeated, but 3♣ was worth only +150.

This was the auction from the other room:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Roeder</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Watson</i>	<i>Spooner</i>
			1♣
1♦	dbl	2♣	4♥
pass	pass	dbl	all pass

Watson must have felt slightly aggrieved that ♠A didn't represent the setting trick on this particular auction. After a top diamond lead and club shift Spooner simply ruffed two diamonds in dummy while finessing in trumps and wrapped up +590 for 10 IMPs.

Board 20 ♠KJ1083
Dealer West ♥84
Vul:all ♦AJ108
 ♣105

♠52	<div style="background-color:#006400; color:white; padding:5px; margin:0 auto; width:40px; height:40px; display:flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center;"> N W E S </div>	♠Q976
♥973		♥K102
♦K42		♦Q976
♣AKQ62		♣83

♠A4
 ♥AQJ65
 ♦53
 ♣J974

At both tables the auction started with West opening 1♣, North overcalling 1♠ and both Easts somewhat aggressively bidding 1NT. Buchen as South tried 2♥ and played there for +110.

Spooner could double for penalties not take-out for the unbid suits and did so, to end the auction. After the ♥Q lead to the ♥K Watson tried a diamond up. Mullamphy won and continued hearts, letting Spooner cash out. Mullamphy threw an encouraging spade then diamond, spade. Declarer let go a club and a spade. Reading the position accurately, Spooner shifted to a club and when that suit didn't break declarer had five tricks and no more. Spooner had 9 more IMPs.

Magical Thinking (also known as the Peter Newman Rule) is that if you want something to happen badly enough, it will. Matt Mullamphy is a keen practitioner of the principle; I guess his willpower is stronger than mine. Anyway, to see the principle in practise...



Board 21 ♠QJ92
Dealer North ♥K854
Vul:NS ♦J83
 ♣73

♠85	<div style="background-color:#006400; color:white; padding:5px; margin:0 auto; width:40px; height:40px; display:flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center;"> N W E S </div>	♠A107643
♥---		♥J92
♦AQ109762		♦4
♣A952		♣J106

♠K
 ♥AQ10763
 ♦K5
 ♣KQ84

At one table after a weak 2♠ by East, West jumped to 5♦; operation successful, the save cost only 300, patient dead, in that 4♥ is no play...or is it?

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Roeder</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Watson</i>	<i>Spooner</i>
	pass	2♦	dbl ¹
pass	2♥	pass	3♥
pass	4♥	all pass	

1. One major

Roeder passed 2♦ doubled to show diamonds then sensibly decided not to save. After a diamond opening lead it looks hard not to take four tricks. First of all can you see how to let the game through – and who should be to blame for doing so? At the table Roeder made what seemed like a reasonable play. He won his ♦Q and cashed the ace, saw his partner encourage in spades and shifted to that suit. Watson won and continued spades...and now all four clubs could be discarded from dummy.

From East's point of view declarer could have held a 5-3-3-2 hand with the second spade giving him a trump guess of sorts. But West should have known that exiting with a third diamond was safe. If your side has the two black aces you are setting the game, and if you don't you won't. Yes this disaster was really hard to foresee...but one could argue that the spade play never gains.

The defensive disasters were not all one way, however:

Board 24	♠J86		♠Q73
<i>Dealer West</i>	♥J6542		♥1087
<i>Vul:nil</i>	♦AQ		♦7632
	♣963		♣Q84
♠A10542		♠Q73	
♥K3		♥1087	
♦J54		♦7632	
♣A102		♣Q84	
	♠K9		
	♥AQ9		
	♦K1098		
	♣KJ75		

In both rooms West opened 1♠, East responded 1NT and South doubled for takeout. Mullamphy went low with 2♥, and played there for +140, Neill went high with 3♥ and Buchen converted to 3NT.

On a low spade lead this contract looks terrible but Buchen played low from dummy and Jenner-O'Shea passed the first hurdle by ducking (following with the ♠7). Buchen led a diamond to the ace and finessed in hearts. Doecke won and had to decide if partner had started life with ♠Kx or ♠Qxx.

Since with ♠Kx he might (should?) rise and return the suit to set the game by force, I think if you are going to lead spades you must play the ♠A.



Redouble Dutch, Jodi Tutty, Maurits van der Vlugt, Ans, Wubbo de Boer & Agnes Snellers

Doecke led a low spade and Buchen was presumably even more pleased than surprised to play the spade suit for two tricks without losing one.

(It is possible that this was another example of Newman's law but I didn't ask Peter...) +430 meant 7 IMPs for NEILL but a 33-11 win for SPOONER.

Teams Qualifying 8

MORRISON against REDOUBLE DUTCH; Kim Morrison and Chris Hughes taking on Maurits van der Vlugt and Jodi Tutty.

Board 15	♠A1032		♠J8
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥J9		♥K642
<i>Vul:NS</i>	♦109653		♦AKJ
	♣106		♣Q984
♠Q9654		♠J8	
♥5		♥K642	
♦74		♦AKJ	
♣AKJ32		♣Q984	
	♠K7		
	♥AQ10873		
	♦Q82		
	♣75		

Tutty reached 3NT after van der Vlugt had made a Michaels Cuebid over Morrison's 1♥ opener.

Morrison led a heart, generating the most interesting of the possible scenarios (a club or spade would surely set the game, while a diamond gives declarer an eighth trick but leaves no real pressure in the endgame).

Tutty sensibly ran clubs without divulging the diamond position. Hughes signalled for spades and Morrison pitched a heart then both of his spades. This was risky: had Tutty held ♥9 instead of his partner she could have cashed a diamond then exited with the heart nine to endplay South.

As it was, when Morrison pitched his spades, declarer played a spade herself. Hughes took his ace to let Morrison pitch a diamond. Now a heart through saw South cash four hearts for one down.

The safest way for South to defend is to pitch hearts on all three clubs. The defenders will take

two spades and two hearts ending in North and lead a diamond through declarer, whatever she tries. (And declarer cannot keep three hearts or the defence have three spade tricks.)

In the other room a club partscore fetched +110 and MORRISON was off and running with 4 IMPs.

Board 19 ♠Q964
Dealer South ♥A743
Vul:EW ♦5
 ♣Q1092

♠AKJ102	<div style="background-color:#006400; color:white; padding:5px; display:inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠75	
♥---		♥52	
♦AK1087		♦QJ43	
♣J73		♣K8654	

♠83
 ♥KQJ10986
 ♦962
 ♣A

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>V d Vlugt</i>	<i>Hughes</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
			1♥
2♥	4♥	Pass	Pass
dbl	Pass	4NT	5♥
dbl	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	all pass		

Tutty had a real problem over 4♥, and in a sense she double-crossed her partner when she removed the double of 5♥. She wasn't far off in her calculations though, with 5♥ down only one, and 6♦ making had ♣J and ♣Q been the other way round. Van der Vlugt ruffed the opening heart lead and crossed to a trump in dummy to lead a low club

from the board. Operation successful...but there was still either a spade or a second club loser at the end of the day. In the other room they played 5♥x doubled down one, for 5 IMPs to MORRISON, and the set score was 17-3 after five deals.

Board 21 ♠A62
Dealer North ♥754
Vul:NS ♦953
 ♣8764

♠43	<div style="background-color:#006400; color:white; padding:5px; display:inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠J98	
♥KJ3		♥A986	
♦K64		♦J102	
♣A10953		♣KQ2	

♠KQ1075
 ♥Q102
 ♦AQ87
 ♣J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>V d Vlugt</i>	<i>Hughes</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
			1♠
dbl	pass	3♥	All pass

In the other room E/W had suffered a bidding accident and ended in 3NT. The defenders had cashed out for 100, so Tutty was in position to generate a swing if she could bring home 3♥. Morrison led a top spade and couldn't believe partner had ♠Axx and hadn't raised him (not surprisingly?).

He shifted to the ♣J and Tutty won in hand and finessed in hearts then cashed the ♥K, Morrison producing the 'expert/automatic' falsecard of the ♥Q. Tutty now finessed in hearts – which seems wrong to me, since if you misguess by finessing you are doomed, whereas if North has four hearts but also four clubs you may still survive.

When Morrison won his ♥10 he was still under the impression that declarer had the ♠A though. He shifted to ♦A and another diamond and declarer wasn't too proud to put up the ♦K and claim 170 for 7 IMPs to REDOUBLE DUTCH. That made it 17-10 to MORRISON.



MORRISON, Chris Hughes, Kim Morrison, Magnus Moren & Neville Francis

Board 22	♠A984	
<i>Dealer East</i>	♥KJ752	
<i>Vul:EW</i>	♦32	
	♣KQ	
♠KQ753		♠10
♥Q84		♥63
♦K10		♦A98764
♣J86		♣10753
	♠J62	
	♥A109	
	♦QJ5	
	♣A942	

On the next deal Wubbo de Boer and Agnes Snellers bid the N/S cards to 3NT, which turned out to be easy enough to make nine tricks easily enough even when declarer misguessed the ♥Q.

In the other room Hughes played 4♥:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>V d Vlugt</i>	<i>Hughes</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
		pass	1♣
1♠	2♥	pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	all pass	

Maybe Hughes should have bid 3♠ en route to 4♥ -- could it be that terrible to play 3NT facing a spade stopper? On the ♠10 lead, covered all round, Hughes elected to unblock the club honours then cash the ♥K and ♥A before taking the ♣A to pitch one diamond then leading the fourth club to pitch his second diamond. Tutty won her club and led a low diamond to the king.

Declarer ruffed and led a top spade. Van der Vlugt won and drew the last trump, leaving declarer with a spade loser, for down one.

It looks better to cross to the ♥A without cashing the ♥K, then take the same manoeuvre in clubs to cut the defenders' communications. But unless you are inspired it is still hard to make your game. You need to play West not East for the ♥Q when all the side indications are that East is long in trumps. Having said that the datum reflects that most people did bring home 4♥ on a spade lead.

Board 23	♠J3	
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥875	
<i>Vul:All</i>	♦AJ53	
	♣10974	
♠9		♠AK872
♥AKJ932		♥Q64
♦K864		♦Q972
♣AK		♣J
	♠Q10654	
	♥10	
	♦10	
	♣Q86532	

For team MORRISON, Magnus Moren and Neville Francis stopped safely enough in 4♥; but in our featured room after van der Vlugt opened 1♥ and heard his partner respond 1♠ he elected to jump to 3♦.

Tutty now committed the hand to slam in diamonds, and declarer won the club lead and misguessed trumps by leading to the queen.

Down one, but declarer may have been a little consoled that 6♥ was not laydown (even if the defenders didn't take their ruff).

On a club lead, against 6♥ for example, I saw Kate MacDonald win in hand then follow what looked like the best line of playing to ruff out spades. If both hearts and spades broke, you would avoid the diamond guess.



As it was, when spades broke 5-2 declarer had to negotiate diamonds. She drew trumps ending in dummy, led low to the ten, king and ace, and on the diamond return had to guess whether to finesse or play for the drop, and got it wrong.

(For the record: after 1♥ - 1♠; 3♦ it is much better to agree hearts first, then if partner signs off you can always offer 6♦ -- which would be sensible if partner's hypothetical 5-4 in the red suits included the ♦J but not the ♥J.)

MORRISON now led 30-20 but had the worst of the luck on the next deal.

Board 24 ♠86432

Dealer West ♥83

Vul:nil ♦KQ43

♣A4

♠K97

♥AK975

♦---

♣Q9875



♠Q

♥J106

♦J98752

♣J103

♠AJ105

♥Q42

♦A106

♣K62

de Boer played 3♠ for 170, but when Hughes overcalled 1♠ over 1♥ Morrison gave him four. Tutty led the ♥J, and when Hughes played low Van der Vlugt dropped the nine.

Tutty read this correctly, and shifted to a diamond to take the ruff that was necessary to beat the game. Nicely done.

Around the room, 4♠ was defeated on the lead of the ♥J only 12 times (yes if the heart is covered, it isn't so clear that West's return of the ♥9 at trick two will get the job done, even if it ought to.

Maybe if West wins the ace at trick one and returns the nine, East will wake up and overtake?)

Board 25 ♠Q3

Dealer North ♥KQ532

Vul:EW ♦Q842

♣87

♠1075

♥J7

♦AJ10763

♣65



♠AKJ42

♥A10

♦---

♣AKJ1032

♠986

♥9864

♦K95

♣Q94

4♠ looks a reasonable spot here. Snellers and



How many of these faces do you remember/recognise? Surfers 1992

Both E/W pairs reached 6♣ instead of 6♠ here after North had preempted. Both Souths opted for the mundane heart lead, not the surprise diamond lead (well done) and now after cashing the ♣AK, declarer really has no choice but to take the top spades and hope for the best. When the ♠Q falls you cross to the ♠10 and pitch the heart on ♦A. Easy game bridge – but this was only found at one of the two tables and MORRISON had 16 IMPs out of nowhere.

For the record, more went down in 6♣ than made it, after a heart lead.

The final deal of the set produced no swing but it is a fine example of a form of blocking play that should become second nature to us all.

Board 28	♠KJ63		♠A52
<i>Dealer West</i>	♥QJ		♥9854
<i>Vul: NS</i>	♦743		♦A62
	♣K972		♣AQJ
♠987			♠Q104
♥A3			♥K10762
♦KQJ10			♦985
♣8543			♣106

You play 3NT on a simple auction 1NT- 3NT and South leads a fourth highest ♥6. Win or duck?

The answer is that if the suit is 4-3 it doesn't matter what you do. If it is 5-2 the opening leader does not rate to have three of the four top hearts or he might have led an honour. So third hand is likely to have a doubleton double honour.

Rise with the ace and take the club finesse. Today the finesse wins so there is no need to be careful. To see why it matters switch the club king and diamond five.

Now ducking trick one is fatal, while winning the ♥A blocks the suit and means you can set up the 13th club for your ninth trick while the defenders cannot run the hearts when in with the ♣K.

Teams qualifying 9

For round nine I watched Adam Kaplan and Finn Kolesnik chew up and spit out Michael Ware and Pete Hollands. To be fair all the breaks seemed to go their way, but it was certainly the case that the latter weren't perfect and got punished for everything wrong that they did, while Kaplan and Kolesnik played well and applied a lot of pressure.



On the first deal out both Easts, Kaplan and Matthew Thomson were on lead to 3NT in an essentially blind auction. Holding:

♠ AQ75
♥ 875
♦ KJ106
♣ 43

both defenders avoided the fatal spade lead (partner has the heart ace and ♠J10xx, with declarer having a doubleton ♠K.

One down was a flat board; yet again the idea of leading passively against blind auctions if no lead jumps out at you was reinforced...



Ware broke on top on the next deal, when Kolesnik with:

♠ Q
♥ A K 10 6 5 4
♦ 9 8 5 4 2
♣ J

responded 1♥ to 1♣. Hollands doubled, Kaplan raised to 2♥ and Kolesnik bid 4♥. When Hollands at unfavourable vulnerability bid 4♠ that came back to Kolesnik, and he guessed to bid 5♥.

Unluckily for him, partner had the setting trick against 4♠ in the form of jack-third of spades. 5♥ went one down doubled, while in the other room McGann took the same phantom sacrifice in a very similar position -- but here Milne - Coutts bid on to 5♠ and went for 200 undoubled.

Board 3 ♠J87
Dealer South ♥AQ5
Vul:EW ♦Q1074
 ♣AK10

♠Q1065	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠AK942
♥J8		♥10762
♦J8632		♦9
♣63		♣842

♠3
♥K943
♦AK5
♣QJ975

You'd be really happy to bid this hand to 6♣, wouldn't you.? Mind you, with 3NT 'no-play' you might settle for declaring 5♣? Both pairs failed spectacularly, but with hugely different results.

Milne heard Coutts open a potentially short 1♣ and responded 1♠ (no major). Apparently it is systemically required for opener to choose between a balanced 12-14 1NT call, or a 2♣ call to show six... not a good advert for the system though in context 2♣ seems clear cut? All was well when Coutts bid 1NT. He was raised to 3NT and West picked a diamond rather than a spade – perhaps culpably.

Milne now had +520 instead of -50. In the other room Ware preferred to open 1♥; it takes all sorts...when he heard a 2♦ response clubs were now fully lost, and the partnership ended in 5♦, down one on repeated spade leads when diamonds were hugely unkind.

A couple of boards later (this was towards the end of the set for Ware - Hollands) Ware heard the auction start 1♥ - (2♦) to him. Holding:

♠ A K 8 6 5
♥ 10 8 4
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 9 3

Ware decided to set the cat amongst the pigeons with a 4♦ splinter. Alas, this persuaded Hollands to bid on to 5♥ over the 5♦ save, down 300, while 5♦x – the spot reached in the other room -- would have cost 100 or 300. The defence only collected 100 against 5♦x but Milne still had 9 IMPs.

Kolesnik guessed well on the next deal. Holding:

♠ 985
♥ K842
♦ 2
♣ AKQ86

He heard Kaplan open 1♦ at unfavourable vulnerability. After 1♠ to his right he doubled and heard 2♠ come back to him. Rather than force to game with a cuebid or double he tried 3♣ and played there facing a 2-2-6-3 11-count. It turned out there were nine tricks in clubs, the limit on the hand. 3NT down two in the other room meant 7 more IMPs to MILNE.

On the next deal (actually the first of the set at this table) Kolesnik overcalled 1NT over 1♥ holding:

♠ A
♥ QJ8
♦ Q976
♣ AQJ92

Would you? And would you sit for it if doubled? As Danny Glover in Lethal Weapon would say "I'm too old for this sort of 'horse-manure'". Kolesnik is still an under-21 player. He bid 1NT and sat out the

doubler. On repeated heart leads he wrapped up seven tricks facing a 3-2-4-4 with the ♠K. Colour me nauseated, but MILNE had 8 more IMPs against a spade partscore registering 140 in the other room.

MILNE had two more big swings to come. They reached 3NT on 10-facing 12 when Milne deemed an aceless 4-2-5-2 10-count worth an opening bid – and the cards lay disgustingly well for that action. And then came this:

Board 10	♠AJ2		
<i>Dealer East</i>	♥832		
<i>Vul:all</i>	♦7632		
	♣Q62		
♠84		♠K97653	
♥96		♥K7	
♦J985		♦104	
♣K9543		♣J87	
	♠Q10		
	♥AQJ1054		
	♦AKQ		
	♣A10		

If East opens 2♠ it is relatively straightforward to make 6♥-- you need trumps 2-2 with the trump king onside.

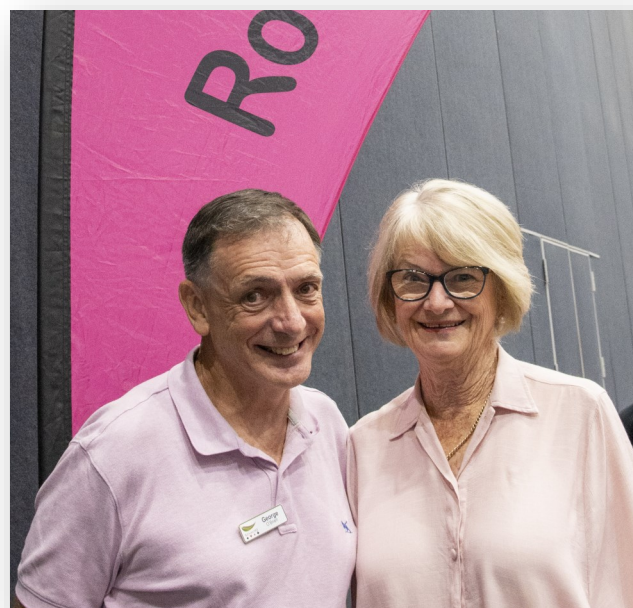
Neither East opened, but Milne - Coutts sensibly stopped in 4♥, Ware as South played 6♥ after he opened 2♣ and showed a game-forcing heart hand. Over that, Hollands somewhat rustically drove him to slam.

Kolesnik led a club and Ware let it run, capturing the jack with the ace. At this point he followed the best (but not winning) play of advancing the ♠Q. If the spade king is onside Kolesnik must cover, and now there are two entries to dummy for the heart finesse. If you lead a club at trick two you only have one entry to dummy, so will need the ♥K right in a singleton or doubleton holding.

Of course today wasn't Ware's day. 13 more IMPs to MILNE meant they had a near maximum to go back to the top of the table.



Philippa Wickman & Grant Wickman First NS
Thursday Rookie Pairs



George O'Brien & Sue Ledlie First EW Thursday Rookies.
Four players are from Kenmore BC - George is our President who has convened several of Kenmore's congresses but this is the first congress he has ever played in!
Anne Russell



Jenny Hansen & Sandy Spies Second EW
Thursday Rookies

Sorry, partnerby **Julian Foster**

This game is hard enough as it is. And an extra dimension when dummy looks like the one below!!

(Yes partner doesn't sort his hand - he bids and plays with the hands like this. I've only seen him revoke once or twice in more than 20 years!)



Ed: I was the same as Dave until mid 1986. I enjoyed the exercise of memorising my hand, not sorting suits at all, and only starting to do so when it was obvious I was going to become dummy.

When I changed to a "sorter" it was because the other members of the NZ Open Bridge Team I had become a member of (partnering Malcolm Mayer) insisted I start (thanks Michael C. and Lionel W.)



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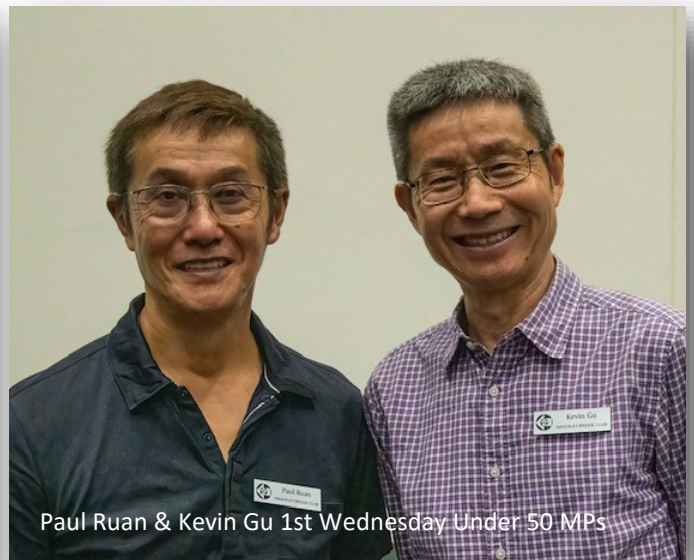
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Karen Johnston & Suzanna Adams Second NS
Thursday Rookie Pairs



Paul Ruan & Kevin Gu 1st Wednesday Under 50 MPs



Same town, different squad

Last year a team from Te Aroha, a big NZ town of 4,000 people on the plains of the Waikato region were all over the Restricted Teams. This year there are two teams, shown above - Guy, Bigi, Tim, Emma, Joy, Victor, Rochelle and Alan. The teams were lying 1 and 2 when I spotted them on Thursday afternoon. Note that the squad contains the NZ Black Cocks, winners of the Dress Up Day.

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Ray Ellaway receiving an In Appreciation Award from ABF President Allison Stralow

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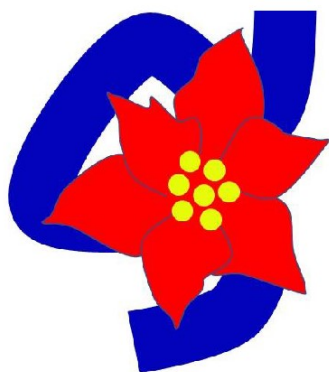
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2023 McCutcheon leader Liam Milne receives congratulations from ABF Executive Director David Fryda

Farewell to other family members

My brother and wife have been involved since the Gold Coast International days for Russ who was one of the caddies.

In the later days he was responsible for delivering the boards that were being dealt in Brisbane. His wife Nadia has done a lot of the tasks like filling bins, stapling etc.

My daughter Alex and son Michael have both been caddies, with Michael also assisting with coffee when we just could not get anyone else to do it.

Ray's mum and dad are my fixerers. My mother-in-law has fixed nearly every tablecloth we own and my father-in-law is so handy fixing broken equipment, of which we seem to have quite a lot.

The only people in my family who have not assisted with any aspect of the GCC are my three granddaughters and that's because they are aged 5, 3 and 2 but perhaps in 10 year's time – who knows?

Kim



Liam Milne and Adam Kaplan receive debriefing from bulletin co-editor Barry Rigal



Final Celebrity Speaker Nick Jacob



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