



4th to 16th July 2026
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Interstate Finals Progress Scores; Stanza 1

Open

Team	C/Fwd	Stanza 1	Total
New South Wales	15.56	47	62.56
Australian Capital Territory	0	17	17

Women's

Team	C/Fwd	Stanza 1	Total
Western Australia	4.66	31	35.66
New South Wales	0	19	19

Seniors

Team	C/Fwd	Stanza 1	Total
Australian Capital Territory	0.38	20	20.38
South Australia	0	35	35

Youth

Team	C/Fwd	Stanza 1	Total
New South Wales	16.21	27	43.21
Australian Capital Territory	0	18	18

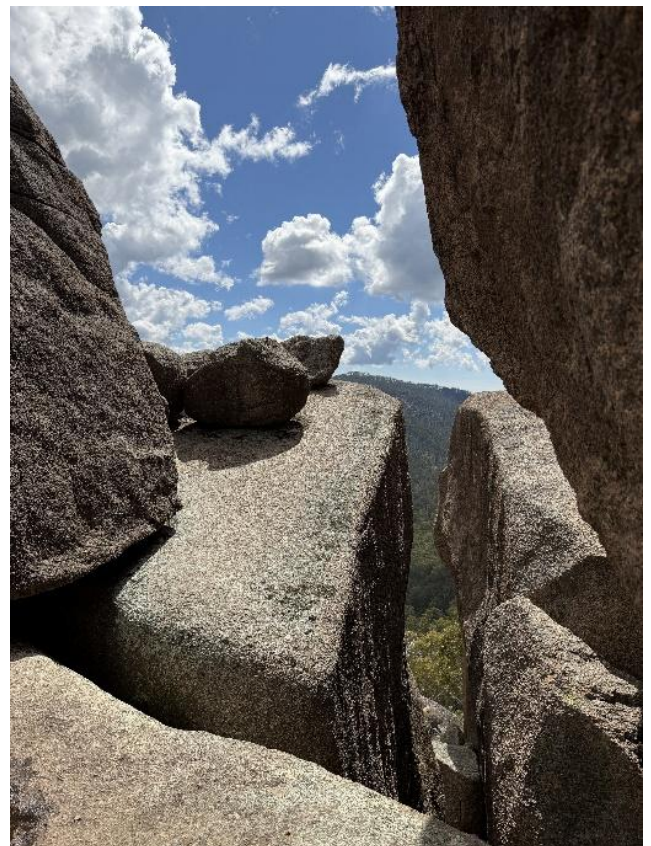
Today's Bulletin

There are the usual lists of placegetters and photos of winners. We also feature some good bridge from the Youth field. There is another selection of hands where very good bridge players take very different views at the table. There is a bit of history about the ANC final which did not have an agreed result until almost a year later. We also have another Ron Klinger workout.

This is the last regular Bulletin for the Congress. There will be two more briefer editions on Monday and at the end of the event focussed on results and winner presentations. Thanks to all who have supported the event so far and to those who have helped with the publication of these bulletins.



NGA Sculpture Garden
Photograph: Morag Lokan



Namadgi National Park
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Interstate Qualifying Rounds: Final Standings

Open

Place	Team Names	VPs
1	New South Wales	758.2
2	Australian Capital Territory	602.6
3	Victoria	572.2
4	South Australia	558.9
5	Queensland	451.7
6	Tasmania	425.5
7	Western Australia	385.6
8	Northern Territory	156.8

Women

Place	Team Names	VPs
1	Western Australia	645.5
2	New South Wales	598.9
3	South Australia	569
4	Victoria	480
5	Tasmania	395
6	Australian Capital Territory	390.2
7	Queensland	349.7

Seniors

Place	Team Names	VPs
1	Australian Capital Territory	620.1
2	South Australia	616.2
3	Queensland	578.1
4	Victoria	556.5
5	New South Wales	543.1
6	Western Australia	332.27
7	Tasmania	181.3

Youth

Place	Team Names	VPs
1	New South Wales	767.5
2	Australian Capital Territory	605.4
3	Queensland	579.8
4	Victoria	579.1
5	South Australia	403.7
6	Western Australia	201.1

Congress Events Leader Boards

Sean Mullamphy Country Clubs Teams Championship: Final Result

Place	Team Name	VPs
1	Mollymook	156.57
2	Ballina	154.88
3	Capital Gang Gang	151.43
4	SCBC Namadgi	146.92
5	Batemans Bay	136.26

Len Dixon Memorial Pairs: Session 1

Place	Pair Names	%
1	Chris Tough – Atul Hajela	67.5
2	Ross Harvey – Tran Tai	65.83
3	Hilda Hills – Brian Thorp	64.58
4	Bill Donovan – Mohan Singh	58.33
5	Enid Rushforth – John Donovan	50

Canberra Bridge Club Three-Day Teams: : Final Result Open

Place	Team Name	VPs
1	Brahma	147.11
2	Solomon	137.36
3	Lokan	132.19
4	Carter	123.93
5	SCBC Plus	123.62

Canberra Bridge Club Three-Day Teams: : Final Result <300

Place	Team Name	VPs
1	Carter	123.93
2	Sunter	102.82

Wednesday Swiss Pairs

Open

Place	Pair Names	VPs
1	Julie Mansfield – Brian Thorp	84.07
2	Pam Harvey – Ingrid Stephenson	71.37
3	Jillian Hay – Suz Wilkinson	70.02
4	Janet Kahler – Jeanette Grahame	64.96
5	Louis Kent – Jarrad Dunbar	64.78

<300

Place	Pair Names	VPs
1	Karlee Guest – Rhonda Williams	63.47
2	Jeff Newton – Tsachi Pilosoff	60.59
3	Aaron Kendal – Alexander Wilkinson	46.59
4	Dianne Waddell – Garth Hogg	41.74
5	Norm Towells – Elaine Harris	38.77

Monaro-South Canberra Bridge Clubs Graded Pairs Session 1

Overall

Place	Pair Names	Total
1	Tony Webb – Robert Still	657.3
2	Mary Tough – Chris Tough	656.5
3	Gwyneira Brahma – Deana Wilson	656.4
4	Tony Abbott – Neil Williams	653.3
5	Roger Brake – Paul Brake	626.8

Category B

Place	Pair Names	Total
1	Anne-Marie Kelly – John Fitzpatrick	580.5
2	Prakash Mutuvelu – Craig Curry	559.8
3	Andy Sunter -David Paul	559.4
4	Kate Cush – Suzanne Samarqc	516.5

Category C

Place	Pair Names	Total
1	Tony Webb – Robert Still	657.3
2	Sharon Hitch – Clayton Hitch	614.5
3	Colleen Fox – Jenny Bergin	563.3
4	Penelope Shilling – Susie Thearle	556
5	Raji Prakash – Barry Graham	540

Australian Country Pairs Championship: Session 1

Place	Pair Names	Total
1	Winston Guymer – Paul Smith	380
2	Margot Brennan – Peter Brennan	379
3	Lauri Perino – Kevin Tant	374
4	Jennifer Carter – Anita Delorenzo	369
5	Lesley Bradshaw – Sue Hapek	356

Wednesday -Thursday Youth Raffle Draw Winners

Prize	Wednesday	Thursday
\$50 dinner voucher to the Labor Club Canberra	Richard Brightling	John Fitzpatrick
\$50 voucher to Paul Lavings store	Shane Woodburn	Jenny Bell
Hamper donated by Angeline Christie	Adam Robinson	Vanessa Brown
Wine and Mug	Keiran Crowe-Mai	Ingrid Stephenson



Winners of the Swiss Pairs Day Three <300
Karlee Guest and Rhonda Williams

Sean Mullamphy Country Club Teams Championship



Winners: Mollymook



Runners Up: Ballina

Canberra Bridge Club Three Day Teams



Open Winners: Brahma Team



Restricted Winners: Carter Team

The Real Deal Workout with Ron Klinger #4

Imps: Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1)	1♠
Double (2)	?		

(1) Artificial, 14+ points unbalanced or 18+ balanced

(2) 0-5 points, any shape

What would you do as North with:

♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

Full discussion in final pages of the Bulletin

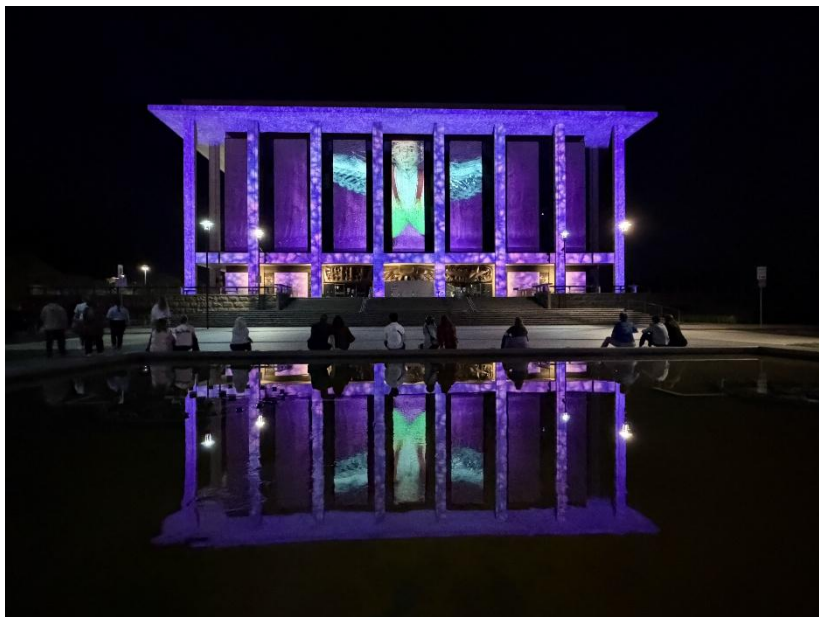
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Making it rough (ruff) for declarer

BOARD 21				
BD: 21	♠ 754	Dir: N		
	♥ Q5	Vul: NS		
	♦ AKT76			
	♣ 864			
♠ K		♠ AQ98632		
♥ AKJ93		♥ T8		
♦ QJ985		♦ 43		
♣ 93		♣ T2		
	♠ JT			
	♥ 7642			
	♦ 2			
	♣ AKQJ75			
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT			
N	2			9
S	2			14 6
E		1	2	2 11
W		1	2	2

Paul Gosney has given us a note on fine example of deceptive play and thoughtful defence from a Queensland Youth pair in the Welcome Pairs. North was Kate Macdonald and South was Alexandra Mills.

East pre-empts and the final contract is 4S. ♣A and ♦2 from Ally Mills. Kate cashes the ♦AK and plays a club back. Then he thought Ally played a trump to the ♠K. Next is the ♥A and the big play is Kate played the ♥Q.

So now declarer tried to ruff a diamond back to hand and it got overruffed.



Balloon Festival
Photograph: Rob Lee

Western Australia Youth

By Campbell Millar

The Western Australia Youth Team produced some bold and adventurous auctions on Tuesday, with two standout slam hands that showcased the team's flair and youthful confidence at the table.

The first came on Board 20 of Match 5, where Alec Vanyai (North) and Lizzy Brayshaw (South) bid, and made, a small slam in hearts.

BD: 20		♠ 7	Dir: W	
		♥ KQJT983	Vul: ALL	
		♦ AQ9		
		♣ Q6		
♠ K986			♠ J3	
♥ 62			♥ 754	
♦ 82			♦ J43	
♣ AT973			♣ KJ852	
		♠ AQT542		
		♥ A		
		♦ KT765		
		♣ 4		
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT			
N		6	6	4 2
S		6	6	4 2
E	1			
W	1			

The bidding went as follows:

W	N	E	S
P	1H	P	1S
P	3H	P	3S
P	4H	P	4NT ¹
5S	P	6H	All Pass

1. Roman Key Card (1430)

After Alec revealed a long heart suit with his jump rebid, Lizzy judged that her distribution was worth a slam try. Roman Keycard Blackwood confirmed the values, and 6♥ rolled home – the only pair in the youth field to reach this slam.

Another highlight came when Sean Elliott (East) and Dean Mainstone (West) bid a grand slam in no-trumps – the only pair in the field to find 7NT. Once again, bold bidding and junior confidence paid off.

BD: 17		♠ J7542	Dir: N	
		♥ Q652	Vul: None	
		♦ 32		
		♣ T5		
♠ AKT			♠ Q9	
♥ 8			♥ AKT97	
♦ AQJ85			♦ 764	
♣ K984			♣ AQ2	
		♠ 863		
		♥ J43		
		♦ KT9		
		♣ J763		
	♣	♦	♥	♠ NT
N				
S				
E	7	7	5	5 7
W	7	7	5	5 7

	3	
17		15
	5	

The bidding was:

W	N	E	S
		1NT	P
2C ¹	P	2H	P
4NT ²	P	5D	P
7NT	P	All Pass	

1. Lavings 5 card major ask
2. Roman Key Card (1430)

After the 5♦ response showed 0 or 3 keycards, clearly 3 on the auction, Sean took the plunge and jumped straight to 7NT. A bold punt that paid off well!

The Western Australia Youth Team is young in both age and partnerships, with a very promising few years ahead.

- Lizzy and Oliver Brayshaw have been playing bridge for a few years, mentored by their dad, Paul Brayshaw.
- Sean Elliott and Dean Mainstone have been playing bridge for 9 months at Bunbury Bridge Club.
- Elijah Guest is one of the youngest members of the team.
- Alec Vanyai is playing his second ANC, this time with a new partnership.

With an average age of just 14, this is a team to watch at the next few ANCs! A huge thank you to Danni Fuller, WA's Youth Coordinator, for making the team possible; to youth mentors Paul Brayshaw and Trevor Fuller for their guidance; and to the parents whose ongoing support makes WA youth bridge possible – we couldn't have done it without you.



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More Swing Hands:

. Match 8: Board 17

Match 8 started with a series of tricky boards. Eleven of the twenty declarers found 4S here, all making and two of them doubled.

A further five were in spade part-scores, mostly making nine tricks as they could afford to touch spades before discarding a heart on the diamonds.

Three Easts were declarers in diamonds with their point-free hand and point-free suit and got a good result going off. One also did well from a failing club part-score.

BOARD 17						
BD: 17		♠ T9762			Dir: N Vul: None	
		♥ T986				
		♦ AK6				
		♣ 8				
♠ 543					♠ A	
♥ 75					♥ KQJ3	
♦ T8542					♦ 973	
♣ 765					♣ AQJT2	
		♠ KQJ8				
		♥ A42				
		♦ QJ				
		♣ K943				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
N			2	4	2	
S			2	4	2	
E	1					
W	1					
					7	
					0	17
					16	

Match 8: Board 18

This led to contracts in every denomination except clubs, where there was the only 8 card fit. Four N-S declarers got to game in NT with two making. Two who reached 4H (and one in 3H) found considerable pain when doubled.

For the rest, it was mainly a contest of part-scores with 1NT and 2NT by N-S mostly making and spades and diamonds by E-W mostly not.

BOARD 18						
BD: 18		♠ K64			Dir: E Vul: NS	
		♥ K4				
		♦ J874				
		♣ K976				
♠ 9					♠ AT532	
♥ AJ85					♥ 97	
♦ KQ965					♦ T	
♣ Q43					♣ JT852	
		♠ QJ87				
		♥ QT632				
		♦ A32				
		♣ A				

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT			
N		1	1	1	1		10	
S		1	1	1	1	12		5
E	1						13	
W	1							

BD: 19		♠ AKQ93		Dir: S	
		♥ 5		Vul: EW	
		♦ T9542			
		♣ K7			
♠ 76542				♠ T8	
♥ 8				♥ AKQJ73	
♦ AKQ763				♦ J	
♣ 4				♣ T985	
		♠ J			
		♥ T9642			
		♦ 8			
		♣ AQJ632			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3			1	
S	3			1	
E		1			
W		1			
					12
					9 11
					8

Match 8: Board 19

Such beautiful suits and terrible contracts here. The Open, with every contract at the four level, led the way in big number scores with N-S collectively, collecting +4230 from the board – all but 130 from E-W bids of 4H (and one 4S).

The Women's and Seniors field overall had a gentler board mostly exchanging 50s and 100s in low-level part-scores on both sides.

BD: 27		♠ 5		Dir: S	
		♥ 94		Vul: None	
		♦ KQJT97432			
		♣ 5			
♠ K7642				♠ A9	
♥ T753				♥ AKQ82	
♦ A				♦ 865	
♣ AK2				♣ Q94	
		♠ QJT83			
		♥ J6			
		♦			
		♣ JT8763			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N		2			
S		2			
E	2		7	4	5
W	2		6	4	5
					6
					14 15
					5

Match 8 : Board 27

No real surprise that this board was, with only four exceptions across the fields, played in 5D (mostly doubled).

There was one 4H and one 5H but two pairs, presumably bidding over a barrage of diamonds, both in the Open, found 6H. People, if you have time we'd really like to hear about it.

BOARD 1				
BD: 1	♠ 7532	Dir: N Vul: None		
	♥ QT			
	♦ T8			
	♣ J7652			
♠ KT6		♠ AQ8		
♥ J75		♥ AK83		
♦ J95		♦ KQ762		
♣ AQ98		♣ K		
	♠ J94			
	♥ 9642			
	♦ A43			
	♣ T43			
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT			
N			3	
S			11	21
E	4	6	5	5
W	4	6	5	5

Match 13: Board 1

The pattern that a slam option will divide the field held here with exactly half the declarers in the Open, Women's and Senior got there on this board.

6D edged out 6NT as the most popular slam – being chosen by all the Open slam bidders. The rest of the bids, apart from one 5D game, were about evenly divided between 3NT and those who had a bit of a look and stopped in 4NT.

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The Final That Took A Year

We should know the result of the interstate finals by 6 pm Friday and probably earlier but there was one final – the October 1954 Women's in Brisbane between NSW and Victoria - where the question of who won was not settled until almost a year later.

It is partly a story about what happens when rules are poorly made or implemented but maybe also about one of those things that are born under a dark star where everything that could go wrong did – and hopefully we won't see its like again.

What Happened

Victoria won the first session and the problem started before the start of the second session when the NSW captain announced that Mrs Eaton and Mary McMahon would play in place of the previously nominated pair. The Victorian captain opposed the change as a breach of the tournament rule requiring changes in pairings (which used to be fixed in advance) to be notified prior to the start of the match.

In response to the protest, the Tournament Director (TD) ruled that NSW would not be allowed to play Eaton/McMahon; and it then got messier still. Under the rules, the NSW captain had the right to appeal to the congress disputes committee – but no committee had been or was established. After some apparently fierce lobbying, the TD, who it was agreed later was under severe pressure, convened a meeting of all the team captains to consider the issue.

Part of the problem seems to have been that there were two different sections in the rules applying to pairing changes – one which would have arguably allowed the change just before the session and one not.

Those team captains who came to the meeting could not agree on the right action and pushed the decision off to the two neutral South Australia and Queensland captains who voted to let the NSW play and the TD reversed his

decision. Legal argument later on would focus on the lack of support in the rules for this process for changing a decision.

The match went on with the Eaton/McMahon pair playing and NSW ended up winning the match by around 3000 points. Twelve hours later the Victorian captain lodged a protest with the Australian Bridge Council (the predecessor of the ABF). References to the ABC in this article refer to the Council not your favourite TV station.

Immediately after the Match

The appeal put the ABC in procedural wonderland as the appeal was not within the specified timeframe but could not have been lodged within the timeframe because of the absence of a Disputes Committee. In response, they appointed an after-the-event committee consisting of Mick Sullivan, EC Hilson from South Australia, and Harold Hiley from Queensland to consider the issue - thereby setting yet another ground for argument about process as there was no real basis in the rules for this committee either.

Their decision was to cancel the result and require a replay of the second session (it is not clear if Eaton/McMahon would have been allowed to play in this replay). This pleased no one. Neither wanted to replay. Victoria said it would ask that the title be suspended if this was the only option. NSW said it would forfeit rather than replay and then lodged an appeal with the ABC, circulated to all States, arguing that the title should be given to NSW.

Into Next Year

From the time NSW lodged its appeal, the issue was one for the ABC Council which mostly did not want it. It was discussed at the ABC meetings through to the middle of 1955 and legal heavyweights were brought into the debate by both sides. (In the 1950s you didn't have to look very hard in the bridge world to find a prominent lawyer).

None of this discussion and argument had brought about any decision. Most of the States, whatever their feelings about the rights and wrongs might be, clearly did not want to be seen to be taking sides in the dispute. Back then people did not usually travel interstate for Council meetings, which were held this year in Melbourne, using local delegates acting under

instruction instead. They were therefore able to sit on the fence by lack of instructions or ambiguous and easily challenged instructions to their delegates. Eventually, the local delegates refused to discuss the issue until they got better guidance and the issue was allowed to fester until the next ANC was imminent.

By September 1955, the issue was still being fruitlessly discussed until it was suddenly brought to an end by Victoria, which informed the Council that in the interests of harmony they were prepared to accept NSW as winners of the 1954 Women's Final. After eleven months, there was finally an agreed winner.

And the moral is ...?

Clearly the moral is that it is good to get your laws right and your processes right or the mess can continue and fester long after the event. It is a bit hard not to find some sort of parallel with this week's red card incident at the World Cup.

But maybe sometimes an organisation's culture drifts into a not very good place. The ABC was fairly moribund at the time and the pool of players from all states associated with its events and processes could be fitted comfortably in a medium-sized hall. It was still largely being run by the same people who had been at the helm in the 1930s, and the revival of bridge in the community was being driven almost entirely by the various women's voluntary organisations like the Country Women's Association.

Part of the problem with this story is that there is so much that is unknown. In a later report on the issue Mick Sullivan made a cryptic reference to complexities of which his committee had not been aware when making their decision but the records are otherwise silent. Why did they care so much? Why was the substitution wanted and so fiercely fought for and resisted? Was it just about winning? What else was going on or created the atmosphere? With this stuff, you always end up thinking more about what you don't know than what you do.



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Imps: Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1)	1♠

Double (2) ?

(1) Artificial, 14+ points unbalanced or 18+ balanced

(2) 0-5 points, any shape

What would you do as North with:

♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

The vulnerability is favourable, your hand is weak and unbalanced and you have 4-card support for partner's major. You certainly would like to make a pre-emptive raise. How high should you go?

Pairs who use **Bergen Raises** after a major-suit opening (**1M : 3C** = 6-9 points and 4+ support, **1M : 3D** = 10-12 points and 4+ support and **1M : 3M** = 0-5 points and 4+ support) plus **Jacoby 2NT** (**1M : 2NT** = 13+ points and 4+ support), could adopt those also after a 1-Major overcall. They are not compatible with fit-showing jumps and so you have to make a choice.

The more common approach after a 1-Major overcall is to bid 2-Major with support and 6-9 points, bid the opposition's suit with 10+ points and support or bid 3M or 4M with a pre-emptive hand and 4+ support.

The deal arose in the finals of the 2022 World Teams Championships :

Board 22: Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

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

Bermuda Bowl (World Open Teams), Netherlands East-West:

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1)	1♠
Double (2)	4♠	Double	All pass
(1) Artificial, 14+ points unbalanced or 18+ balanced			
(2) 0-5 points, any shape			

The trouble with bidding **4S** is that you leave the opponents little room to manoeuvre and the frequent outcome is that your side is doubled for penalties, as occurred here.

West led the **H8: ten – jack – queen**. Declarer played the **CQ**. East won and played the **HK**. South took the **HA** and exited with the **S7: five – three – king**. East reverted to the **H6** and West ruffed. Declarer lost six tricks (two spades, a heart ruff, a diamond and two clubs). That was three down, East-West +500.

If the opposition could make game for +600 or +620, losing 500 is not a great save (3 Imps). Given the early auction, there was no assurance for North that East-West would have enough to bid to game. In that case, –

500 would be a significant loss. If East-West were to reach game – which they did at the other table – perhaps they might fail there. That makes – 500 an even bigger loss and that is exactly what happened.

Board 22: Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

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

Switzerland East-West:

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1)	1♠
Pass	3♠! (2)	Double (3)	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All pass

(1) Polish Club minimum balanced or with clubs or 18+ points, any shape.

(2) Pre-emptive

(3) Takeout, the 18+ hand, at least two places to play

North led the **S9**. Declarer won and, with no entry to hand, played **DA** and another diamond. Declarer could not avoid losing a diamond and two hearts later. One down, –100 and 12 Imps to Netherlands. Score: **3S** 1, **4S** 0.

Board 22: Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

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

Venice Cup (World Women's Teams), Turkey East-West:

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♥ (1)	Double	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
(1) Weak spade raise			

North led the **C2**. Declarer lost a diamond and two hearts, East-West +130.

Sweden East-West:

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	3NT!	All pass

South led the **S7**. East won and played on diamonds, South winning the third round. South continued spades. East won and cashed **CA**, **CK**. When the **CQ** dropped, declarer crossed to dummy in diamonds, cashed

the fifth diamond and the **CQ** for nine tricks, +600 and 10 Imps to Sweden.

In the final of the d'Orsi Trophy (World Seniors' Teams), both teams were in **5D**, one down. Both auctions began **1C (artificial, strong) : 1S : Pass : 3S, Double**. Poland's West jumped to **5D, all pass**. India's West bid **4D**, East **4S cue**, West **5D, all pass**.

Wuhan Cup (World Mixed Teams): With France East-West it went **2C : (2S South) : Pass : (Pass), Double : (Pass) : 3S - stopper ask : (Pass) : 3NT, all pass**. After the **S7** lead, East found the same route as Sweden did above, for 9 tricks, +600.

USA East-West bid **2C : 2D, 2NT : 3NT, all pass**. South led the **S2**. East won and played diamonds. When in with the **DK**, South switched to the **HA**, then **HQ**. East made 11 tricks, USA +660 and +2 Imps.

You never hear the winners say, 'Winning isn't everything. After all, it's only a game.'



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WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL – SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2027

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Thursday 29th April

Friday 30th April

and

Saturday 1st May

Sunday 2nd May

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Open, Under Grand, Under Life categories
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ONE-DAY SWISS BUTLER PAIRS

Under Grand, Under Life, Novice, Rookie

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: Open (Qual)

**BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: Open (SF),
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