

Bulletin 8
Saturday October 24th
2026 Spring Nationals – Day 8

The room was absolutely buzzing today, with a lot of new players coming in to play the Weekend Pairs events.

The TBIB Open Teams Semi-Finals were held, with **Kozakos** defeating **Ozenir**, and **Dalley** defeating **Watkins**. There are some scores later in the Bulletin. Tomorrow **Kozakos** will take on **Dalley** in a 56-Board Final. Good Luck to all players in the Final!

There are three fields of Swiss Matchpoint Pairs. The **Dick Cumming Open Pairs** has 68 Pairs playing today. The leaders at the end of Saturday **are Pele Rankin & Jodi Tutty**, who are 5 VPs ahead of their nearest rivals **Liz Adams & David Wiltshire**.

In the **Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs,** the current leaders are **John Cummings & David Marshall**, who are less than 1VP ahead of **Tony Franklin & Simon Moore**, who are currently in second place. There are 32 Pairs playing in a 12-round Swiss.

The **Ted Chadwick Restricted & Novice Pairs** event has 18 Pairs, and the current leaders are **Brian Craig & Paul Hunter**, with **Denise Reid & Judy King** nipping at their heels. They are only 0.09 VPs behind first place!
There are 6 more matches tomorrow to decide the winners.

Good Luck to all players tomorrow.

Note the start time for the Pairs event is 9:30am on Sunday!

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TBIB Open Teams Semi-Finals

The top four remaining teams played their Semi-Final matches today.

Kozakos defeated **Ozenir** in a close fought match.

Team	C/F	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
KOZAKOS	7.5	48	32	49	23	159.5
OZENIR	0	10	46	63	12	131

KOZAKOS
George Kozakos – Hugh Grosvenor – Joachim Haffer – Fraser Rew
OZENIR
Serhat Ozenir – Catherine Zhang – Chris Hughes – Cevat Emul

In the other match, **Dalley** defeated **Watkins** in a high-scoring match. Watkins conceded at three-quarter time.

Team	C/F	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
DALLEY	0	22	52	39	0	113
WATKINS	0	15	12	38	0	65

DALLEY
Paul Dalley – Tony Nunn – Ashley Bach – Sophie Ashton
WATKINS
Heath Watkins – Nick Jacob – Zachary Yan – Leon Meier

Kozakos will take on **Dalley** in the 56-Board Final tomorrow. Good Luck to both teams. The **Kozakos** Team will have a 7.5 IMP carry forward.

It will be broadcast on RealBridge. Click here to kibitz.

The eligible players from the Semi-Final all receive Open PQPs for the 2027 Playoffs.

ABF Announcement

Suspension of Lysandra Zheng

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) Board has resolved to impose a suspension on Ms Lysandra Zheng following a disciplinary decision by New Zealand Bridge.

On 28 September 2026, the New Zealand Bridge Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee found that Ms Zheng had breached Law 89 of the Laws of Bridge by improperly obtaining information about hands not yet played during an online competition. Ms Zheng admitted the offence, and the Committee imposed a 12-month suspension.

In accordance with the longstanding reciprocal agreement between the ABF and New Zealand Bridge concerning disciplinary sanctions, the ABF Board has resolved to apply an equivalent suspension in Australia.

Ms Zheng is therefore barred from participating in any bridge event, including tournaments, competitions and matches conducted under the auspices of the ABF or its affiliated state and territory organisations and clubs, whether as a player, director or in any other capacity.

As Ms Zheng has been participating in the 2026 Spring Nationals, the ABF Board has determined that her suspension in Australia will take immediate effect and remain in place until the conclusion of the 2027 Spring Nationals on **25 October 2027**.

The ABF Board has zero tolerance for cheating in bridge. All players are entitled to compete in an environment where the rules are respected and fair play is upheld.

Dick Cummings Open Pairs

Dick Cummings Open Pairs (After 6 rounds)

Rank	Names	Total
1	Pele Rankin – Jodi Tutty	91.30
2	Liz Adams – David Wiltshire	86.26
3	James Coutts – Shane Harrison	83.33
4	Ben Thompson – Jamie Thompson	83.05
5	Geo Tislevoll – Jack James	81.41
6	Stephen Fischer – Sebastian Yuen	81.15
7	Elliott Kaplan – Nigel Rosendorff	79.16
8	James Wallis – Kevin Steffensen	78.23
9	Wei Zhang – William Zhang	77.93
10	Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer	75.90
11	Peter Cox – Paul Lavings	75.53
12	David Beauchamp – Jessica Brake	74.41
13	Geeske Joel – Liam Milne	73.68
14	Hui Li – Patrick Jiang	71.95
15	Steve Geddes – Will Jenner-O'Shea	71.45
16	Kimberley Zhao – Pamela Nisbet	69.99
17	Noah Klugman – Zongrun Li	69.69
18	Andrew Peake – Giselle Mundell	69.28
19	Witold Chylewski – Wieslaw Przewozniak	67.08
20	Simon Zhang – Yumin Li	66.70
21	Rakesh Kumar – Jake Andrew	66.49
22	Kelsey Chen – Sherlock Shao	65.95
23	Michael Prescott – Jeanette Cao	65.55
24	Peter Buchen – Bernard Waters	64.79
25	Garry Viner – Tony White	62.86
26	David Farmer – Catherine Whiddon	62.45
27	Martin Bloom – George Bilski	61.95
28	Julianne Rocks – David Smee	61.88
29	Gwyneira Brahma – Deana Wilson	61.42
30	Maryanne Hingerty – Rick Lu	61.26
31	Adrian Le – Matthew Sieredzinski	60.58
32	Rhonda Khong – Paul Smith	60.53
33	Ruitian Lang – Jacques Cherbuin	60.41
34	Robert Krochmalik – Brian Bedkober	59.90

Dick Cummings Open Pairs (After 6 rounds)

Rank	Names	Total
35	Natalie Newman – Alan Stoneham	59.75
36	Paul Weaver – Terry Bodycote	59.58
37	George Fleischer – Mathew Vadas	59.53
38	David Hudson – Peter Gill	58.15
39	Bas Bolt – Ros Roworth	58.07
40	David Fryda – Colin Clifford	57.91
41	Adrian Lohmann – Karin Le Roux	57.48
42	Tony Howes – Roslyn Howes	57.13
43	Amy Holman – Henry Mcmahon	56.52
44	Leo Goorevich – Gary Lane	55.74
45	Keith Walker – Barbara Abraham	55.30
46	Alex Hewat – George Stockham	53.55
47	Damon Flicker – James Palmer	52.75
48	Don Cameron – Jan Randall	52.10
49	Frances Garrick – Janet Rowlatt	51.60
50	Hamid Sadigh – Siamak Parsanejad	51.39
51	Jane Beeby – Philip Beeby	51.20
52	Margaret Pussell – Karen Irvine	49.21
53	Bal Krishan – Subhash Gupta	48.80
54	Dave Munro – Alan Cransberg	47.79
55	Nerida Gillies – Sandy Carter	47.77
56	Frank Hardiman – Andrew Grace	47.18
57	Alison Dawson – Janeen Solomon	46.36
58	Helen Lowry – Linda Aubusson	45.63
59	Wenjie Liu – Judy Zhu	45.54
60	Noel Bugeia – Janelle Conroy	45.41
61	Alexander Cook – Robin Ho	45.01
62	Sandra Milner – Robyn Noach	44.98
63	Stuart Schon – John Gurewitz	42.86
64	Sachiko Cathcart – Hans Van Weeren	40.93
65	Chris Hamam – David Zheng	40.56
66	Lucia Mendonca – Margaret Phippen	36.89
67	Louise Lewis – Vic Pietraszkiewicz	32.07
68	Tessa Rohald – Louise Leibowitz	21.76

There might be some losing Semi-Finalists from the Teams "dropping in" tomorrow.

An Optimistic Slam Try

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This hand was played in Swiss Round 13. It was reported by Serhat Ozenir and came from their last match in the **No-Loss** pool match.

Board 22
Dealer E
Vul E-W

	♠ K9 ♥ AKJ3 ♦ AKQJ8 ♣ A6	
♠ AQ8 ♥ 8642 ♦ T972 ♣ 93	22 D	♠ J5432 ♥ 75 ♦ 65 ♣ QT84
	♠ T76 ♥ QT9 ♦ 43 ♣ KJ752	

Fraser	*Serhat*	*Jo*	*Chris*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	2♠*	P
P	X	P	2NT*
P	6♦!	//	

The bidding needs a little explanation. East-West play that a 2♠ Opening shows 4+/4+ with Clubs and Spades.
It might not be your cup of tea to be bidding with a balanced 3 high-card point hand, especially when Vulnerable.

Serhat, North, picked up one of the many insanely strong hands that was dealt this week (25 HCP). He Doubled the 2♠ Opening bid after two Passes.
South, Chris Hughes, bid 2NT, which was Lebensohl. That either showed long (5+) Clubs with a decent quality suit, or long Diamonds.

Serhat had heard enough, and jumped to 6♦. Happy to try that contract opposite either of partner's suits.
A Spade was led, so 6♦ made 12 tricks and scored well against 4NT at the other table.
On a non-Spade lead (if the Ace was with the Opener), the Club finesse, or a squeeze against East might have worked.

Matchpoints!

Will Jenner-O'Shea

I found this board amusing from match 5 in the Matchpoint Swiss Pairs.
Amusing, because if you don't laugh you would have to cry.

Board 2
Dealer E
Vul N-S

	♠ 73 ♥ 2 ♦ QJ732 ♣ AQT72	
♠ KT965 ♥ J74 ♦ 84 ♣ J95	2 D	♠ Q82 ♥ KT985 ♦ A95 ♣ 43
	♠ AJ4 ♥ AQ63 ♦ KT6 ♣ K86	

Jimmy	*Steve*	*Kevin*	*Will*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	--	1♣
1♠(!)	2♠*	3♠	3NT
P	P	P	

Steve and I were playing against Jimmy Wallis and Kevin Steffensen, and Jimmy found a 1♠ overcall on our way to 3NT.

Jimmy led a low Spade against my 3NT, and I played low from Dummy and East played the Queen.
I was fairly sure that West had the King of Spades, and originally a five-card Spade suit.
I had the option of holding up my Ace of Spades twice, winning on the third round, and then leading a Diamond, hoping that East had the Ace if Diamonds. I could also win trick one, lead a Diamond, and hope that West had the Ace. If West was on lead, I would have a second Spade stopper.
I assumed (hoped?) that West had the Ace of Diamonds, and I won trick one.
I led the King of Diamonds, and it won! I was now convinced that West had the Ace. I led another Diamond and it also won.
I am now up to 9 sure tricks (if the Clubs split), but we are playing matchpoints. I had dreams of 11 or maybe 12 tricks. I played a third Diamond, West showed out. East won the Ace, returned a Spade, and I was down by one.

Count Their Points

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This hand cropped up in the last round of the Pairs. It was played by Liam Milne.

Board 24
Dealer W
Vul None

	♠ KJ74 ♥ K62 ♦ A84 ♣ Q96	
♠ 53 ♥ AQJ3 ♦ QT73 ♣ A84	D 24	♠ T62 ♥ T94 ♦ 65 ♣ JT753
	♠ AQ98 ♥ 875 ♦ KJ92 ♣ K2	

	Liam		*Geeske*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
1♣	X	P	2♣*
P	2♠	P	4♠
//			

West opened a possibly short Club and Liam, North, Doubled. His partner Geeske bid 2♣. A Cue-Bid response to a Double shows a good hand, looking for the best fit. Some play it as Game-Forcing, I like it to be Invitational or better. They found their Spade fit and played 4♠.

North-South have 26 high-card points between them. East-West have 14 high-card points, and West must have nearly all of them.
East led the Jack of Clubs (a point!), and Liam played low from Dummy.
If West played their Ace, it would have given Liam two Club tricks.
They ducked trick one.
Liam won the Queen of Clubs, and then drew trumps.
Liam counted that West had all of the missing high-card points, and that the normal Diamond finesse (low to the Jack) was not going to work.
He led the Jack of Diamonds from Dummy ♦J – low – low – low!

Making 10 tricks.

Scoring 80%.

Dealing With Uncatchable Trumps

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This hand demonstrated some excellent Declarer Play from Kiwi star Jack James playing with Norwegian-Kiwi GeO Tislevoll who won the Swiss Teams. This hand is from match 14 in the teams.

Board 2
Dealer E
Vul N-S

	♠ AJ6 ♥ K642 ♦ A7654 ♣ 9	
♠ 972 ♥ QT97 ♦ KQT ♣ 643	2 D	♠ K43 ♥ - ♦ J9832 ♣ QJT72
	♠ QT85 ♥ AJ853 ♦ - ♣ AK85	

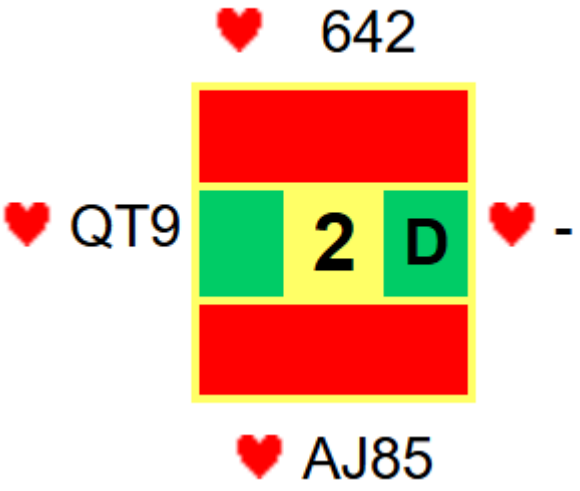
In an auction better left unmentioned, North-South played in 6♥ after East opened with a Multi-Two that had all sorts of options (one was weak with 5/5 in the minors).

Jack Declared 6♥ from South and received the King of Diamonds lead.

He won the Ace and discarded a Club. He hoped to pick up the Heart suit without loss, or failing that the Spade suit.

He led the King of Hearts, and received the bad news. West now had the Queen—Ten-Nine of Hearts sitting over South's Ace-Jack.

It looked certain that West had two sure Heart tricks coming.



Jack tried a Spade finesse, which lost, and so his contract was now destined to go down. He found a way to avoid losing two Heart tricks! He cross-ruffed a lot of Clubs and Spades, and had the Ace-Jack of Hearts and a Spade left in his hand. He led his Spade. West had to trump, and lead a Heart back into his Ace-Jack. Great play! Terrible score.

Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs

Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs (After 6 rounds)

Rank	Names	Total
1	John Cummings – David Marshall	83.42
2	Tony Franklin – Simon Moore	82.53
3	John Russell – Judith Parsons	81.64
4	Lucy D'Ambrosio – Frank Broos	79.37
5	Richard Carter – Peter Wong	78.10
6	Zhan Wan – Shijun Tian	77.79
7	David Cumming – Mike Morrissey	67.96
8	Vibeke Faurby – Annegrete Kolding	67.56
9	Tammy Hubbard – Bill Wilmott	65.68
10	Mary Carter – Kathryn Brien	64.23
11	Meera Kudva – David Hancock	64.09
12	John Simmonds – Trish Berry	63.80
13	Kelly Barber – Leslie Treasure	63.56
14	Felicity Wivell – Anne Fyfe	62.19
15	Raymond Harding – Anna Olszewski	62.04
16	Helena Canaris – Elizabeth Neil	61.73
17	Steven Kemp – Glen Chick	61.42
18	Stephen Dennis – Peter Cloke	60.48
19	Peter Schmidt – John Rivers	60.01
20	Jean Hydleman – Ralph Edwards	59.11
21	Mukesh Parekh – Paul Stebbing	58.93
22	David Burton – Janet Crocker	55.59
23	Liz Jacka – Agnes Levine	52.66
24	Yulia Koh – Miriam O'Brien	52.32
25	Jane Biscoe – Peta Drake	46.17
26	Craig Mietzke – Christine Hanley	44.89
27	Sue Eastman – Margaret Regan	44.06
28	Maeve Doyle – Neville Hind	43.55
29	Greta Davis – Libby Tonkin	42.80
30	Vicky Cahill – Teresa Wilson	42.05
31	Glenda Parmenter – Barbara O'Shea	35.96
32	Robyn Rogers – Tien Chey	34.31

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Ted Chadwick Restricted & Novice Pairs

Ted Chadwick Restricted & Novice Pairs (After 6 rounds)

Rank	Names	Total
1	Brian Craig – Paul Hunter	79.35
2	Denise Reid – Judy King	79.26
3	Michael Green – David Rieser	77.19
4	Paul Birkby – Debra Birkby	74.27
5	Anne-Marie Kelly – John Fitzpatrick	71.65
6	Orsolina Aroney – Jim O'Donnell	71.23
7	Ramarathin Krishnamachari – Tim Jackson	65.82
8	Nicola Meares – Craig Becconsall	60.93
9	Gordon Travers – Holly Li-Johnston	59.86
10	Thomas Karsai – Terry Simmons	58.81
11	Andrew Laurich – Leonie Antill	55.11
12	Debbie Cambridge – Jennifer Allison	54.65
13	Andrew Marshall – Fred Foster	53.91
14	Norii Migita – Hiroe Sano	52.47
15	Neil Mcmaster – Jennifer Bissett	49.44
16	Helen Gillam – Micki Summers	48.86
17	Kyna Foo – Stephanie Price	48.15
18	Richard Thode – Maryanne Loveridge	19.11

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Photo Page



Brian Craig, Paul Birkby, Paul Hunter and Debra Birkby playing in the Restricted & Novice Pairs.



Michael Green, Orsolina Aroney, David Rieser and Jim O'Donnell playing in the last round of the Restricted & Novice Pairs



John Fitzpatrick, Kyna Foo, Anne-Marie Kelly, Stephanie Price playing in the Novice & Restricted Pairs



Tony Franklin, John Cummings, Simon Moore, and David Marshall in the Intermediate Pairs.

John & David are currently first, Simon & Tony are second.

Grand Slam Bidding (Error)

Fraser Rew

On day 1 of the Open teams, something happened that I don't recall ever happening in my 25 years playing bridge: the opponents bid freely to a grand slam missing two aces.

Then, on day 2, exactly the same thing happened. And before you ask, all four opponents have played for Australia.

Board 1
Dealer N
Vul None

	♠ AT9842 ♥ Q9853 ♦ 9 ♣ T	
♠ KQJ7 ♥ KT ♦ KQJ862 ♣ 3	D 1	♠ 3 ♥ A4 ♦ 74 ♣ AKQJ8742
	♠ 65 ♥ J762 ♦ AT53 ♣ 965	

	Jo		*Fraser*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	2♥*	X	P
3♥*	P	3NT	P
4♦	P	6♣	P
7♣	X	P	P
7NT	X	P	P
P			

North's 2♥ Opening showed a weak hand with Both Majors.

Score one for the 2♥ opening showing both Majors. This was only six imps in, as teammates played in 5♣, and went off when the opponents did well to find their Diamond ruff.

The Kozakos team members are: George Kozakos, Hugh Grosvenor, Joachim Haffer, and Fraser Rew.

Grand Slam Bidding (Error)

Fraser Rew

Swiss match 8

Board 10
Dealer E
Vul Both

	♠ - ♥ QJ9642 ♦ 852 ♣ KQ64	
♠ AJ98432 ♥ T ♦ J76 ♣ J9	10 D	♠ KQT765 ♥ 8 ♦ 94 ♣ AT52
	♠ - ♥ AK753 ♦ AKQT3 ♣ 873	

Fraser		*Jo*	
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	1♠	2♠*
4♠	6♥	P	P
6♠	P	P	7♥
P	P	X	//

Having bid 4♠ and then 6♠, I decided that I'd given partner a pretty good description of my hand, so I left the final decision (bid 7♠, Pass, or Double) to him, and holding an Ace, he had an obvious Double.

Editor's Note: I think that the stronger team passing over six- or seven- of the opponent's suit should show a first-round control of their suit – Ace or void (offering to bid higher).

North's best action over 6♠ was the subject of much discussion. The consensus (which North agreed with, on later reflection), is that 6♥ is already an aggressive bid, and you should double, the spade void notwithstanding.

	Hugh		*George*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	2♠	4♦*
P	6♥	P	P
6♠	P	P	7♥
7♠	X	//	

**4♦ shows 5+ Diamonds and 5+ Hearts. This is a convention called Leaping Michaels and is a good defence against pre-empts.*

East-West (also Australian representatives) are playing more standard 1-level openings, and so started with a Weak Two. West passed initially, hoping that North-South would stop in a game. When they didn't, he left himself with a guess over 7♥, and guessed wrongly, for 16 IMPs to us.

Expert Error

Fraser Rew

The bridge expert is a confident creature. A lifetime of winning imps by getting decisions right that ordinary mortals get wrong has imbued in him a strong sense of confidence which at times can border on a belief of infallibility. When he makes a decision that mere mortals wouldn't, the result is often spectacular. Normally it's spectacular in a good way, but when it goes wrong, it can lead to a mistake that wouldn't even occur to the ladies at the Wednesday afternoon duplicate.

Board 13
Dealer N
Vul Both

	♠	
	♥	
	♦	
	♣	
♠	D	♠ T93
♥	13	♥ K7
♦		♦ AT8
♣		♣ AKT86
	♠ K4	
	♥ QJT63	
	♦ 94	
	♣ QJ93	



Fraser Rew

W	N	E	S
--	P	1♣	1♥
P	1♠	P	P
1NT	2♦	P	2♠
P	P	P	

East kicked off with a high Club, West showing an even number.
East looked at the position.
Partner is marked with the ♥A for the 1NT bid, and it must be ♥Axxx, because if Declarer had three, he would have raised Hearts instead of bidding his own suits.
North can therefore ruff the third round of Hearts, but your ♠10 means he has to ruff high, which will promote a trick for whichever Spade honour partner holds.
Therefore, East switched to the ♥K.

Board 13
Dealer N
Vul Both

	♠ AJ862 ♥ A2 ♦ 7652 ♣ 72	
♠ Q75 ♥ 9854 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 54	D 13	♠ T93 ♥ K7 ♦ AT8 ♣ AKT86
	♠ K4 ♥ QJT63 ♦ 94 ♣ QJ93	

Whatever the logic of this may be, it was entirely unsuccessful on the actual layout.

Declarer won the Ace, played three rounds of trumps via a finesse of the Queen, and cashed the Hearts, to make 10 tricks.

If East exits in trumps and the defence goes passive from then on, Declarer can't make any more than five Spades and the ♥A, for a total of six tricks.

The ♥K made a difference of no fewer than four tricks.

There were a couple of clues that East missed.

Firstly, West had bid 1NT only on the second round, suggesting a tenuous Heart holding.

Secondly, even on the layout where West holds Axxx, Declarer can discard his losing Club on the third round of Hearts, making the trump promotion irrelevant.

Editor's note: the article was written with some gendered language.
It has been left in for colour.
Ladies can be experts. And men can play duplicates on Wednesday afternoons.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Since a Two-Over-One Response is Game Forcing, you don't need to jump to show strength. Opener can use a jump rebid to show a specific type of hand.
Here are the details for Opener's rebid.

If Opener has four+ card support for Responder's suit, they should raise straight away. Even if Opener has a lot of points, they can make a simple raise since the auction is Game Forcing. **Slow Arrival** by either player can be used to show a strong hand.

If Opener raises Responder's suit straight to game, it shows a very minimum opening hand, that has no slam potential. **Fast Arrival** by either player suggests no slam interest.

Optionally, if Opener has four card support, and a singleton or void somewhere, they can Jump Shift as a **Splinter.**

Without a fit, Opener rebids a second suit at the two-level, or 2NT (depending on how you decide to play it), or repeat their suit.

If Opener Jump Rebids in their own suit, it shows a long suit (6+ cards, usually 7+) and a solid or nearly solid suit. It shows a suit that will play well, even if partner has a singleton or void.

After Opener's rebid, both players continue bidding until they find the best suit or choose to play in No-Trumps.

If either player bids 2NT, it is still forcing, and usually suggests stoppers in unbid suits.

If you have denied having four card support for partner, and bid a suit later, it shows three cards, in case partner cares.

If either person raises to three-of-a-known-fit, it might be a slam try. The other person needs to helpfully co-operate in case there is the chance for a slam. Bidding to four-of-a-minor is usually a slam try.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 11

	♠ 83 ♥ AKQ9876 ♦ 7 ♣ A87	
♠ QT6 ♥ J42 ♦ 32 ♣ QJ652		♠ K754 ♥ 53 ♦ Q9864 ♣ 93
	♠ AJ92 ♥ T ♦ AKJT5 ♣ KT4	

W	*N*	*E*	*S*
--	1♥	P	2♦
P	3♥*	P	4NT
P	5♦*	P	5♠*
P	6♥	P	P
P			

Opener bids 1♥, Responder bids 2♦, 4+ Diamonds and Game Forcing. Longest suit first with a game going hand (Good idea, even in Standard).

*3♥ Solid or nearly solid suit.
*5♦: 3 Keycards
*5♠: Asks for the Queen.
*6♥: Yes, and no Kings.

It can be very hard to convince your partner to play in your suit when they have a singleton in your suit. South would typically bid Diamonds, then Spades, then No-Trumps, then reluctantly play in Hearts (maybe), or re-try No-Trumps.

If North uses a Jump to show a self-sufficient suit, then South should be happy to play in Hearts.

The Play (6♥ by North):
With the ♥J dropping, there is no trump loser. Declarer can draw trumps and has 12 top tricks.

There are a few chances for a 13th trick. Possibly establishing an extra Diamond trick, but the poor split means that the Queen can't easily be ruffed out.

The normal Diamond finesse would make 13 tricks, but the ruffing finesse is typically better here.
There might be a squeeze (not today).
There are some chances to make 13 tricks, but it is not a sure thing.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

The Invitational Jump Shift

One hand type that is more difficult to bid in Two-Over-One compared to Standard is when Responder has a long minor suit and around 10 – 12 points.

(Opener)	*(Responder)*
1♠	1NT 6 – 12 points
2♥	3♦??

This 3♦ bid shows 6 or 7 Diamonds and could be a very weak hand, say 6 points, with no support for either Major.
It could also be 6 or 7 Diamonds and 11 or 12 points.
Bidding is nearly impossible if Opener doesn't know which!

One solution is to play Invitational Jump Shifts by Responder immediately over a Major opening.

(Opener)	*(Responder)*
1♠	3♦ 6+ Diamonds 10 – 12 points. Invite.

Opener can pass with a minimum, or try 3NT, or possible raise Diamonds to game or possibly slam.

If you play Invitational Jump Shifts, then starting with 1NT and bidding a minor later is limited to less than 10 points and is not an invite.

If you play Invitational Jump Shifts, then you can't play Bergen Raises and you need to change your raises slightly to accommodate. Details in the next Bulletin.

I recommend playing a Jump from 1-of-a-Major to 3-of-a-minor as invitational. It helps you get to game when Responder has an invitational hand and a long suit.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 12.1

	♠ KQT87 ♥ AJT ♦ 54 ♣ Q93	
♠ A943 ♥ 7652 ♦ K8 ♣ A84		♠ 52 ♥ KQ3 ♦ T32 ♣ JT762
	♠ J6 ♥ 984 ♦ AQJ976 ♣ K5	

W	N	E	S
--	1♠	P	3♦
P	P!	P	

North opens 1♠.
South shouldn't bid 2♦ with only 10-12 points and a long suit, since that would be game forcing.
Responding 1NT and bidding Diamonds later might be a very weak hand.
South uses an Invitational Jump to 3♦.
North has a minimum hand, not many Aces, short in Diamonds and passes in 3♦.

Example 12.2

	♠ AT985 ♥ AQ ♦ T84 ♣ AT9	
♠ Q4 ♥ T72 ♦ K52 ♣ Q6432		♠ K732 ♥ KJ653 ♦ 3 ♣ J87
	♠ J6 ♥ 984 ♦ AQJ976 ♣ K5	

W	N	E	S
--	1♠	P	3♦
P	3NT	P	P
P			

South has the same hand as before. The North hand doesn't seem much stronger than the previous hand, but having three Diamonds means it will be easier to establish them. Having lots of Aces gives you more control. North has likely double stoppers, so tries 3NT.

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Open Pairs leaders Jodi Tutty, and Pele Rankin (3rd from left) take on GeO Tislevoll and Jack James



Paul Dalley, Leon Meier, Tony Nunn, Zachary Yan playing their Semi-Final behind screens.



Currently second in the Open Pairs, Dave Wiltshire (happy birthday) and Liz Adams (3rd from left) playing against Kevin Steffensen & Jimmy Wallis



Jo Haffer from the Kozakos team playing behind screens in their successful Semi-Final.

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Nick Jacob, Sophie Ashton, Heath Watkins, and Ash Bach playing in their Semi-Final



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Natalie Newman, Alan Stoneham, Damon Flicker, James Palmer, and Heath Watkins. Some of our youngsters enjoying the spectacular weather this week.



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