



Bulletin 6

Thursday October 22nd

2026 Spring Nationals – Day 6

The **TBIB Open Teams** continued today. After two more matches, we are down to 2 unbeaten teams left in the **No-Loss** section. **KOZAKOS** (George Kozakos – Hugh Grosvenor – Joachim Haffer – Fraser Rew) take on **OZENIR** (Serhat Ozenir – Catherine Zhang – Chris Hughes – Cevat Emul) tomorrow morning, and the winner earns the afternoon off and go straight into the Semi-Final.

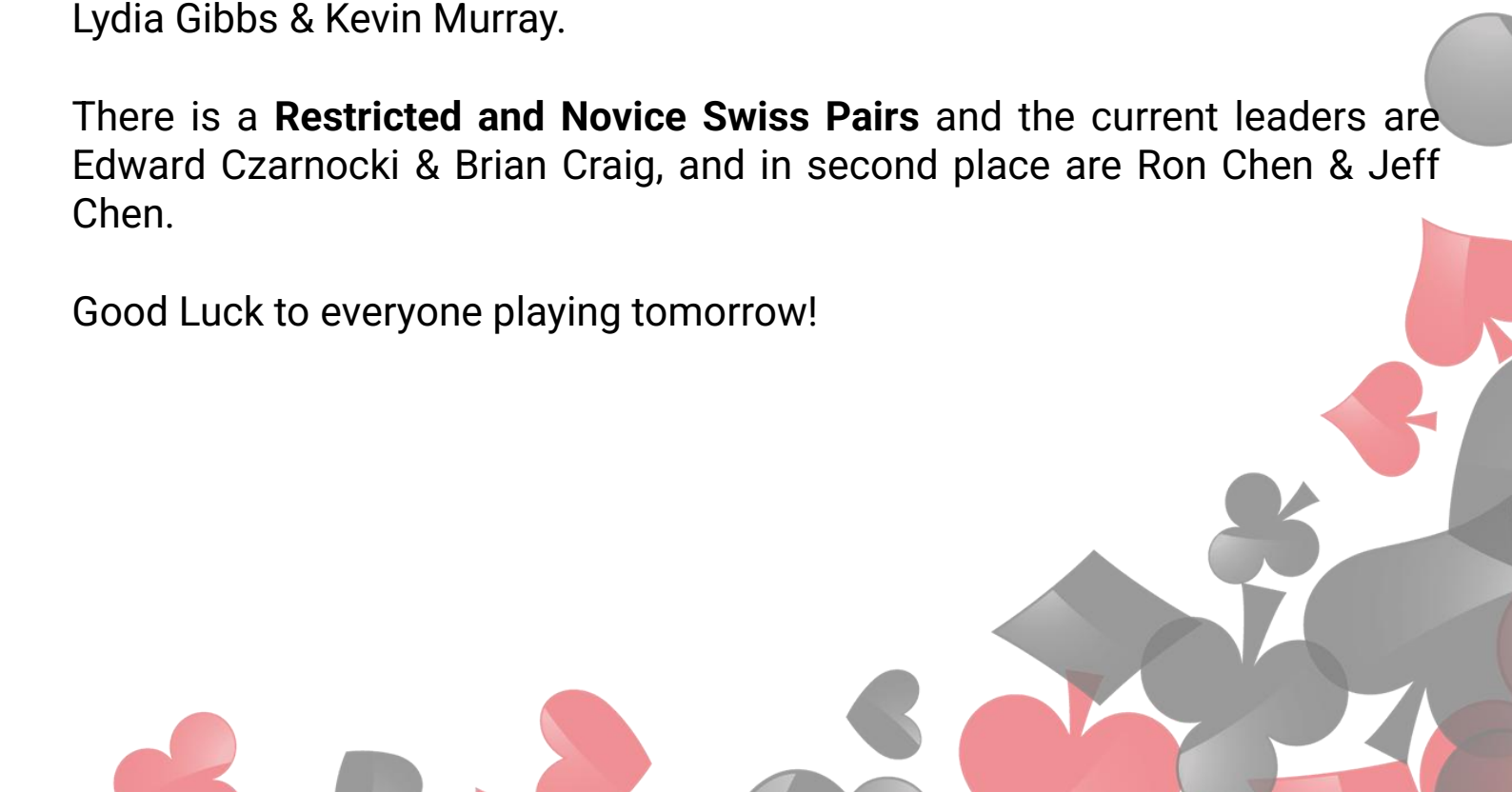
There are 10 teams left in the **One-Loss** section, and at lunchtime tomorrow there will be five teams left, plus the unsuccessful team dropping down from the **No-Loss** section. There is a list of the teams later in the Bulletin.

The Swiss is well and truly underway with **USHALLNOTPASS** (Aaron Poon – Duncan Lai – Noah Klugman – Zongrun Li) undefeated in four matches today, though their last win was only by 1 IMP. You may have seen these youngsters around wearing matching team t-shirts! They are currently on 113.75 VPs, a whisker ahead of the **TISLEVOLL** team (Geo Tislevoll – Jack James – David Hudson – Peter Gill).

Today was Day One of the **Under 1500 MP Butler Pairs**, and the current leaders are Freddie Zulficar & Barry Dalsto who are nearly 10 VPs ahead of Lydia Gibbs & Kevin Murray.

There is a **Restricted and Novice Swiss Pairs** and the current leaders are Edward Czarnocki & Brian Craig, and in second place are Ron Chen & Jeff Chen.

Good Luck to everyone playing tomorrow!



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TBIB Open Teams – No-Loss

The top 8 qualifiers out of the Swiss formed the **No-Loss** section, and they played two matches today, whittling down to 2 teams.

Round 1

	Set 1	Set 2	<i>Total</i>
KAPLAN	<u>14</u>	<u>57</u>	71
GIDLEY-BAIRD	<u>24</u>	<u>32</u>	56
WAMPED	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	49
KOZAKOS	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	51

WATKINS	<u>54</u>	<u>32</u>	86
YOSHKA	<u>27</u>	<u>33</u>	60
HOFFMAN	<u>38</u>	<u>14</u>	52
OZENIR	<u>29</u>	<u>64</u>	93

Winners in Red.

Round 2

	Set 1	Set 2	<i>Total</i>
KAPLAN	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	24
KOZAKOS	<u>33</u>	<u>24</u>	57
WATKINS	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>	37
OZENIR	<u>58</u>	<u>5</u>	63

Kozakos take on **Ozenir** in the last round of the **No-Loss** section.

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TBIB Open Teams – One-Loss

	Set 1	Set 2	Total
BRAHMA	<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>	51
STERN	<u>42</u>	<u>19</u>	61

GINSBERG	<u>54</u>	<u>44</u>	98
PITT	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>	38

EWART	<u>55</u>	<u>31</u>	86
FAHRER	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>	62

MATHESON	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	53
ASKEW	<u>60</u>	<u>65</u>	125

GEDDES	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	78
MCMAHON	<u>3</u>	<u>64</u>	67

DAWSON	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>	64
CAMERON	<u>29</u>	<u>12</u>	41

SEBESFI	<u>20</u>	<u>52</u>	72
BLOOM	<u>47</u>	<u>21</u>	68

ZHU	<u>31</u>	<u>42</u>	73
WEAVER	<u>45</u>	<u>10</u>	55

LU	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	42
TUTTY	<u>27</u>	<u>44</u>	71

COX	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	51
TISLEVOLL	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	48

DALLEY	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	53
JOHANSSON	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>	46

BEAUCHY	<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>	79
YOUNG	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	41

Here are the match results for Round 1 (left column) and Round 2 (below).

	Set 1	Set 2	Total
STERN	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>	74
GINSBERG	<u>30</u>	<u>12</u>	42

COX	<u>43</u>	<u>9</u>	52
HOFFMAN	<u>38</u>	<u>15</u>	53

EWART	<u>46</u>	<u>4</u>	50
ASKEW	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>	44

BEAUCHY	<u>40</u>	<u>12</u>	52
WAMPED	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	23

TUTTY	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	48
GIDLEY-BAIRD	<u>44</u>	<u>9</u>	53

DALLEY	<u>45</u>	<u>18</u>	63
YOSHKA	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	20

GEDDES	<u>55</u>	<u>21</u>	76
DAWSON	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	18

SEBESFI	<u>38</u>	<u>2</u>	40
ZHU	<u>43</u>	<u>14</u>	57

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TBIB Open Teams – One Loss Section

The top 10 remaining teams play a 28 Board match tomorrow morning.

	Set 1	Set 2	<i>Total</i>
STERN			
HOFFMAN			

EWART			
BEAUCHY			

GIDLEY-BAIRD			
DALLEY			

GEDDES			
WATKINS			

ZHU			
KAPLAN			

The five winners, plus the last losing team from the **No-Loss** section play another 28-Board match in the afternoon to choose the remaining three Semi-Finalists.

The losing teams drop into the Swiss where they play a two round sprint to the finish.

Good Luck to all!

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Wild Set Of Deals

Will Jenner-O'Shea

Match 1 from today contained some absolutely wild hands.

We started on Board 7, and our first six Boards were these scores:

7	6NT	W	♥ J	1440
8	6♠	W	♥ 4	980
9	5♠	W	♣ J	650
10	6♥	N	♠ K	-1430
11	3NT	S	♥ 4	-490
12	5♣ X	W	♥ K	550

Here are some of the details.

Board 7

Dealer S

Vul Both

♠ 9742

♥ J3

♦ J63

♣ Q964

♠ AQ86

♥ 2

♦ Q98752

♣ AJ



♠ K5

♥ AKQT97

♦ K4

♣ KT7

♠ JT3

♥ 8654

♦ AT

♣ 8532

Will

Steve

W	N	E	S
--	--	--	P
1♦	P	1♥	P
1♠	P	2♣*	P
2♦	P	2♥	P
2NT	P	4NT*	P
6NT	//		

West opened 1♦ and then bid 1♠ (5+♦, 4♠), East bid Fourth-Suit Forcing, and then looked for a Heart fit.

West offered No-Trumps (Club stopper) and East bid 4NT (Quantitative). We open all 10 HCP hands, so 13 is a maximum for me!

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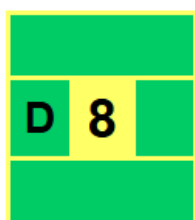
Wild Set Of Deals

On the next board, West opened an “ultra modern” Weak Two, via a Multi 2♦*. This nearly made East fall of their chair, since they had 27 HCP!

Board 8
Dealer W
Vul None

♠ J9
♥ K84
♦ T8532
♣ 842

♠ KT872
♥ 76
♦ J9
♣ 9765



♠ AQ5
♥ AJ53
♦ AK
♣ AKQ3

♠ 643
♥ QT92
♦ Q764
♣ JT

Will		Steve	
W	N	E	S
2♦*	--	2NT*	P
3♠*	P	4NT	P
5♣*	P	6♠	//

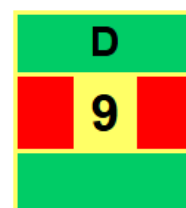
East enquired. West showed a “bad one”, then East asked for Keycards, and bid to 6♠. With all of the suits behaving, I made 12 tricks.

The next hand was also action packed.

Board 9
Dealer N
Vul E-W

♠ A8
♥ Q87
♦ 7
♣ JT96432

♠ QT9764
♥ K652
♦ J
♣ K7



♠ K52
♥ A4
♦ AKQT42
♣ Q8

♠ J3
♥ JT93
♦ 98653
♣ A5

John		Charles	
Will	Steve		
W	N	E	S
--	3♣	X	P
4♠	P	5♠*	P
P	P		

Over North’s modern style pre-empt, Steve Doubled. I jumped to 4♠ which was a slight overbid, but that is our style at IMPs.

Steve (East) raised to 5♠.

Raising our Major suit from 4♠ to 5♠ usually asks if I have a Control in the opponent’s suit.

Despite having one, I passed, since my hand was not good. We made 11 tricks.

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The McMahon boys, John and Charles got us on the next Board.

Board 10

Dealer E
Vul Both

♠ -
♥ QJ9642
♦ 852
♣ KQ64

♠ AJ98432
♥ T
♦ J76
♣ J9

10 D

♠ KQT765
♥ 8
♦ 94
♣ AT52

♠ -
♥ AK753
♦ AKQT3
♣ 873

John

Charles

Will	John	Steve	Charles
W	N	E	S
--	--	1♠	2♠*
4♠	5♥*	5♠	6♥
P	P	P	

East opened 1♠, and South bid 2♠ Michaels Cue Bid (5/5+ Hearts and a minor). West jumped to 4♠ and North bid 5♥, showing a good hand. East bid 5♠, South bid 6♥, and West probably should have bid 6♠ (!) but instead passed and 6♥ made.

6♠ Doubled goes down by -800, but that is better than -1430.

Despite not being a slam hand, the next board was still a 2♣ opening bid.

Board 11

Dealer S
Vul None

♠ AKQT5
♥ KQT3
♦ K3
♣ AJ

♠ 9873
♥ J64
♦ A862
♣ 94

11 D

♠ 64
♥ A972
♦ J9
♣ T8752

♠ J2
♥ 85
♦ QT754
♣ KQ63

John

Charles

W	N	E	S
--	--	--	P
P	2♣*	P	2♦*
P	2♠	P	2NT
P	3♥	P	3NT
//			

Even though East-West had two Aces, they left one behind, and North-South made 12 tricks.

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Wild Set Of Deals

The next board was another exciting one.

Board 12

Dealer W

Vul N-S

♠ Q5

♥ AKQ954

♦ JT64

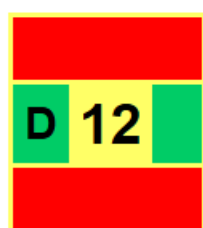
♣ 5

♠ J76

♥ 7

♦ Q32

♣ Q87632



♠ AK8

♥ 862

♦ AK7

♣ KJT4

♠ T9432

♥ JT3

♦ 985

♣ A9

John		Charles	
Will	Steve		
W	N	E	S
3♣	3♥	5♣	X
P	P	P	

West opened a modern pre-empt. North overcalled 3♥. East jumped to 5♣, which seems reasonable with 18 high-card points and four-card support, but three small Hearts in the overcaller's suit could be a worry. South Doubled.

North led the Ace of Hearts and another Heart which I trumped in the West hand.

I have lost the ♥A and will lose the ♣A at some stage, and have a possible third round Spade loser and no way to discard it.

I found a possible layout of cards to make my 5♣ X contract.

If South had a singleton Ace of Clubs, and three or four Diamonds and the Queen of Spades, then I could play the Diamonds, (voiding both hands), and ruff the last Heart from Dummy along the way (voiding both hands in trumps).

Then, I could lose the Ace of Clubs to South who would need to lead back a Spade and finesse themselves out of their (theoretical) Queen!

I tried this play, and South won the Ace of Clubs. Thought for a while, and played a Club back. My endplay hadn't worked, so I had to play the ♠A and ♠K, but when North had the doubleton Queen, I made 5♣ X.

This set of Boards was one of the wildest I have ever played!

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Butler Pairs – Under 1500 MPs (after round 4)

Rank	Names	Total
1	Freddie Zulfiqar – Barry Dalsto	64.50
2	Lydia Gibbs – Kevin Murray	54.66
3	Steven Kemp – Glen Chick	54.09
4	Lalita Kanetkar – Susan McMahon	53.39
5	Julie Guthrie – Mark Guthrie	51.45
6	Nerida Gillies – Sandy Carter	50.77
7	Frank Hardiman – Andrew Grace	46.90
8	Rhonda Khong – Paul Smith	44.76
9	John Cummings – David Marshall	44.04
10	Jean Hydleman – Ralph Edwards	43.97
11	Lucy D'Ambrosio – Michael Jackson	43.39
12	Alec Gillespie – Dennis Raymond	42.54
13	Peter Schmidt – John Rivers	41.92
14	Robyn Noach – Alan Cransberg	41.31
15	Craig Mietzke – Terry Dunne	40.99
16	Denise Barnes – Rosa Pang	40.68
17	Glenda Parmenter – Barbara O'Shea	37.90
17	Max Gilbert – Kathy Gilbert	37.90
19	David Cumming – Mike Morrissey	37.66
20	Garry Viner – Tony White	36.40
20	Hamid Sadigh – Siamak Parsanejad	36.40
20	Neil Williams – Elizabeth Neil	36.40
23	Frances Garrick – Lois Chambers	35.30
24	Marie Pickering – Dave Gallagher	35.21
25	Sachiko Cathcart – Annegrete Kolding	34.15
26	Gail Mckenzie – Michael Young	31.83
27	Cheryl Henke – Julie Hamilton	30.02
28	Mukesh Parekh – Paul Stebbing	30.00
29	Stuart Schon – Maeve Doyle	29.13
30	Neville Hind – Patricia McDonald	28.86
31	Felicity Wivell – Anne Fyfe	25.12
32	Yulia Koh – Miriam O'Brien	18.36



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Butler Pairs – Restricted/Novice

Butler Pairs – Restricted/Novice (after round 4)

Rank	Names	Total
1	Edward Czarnocki – Brian Craig	61.29
2	Ron Chen – Jeff Chen	55.34
3	Elena Rochtchina – Oleg Glushchenko	50.24
4	Peter Koorey – Tien Chey	50.22
5	Shane Grogan – Tim Jackson	49.60
6	Neil McMaster – Jennifer Bissett	44.84
7	Carolynne Mucharsky – Caroline Nichols	44.80
8	Nicolette Bartoli – Sue Cohen	42.18
9	Gordon Travers – Holly Li-Johnston	41.60
10	Michael Green – Vibeke Faurby	38.34
11	Zhan Wan – Joseph Cheng	38.31
12	David Kenny – Kathleen Kenny	37.00
13	Merle Payne – Anthony Smuts	35.90
14	Helen Gillam – Micki Summers	35.66
15	Kenny Su – Sherry Wang	34.50
16	Owen Aubrey – Mark Bloxham	34.00
17	Satha Arumanayagam – Thomas Karsai	33.26
18	Denise Nicholson – Michael Braham	28.30
19	Peter Wood – Ros Selley	27.00
20	Sucheta Sarkar – Sam Sarkar	17.62

In both Butler Swiss events there are four more rounds of 14 Boards tomorrow. Good Luck to all involved!

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Butler Pairs



Steven Kemp (L) playing with Glen Chick (3rd) are currently second in the Under 1500 MP Butler Pairs. Freddie Zulfiqar (2nd from L) & Barry Dalsto are currently leading.



Susan McMahon, Julie Guthrie, Lalita Kanetkar and Mark Guthrie were all near the top of the Under 1500 MP Butler Pairs.



A lot of happy players in the Restricted and Novice Butler Pairs

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Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

In Two-Over-One, Opener never needs to jump to show strength. They can take the auction more slowly, and show their strength later.

(Opener) (Responder)

1♥ 2♦ (4+♦, Game Forcing)
2NT

Opener is usually showing a balanced hand with (11)12-14 points.

Since the auction is forcing, 2NT does NOT limit the hand. Opener can have a maximum hand.

If Opener has **18 – 19 points** and a balanced hand, they don't need to jump to show the strength. They can quietly rebid 2NT for now. Partner will continue to look for a fit, or the best game.

Whenever Opener has 18 – 19 points, they are close to slam (Responder has 13+ points). Opener should look for slam later in the auction. Perhaps via the **4NT Quantitative Raise**.

So, for example, if Opener did have the 18-19 point hand in this auction it might go:

(Opener) (Responder)

1♥ 2♦ (4+♦, Game Forcing)
2NT 3NT*
4NT*

The 2NT bid showed a balanced hand.

Responder took it as 12-14 points, and had no more to say. Note that Responder could have repeated their Diamonds, shown a Heart fit, or bid another suit if they had wanted to.

It is this ability to go looking for a fit, or the best contract that is useful, although here, partner didn't use that space.

Opener is close to slam, so raises 3NT to 4NT to show 18-19 points and invite slam.

Responder can then Pass, or bid 6NT.

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Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 8

♠ 93
♥ 76432
♦ 8632
♣ T9

♠ J	♠ KQ8754
♥ K98	♥ AQ
♦ AJ97	♦ KQ5
♣ AKJ75	♣ Q6

♠ AT62
♥ JT5
♦ T4
♣ 8432

W	N	E	S
--	--	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♠*	P
2NT	P	4NT*	P
6NT	P	P	P

*2♠: Can be 5+ cards. Can also be very strong.

2NT: Still Game Forcing

*4NT: Quantitative Raise

East has a great hand, and once West Game Forces, they are interested in slam. However, there is no rush playing Two-Over-One. When no fit is found, a jump to 4NT is usually played as a Slam invitation.

Note that East didn't need to jump to show their points on the second round of the bidding.

We will discuss the meaning of the jump in a later article.

If West had three Spades they would have shown them. Even if East had a Spade fit, the Spades are not great, and No-Trumps could be better.

East can't bid 3NT with a super-strong hand, since West will think that they have only 12-14 points.

If West was interested in a Spade or Club slam, they could have bid more Spades or Clubs along the way. Then a 4NT bid would have been Keycard.

The Play (6NT by West):

Declarer has 12 top tricks in No-Trumps and only stands to lose one Spade trick. The Hearts need to be unblocked, but the play should be easy.

Note that in 6♠, there is a second trump loser to the ♠T, and 6♠ cannot be made. If West didn't have the Jack, then Spades would have been much worse.

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Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

This hand from match 3 of the teams demonstrated the Quantitative 4NT in action.

You can use the Quantitative 4NT in some auctions not directly after a No-Trump bid.

In a Game Forcing auction, if you jump to 4NT, when you have not agreed on a fit, it typically means “I am too strong to simply bid 3NT, Do you want to bid a slam?”.

If you want to ask for Keycards, you should bid 4♦ (to set trumps) and then bid 4NT.

This wasn't a Two-Over-One auction, but the principle is the same.

Board 4

Dealer W
Vul Both

♠ JT7653

♥ KQ

♦ T5

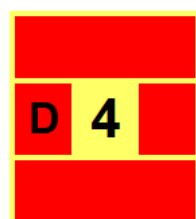
♣ JT7

♠ 9

♥ T6

♦ AK9432

♣ KQ93



♠ K8

♥ 985432

♦ J8

♣ 864

♠ AQ42

♥ AJ7

♦ Q76

♣ A52

The start of our auction was probably like many other people's.

Will		Steve	
W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♥*	P
3♦*	P	??	

I opened 1♦, Steve bid 1♠, and I rebid 2♣. Steve bid 2♥ – Fourth-Suit Game Forcing, and with no Heart stopper I bid 3♦.

With 17 HCP East is a bit too strong to settle for 3NT, even though he has a Heart stopper.

Steve jumped to 4NT to show a balancedish hand, and extra points. Inviting Slam, but there aren't really defined points.

With a nice hand for slam, I jumped to 6♦. We made all 13 tricks and gained 12 IMPs.

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♥*	P
3♦	P	4NT	P
6♦	//		

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Convenor's Corner

TBIB \$50 BRIDGE CREDIT
LUCKY DOOR WINNER
22 Oct. 26
SUSAN MCMAHON

CRYPTIC WINNERS
FRASER REW
ELLA JACOB

**How many directors does it take to
change a lightbulb?**

*"I can't tell you because it's
unauthorised information"*
Rakesh Kumar



*Convenor Shannon must have an
entire wardrobe devoted to bridge
outfits!*

Today's cryptic was:

Back in **2005**, another world-class event in **Sydney** brought together **less than 26** teams — all a little wet behind the **gills**. Hopefully, no **stern** words were required to keep the competition **running** smoothly.

So if you found a **2005 Sydney Youth event** run by Peter Gill and David Stern.... I am reliably informed the following people attending SN26 were also there: Pauline Gumby, Nick Fahrner, Matthew McManus (scorer), Fraser Rew (player for NZ), Dave Wiltshire (Vugraph)

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Bobby Richman – The First Emerald Grand Master

A correction. In yesterday's Bulletin I wrote that Pauline Gumby was the first Emerald Grand Master. I was reminded today that she was actually the second, behind the late great Bobby Richman.

Bobby passed away in 2013 and was a larger-than-life character in many ways.

He was a great player (obviously, you don't get 11 thousand masterpoints unless you are consistently winning and placing in top events).

Here are some quotes from various tributes to Bobby after his passing.

Vanessa Brown was planning to play with Bobby in Canberra next year. When they were negotiating payment the discussion came to accommodation and meals. Bobby's responded "I'll get my own meals. You might be able to afford to play bridge with me but NOONE can afford to feed me."

Then there was the time that Bobby turned to his elderly sponsor and in a twist on the old saying and in his well known slow drawl commented "each day you play worse and worse but today you played like tomorrow".



I remember playing in the Youth Championships way back in the 70s and Bobby told me in his usual drawl that he didn't think he would ever be a great player because if it was a choice between taking the normal line or playing for the story he would always play for the story.

Bobby had so many funny anecdotes and one-liners up his sleeve - I once told him that he should compile a book of 'Bobbyisms' and that I thought it would be a best seller. Bobby humbly replied 'my mum would buy a thousand copies, but then I'd go broke'.

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A few times I led trumps at the VCC and Sandy said "What its OK to lead trumps now Bobby can't reprimand you?" Bobby used to tell us to "Never lead trumps until we are living in the South of France". - translation - If you have won enough at rubber to live in the south of France then only then will you be good enough to know when it is right to lead trumps!

One such quip by Bobby that sticks in the memory was recalled to me by a fellow former South Australian junior. This Junior had just completed a set against Bobby and a few hands had not gone quite to plan. After the set, our protagonist approached Bobby and asked if he had any play advice for the set, to which Bobby, as always in his own way weaving sarcasm and seriousness into his drawl, replied "The only thing I can say to you is that you hold your cards badly." Hilarious.



Then there was the time when Bobby captained the youth team. He was travelling around Europe and the day before the tournament started he phoned the ABF and asked "what city and what country am I supposed to be in and when".

"The Juniors have got me again!" (referring to a excellent, successful falsecard by Dave Wiltshire)

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Monday Under 300 MP Swiss Pairs Winners.

Tim Jackson and Shane Grogan



BridgeNSW's Glenda Parmenter, and Illawarra Bridge Association's President Marie Pickering



Nigel Rosendorff, Jo Haffer, Elliot Kaplan and Fraser Rew play in the last round of today's teams.

BridgeNSW has an initiative to get Clubs to use various features of MyABF.

The Masterpoint Centre will be moving to MyABF in the future, so Clubs will need to be able to use some of the features.

Contact Glenda for more information:

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King-Jack Guess

Will Jenner-O'Shea

A few people have talked to me this week about how to "guess" which card to play from Dummy. Here is an example suit

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

East

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

You lead the Two of Diamonds, West plays low (any card below the Jack). Do you play the King or the Jack?

This is almost purely a guess.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

East

♦ AQ

♦ 76

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

If West has both honours, you will score a trick no matter which card you play.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

East

♦ 76

♦ AQ

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

If East has both honours, you can't score a trick no matter which card you play.

The times that matter are when they have one honour each.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

East

♦ Q7

♦ A6

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

If West has the Queen, and East has the Ace, you need to play the Jack, it will force out the Ace, but you will score one trick.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

East

♦ A7

♦ Q6

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

If West has the Ace, you need to play the King.

Bulletin 6

Thursday October 22nd

King-Jack Guess

If you only have two cards in the suit, or you have an extra low card or two, then you simply need to guess which opponent is more likely to have the Ace, or the Queen.

Play the person with the most points for the Ace, and their partner for the Queen.

If there are no clues, just guess!

(Dummy)

♦ KJT9

West

♦ ??

East

♦ ??

♦ 543

(You – Declarer)

If you have more length and strength in the suit, then you should usually finesse to the Jack. If it wins, or pushes out the Ace, then the Queen will be with West and you can repeat the finesse (to the Ten, and again to the Nine).

If West has the Queen, or the Ace-and-Queen, then you will only lose one trick.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

♦ 2

East

♦ ??

♦ 43

(You – Declarer)

If the opponents lead the suit at trick one, and you are in a trump suit contract (say 4♥), then it is more likely than not that West has the Queen and not the Ace. It is typically not good to 'lead away from an Ace', and so the odds are in favour of West having the Queen, and East having the Ace. Play the Jack.

I bet all of you have horror stories of newer players tricking you by leading away from their Aces!

It is not a sure thing, but it is the best odds.

In No-Trumps, it is much closer to a guess, since the best lead on each of these West hands is the ♦4

♦ AQ543

♦ QT74

♦ A9742

With no honours, perhaps West would have led high?

♦ 97543

Lead the Seven.

Bulletin 6

Thursday October 22nd

King-Jack Guess

There is always other information, and other considerations when you are playing bridge. It is rarely so black-and-white.

Imagine that you are playing in No-Trumps and East is the Danger Hand. Perhaps they established some winners for themselves in a side suit.

Your goal is to get one Diamond trick.

(Dummy)

♦ KJ

West

♦ ??

East

♦ ??

♦ 32

(You – Declarer)

Playing from your hand towards Dummy, you need to keep East off lead. Your best hope is to play the King.

East could win your Jack with the Queen if they had it (and then take a bunch of winners in another suit).

East can't beat your King unless they have the Ace, in which case, you can't ever stop them from getting the lead. The King reduces East's chances of winning a trick.

As usual in bridge, the answer to everything is counting!

Board 25

Dealer N

Vul E-W

♠ A6

♥ 985

♦ K876

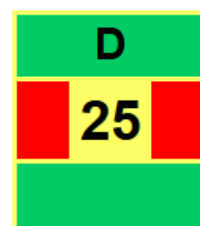
♣ KJT9

♠ 92

♥ KJ763

♦ T43

♣ A64



♠ KJ87

♥ AQ2

♦ J9

♣ Q853

♠ QT543

♥ T4

♦ AQ52

♣ 72

This hand cropped up in the Teams match 2 today.

North opened 1♣, East Doubled, South bid 1♠ and West bid 2♥.

Count their points. (Spades were not played until the end).

During the defence, South (Responder) showed up with the Ace and Queen of Diamonds.

North showed up with the Kings of Clubs and Diamonds, but to make up an opening bid, they need to have the Ace of Spades (and the Jack of Clubs, and that is only 11).

I played a Spade to the King to make my 2♥ contract.

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286 to Ace

1	Alex M		1240
2	Priya S		1015
3	Tom H		640
4	Jenny W		512
5	Sam K (you)		214
6	Marco D		131
7	Helen F		96
8	Liz P		58
9	Andrew G		27
10	Noor A		12

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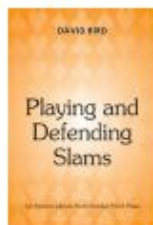


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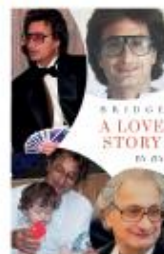
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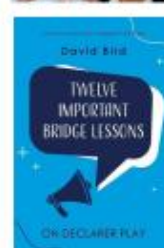


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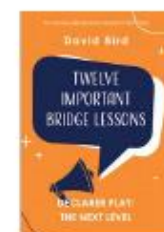


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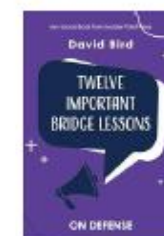


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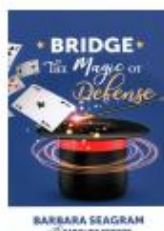


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