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Losing semi finalists ZIGGY and HUNG





Recent history

2020

Gold Coast Congress a great success. Within a week of the end of the Congress, the country closed down.

2021

Gold Coast Congress cancelled – cost to cancel \$25,000 – cancellation of GCCEC contract.

2022

A loss of \$147,000 was incurred because we held the GCC however the loss would have been bigger if we had not held it. Thank you to the ABF who allowed us to host online congresses. \$44,000 recovered.

2023

All who supported the event in 2022 were given first dibs on the spots, then the Western Australians and New Zealanders who were not allowed to come and then previous participants. We could have had Hall 2 and in the early days, we felt that perhaps we should have due to the interest but as it came closer to the congress, the withdrawals came and we believe 98% of the players who wanted to play have got a spot somewhere. 0-50 events and the Rookie events could not be expanded and there is still a lot on the waiting list and we unfortunately could not help them. We believe it will be an excellent event and there might even be a very small profit.

2024

We have agreed to contract Hall 2 so there will be more room. We cannot have the bump in Friday so we will be reducing the Bobby Richman event by one session and we are still discussing the Weekend Swiss and the Monday Butler but they will be held but format still being decided. It will be Tim and Sue's (current Tournament Organisers) last year and Ray and Kim Ellaway's last year. Ray and Kim have been co managing the event for the past 27 years.

PRIZES CAN BE COLLECTED AT OFFICE

OPEN			
Best Same Sex	11	HAFFER	Mike DOECKE - Joachim HAFFER - Ron KLINGER - Will JENNER-O'SHEA - Matt MULLAMPHY - Nicolas CROFT
Best Mixed	1	ASHTON	Michael WHIBLEY - Maurits VAN DER VLUGT - Nabil EDGTON - David WILTSHIRE - Sartaj HANS - Sophie ASHTON
Best Queensland	99	EVANS	Brian PATTERSON - Pamela EVANS - Patrick BUGLER - James EVANS
Best New Zealand	45	KALMA	Gary FOIDL - Yuzhong CHEN - Richard SOLOMON - Anna KALMA
UNDER 1500			
Best Same Sex	22	MALTZ	Derek MALTZ - Hamid SADIGH - Siamak PARSANEJAD - Peter ROBINSON
Best Mixed	30	BAKAS	Paul WILLIAMSON - Joanne BAKAS - Tassi GEORGIADIS - Bill BRADSHAW
Best Queensland	16	STANTON	Michelle RADKE - Kathy MALES - Fay STANTON - Gabrielle ELICH
INTERMEDIATE			
Best Same Sex	33	LOKAN	Jim BURKE - Colin TWELFTREE - John LOKAN - Bevin BROOKS
Best Mixed	21	CHAFFEY	Phil HALLORAN - Andrew GOODCHILD - Rob WARD - Catherine CHAFFEY
Best Queensland	18	HAMILTON-REEN	Janet PRICE - Richard SPELMAN - Mary SIMON - Kevin HAMILTON-REEN
RESTRICTED			
Best Same Sex	63	SKARUPSKY	Sue HUNT - Marilyn KENNEDY - Anna CHAPPELL - Sue SKARUPSKY
Best Mixed	67	DAFFURN	Joy WILLIAMS - Victor KOOTER - Guy KALMA - Peter DAFFURN
Best Queensland	3	TING	Susan WRIGHT - Ming TING - David TING - Lorna SHUTTLEWOOD
NOVICE			
Best Same Sex	5	BURLEY	Sonya MCLENNAN - Barbara BACKSHALL - Anne KELLY - Julie BURLEY
Best Mixed	11	LEE	Louise BENNETT - Debbie CARROLL - Jacinta LEE - Stephen BENNETT

GC Qualifier round 12

by Barry Rigal

As a preview of what might be to come later, I watched the top-of-the-table clash between Rosenberg and Hung. As it turned out, Hung needed a draw or so to qualify, Rosenberg simply needed to avoid a blitz.

Hung broke on top when a near hopeless 3NT went down two while a sensible 2♠ partscore was defeated by a 6-0 trump break offside. Then both tables played spades, and as is not uncommon the pair in partscore made game, the pair in game went down.

Board 16

♠ KQ3

Dealer W

♥ QT652

Vul E-W

♦ A2

♣ K43

♠ 94

♠ JT5

♥ A983

♥ KJ

♦ KT8543

♦ Q976

♣ A

♣ 8762

♠ A8762

♥ 74

♦ J

♣ QJT95

Lin and Rosenberg played 3♠ from the North hand on a diamond lead and wrapped up 10 tricks. Kolesnik was on lead to 4♠ as West and knew to lead his ♣A. Now the question was whether to underlead in hearts for the ruff (in case partner had three hearts) or play ace and another heart in case partner had a singleton. The auction had made it clear that the former was more likely – which was what Kolesnik did -- but today it didn't matter. The defenders got their hearts and club ruff for down one and 6 IMPs.

Board 17 ♠ AJ962

Dealer N ♥ 7

Vul None ♦ K752

♣ 743

♠ 4

♠ KT75

♥ QT86532

♥ KJ9

♦ J96

♦ 3

♣ 96

♣ QJT82

♠ Q83

♥ A4

♦ AQT84

♣ AK5

The level of preemption was critical here, from West at his first turn. Kaplan opened the East hand but it still didn't prevent his opponents from doing extremely well here.

West	North	East	South
Kolesnik	Hung	Kaplan	Harrison
	Pass	1♣	dbl
1♥	2♠	pass	3♣
pass	4♦	pass	5NT
pass	6♦	all pass	

I like Harrison's offer of slams though I wonder if 6♣ from North might get the choice of slams in return across better?

No matter – they were sure to reach 6♦ after that start, and Hung won the heart lead and really had no choice but to draw trumps.

The singleton in East was a huge danger signal about clubs, with East marked with nine black cards. The good news was that West could no longer guard clubs even if spades broke badly.

Hung led a low spade to the queen, ducked the return, and ruffed the heart continuation. He could no longer ruff out spades and cross back to hand, but he didn't need to. He crossed to the club ace, ran the trumps, squeezing West, then came back to the spade ace and led a club. He took trick 13 with the ♣5.

That was worth 11 IMPs to Hung against 4♠ in the other room.

Board 21 ♠ AKJ5
Dealer N ♥ T92
Vul N-S ♦ J7
 ♣ K982

♠ 9873	♠ QT42
♥ KQ	♥ J874
♦ AK32	♦ T6
♣ T74	♣ J63

♠ 6
 ♥ A653
 ♦ Q9854
 ♣ AQ5

Two 12-counts facing one another should make game, right?

Lin drove the South cards to game facing Rosenberg's opener and in 3NT from the North seat Rosenberg was treated to a spade lead. It was convenient to play diamonds from hand, and that meant 11 tricks when the defenders persisted with spades.

In the other room Harrison, after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♠, rebid 2NT at his second turn and played there on the lead of ♠9. When he misguessed diamonds the defenders set up a heart and played spades and Harrison drifted one down, for 13 IMPs to Rosenberg, leading 20-12.

They added a further 11 on the next deal:

Board 22 ♠ AJ9
Dealer E ♥ 875
Vul E-W ♦ AKQT3
 ♣ K8

♠ T652	♠ KQ743
♥ KJ42	♥ AT
♦ 6	♦ 97
♣ Q653	♣ AJT7

♠ 8
 ♥ Q963
 ♦ J8542
 ♣ 942

It looks hard to get to 4♠ on the EW cards – indeed Smirnov - van Oosten sold out to 3NT for +50.

But Kaplan - Kolesnik bid on over 4♦ to 4♠. After repeated diamond leads Kaplan ruffed and led a spade to his hand, then had to decide whether to utilize dummy's ♥K to play a second trump up.

I would have thought that was normal; Kaplan preferred to lead a low spade from hand and eventually rely on the club finesse. That worked just as well today.

The last big swing of the match eclipsed all the others and it went to Hung.

Board 25 ♠ 3
Dealer N ♥ AK985
Vul E-W ♦ 4
 ♣ T87632

♠ T	♠ QJ9874
♥ Q76	♥ 2
♦ T97632	♦ AK85
♣ QJ5	♣ A4

♠ AK652
 ♥ JT43
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ K9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
	pass	1♠	pass
1NT	2♠	3♠	4♥
all pass			

Harrison received the normal spade lead and tried to cash a second spade. Kolesnik ruffed in, Harrison overruffed and led a club for a painless 450. In the other room Smirnov got his diamonds into play when North showed a two-suiter and ended up in 5♦x. I suspect the initial heart lead (overtaking the ♥J if necessary) for a club shift would be beyond most of us, but maybe one can see why it might be necessary? After the ♠K lead Smirnov had +950 and 16 IMPs.

The match ended 37-32 .



Novice Team - Georgie Gall, Sally Clarke, Merrie Beasley, Caroline Wilson



Gold Coast Congress 2023 on Seven News





Restricted Team - Tony Smuts, Lesley Murray, Robbie Feyder, Barry Feyder

Youth Night



Question 8

What would you do?

West deals, all vulnerable

North

♠ A K 7

♥ K Q 10 9

♦ 7 4 3 2

♣ J 7

West

♠ ---

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ A J 9 6

♣ A K Q 10 8

West	North	East	South
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1♣	dbl	pass	4♠
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dbl (1)	all pass		
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(1) Takeout

West leads ♠K, followed by ♠A, ruffed by South.

♠4 goes to ♠A, ♠2 from East, and declarer plays

♥K : three (reverse count) – eight from South.

What should West do?

Answer overleaf

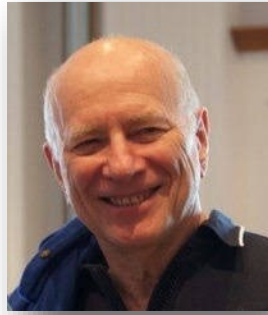
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Solution to Question 8**What would you do?****To duck or not to duck?**

The deal comes from the 2015 European Open Teams:

West deals, all vulnerable

♠ A K 7

♥ K Q 10 9

♦ 7 4 3 2

♣ J 7

♠ ---

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ A J 9 6

♣ A K Q 10 8

♠ Q J 9 6 5 4 3

♥ J 8 6

♦ K 10

♣ 2

♠ 10 8 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 9 6 5 4 3

When West took ♥A at once and played ♣Q, South ruffed high in dummy, discarding ♦10. South finessed ♠9, drew the last trump and had 11 tricks, +990.

To beat 4♠ doubled, West had to duck ♥K. If declarer plays another heart, West can win and give East a heart ruff. A diamond switch then takes declarer two down.

If West ducks ♥K and declarer draws trumps, West must duck the second heart, win the third and come to two tricks later.



Intermediate Team - Di Jagelman, Patricia Armstrong, Carolyn Greenwich, Rhonda Langley

No extra reward by Mauritz van der Vlugt

Hi Stephen, here is a cute hand and fatal error from the Friday morning Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs:

Board 11 ♠ 752
Dealer S ♥ J872
Vul None ♦ QJ5
 ♣ J42

♠ AT943	♠ K8
♥ K96	♥ AQ43
♦ AT	♦ K8764
♣ AK9	♣ 76

♠ QJ6
 ♥ T5
 ♦ 932
 ♣ QT853

West	North	East	South
<i>Van der Vlugt</i>		<i>Neumann</i>	
			pass
1♠	pass	2♦ ¹	pass
2NT	pass	3NT	pass
4NT	pass	6NT	all pass
1. GF			

Dagmar showed great faith by accepting the try. I had to deliver.

With no attractive lead, North led a small heart, small, ten, king.

I tried a spade to the 8 and the Jack and a heart came back. ♠K, ♦K ♠A and ♠10. North is already squeezed! Depending on which minor he abandons, I can pick the double squeeze. If he throws a diamond. Clubs is the central suit. In practise, North threw clubs and South a diamond on the spades. Then after testing the hearts I could cash the clubs to execute the double squeeze for +990 and 11 IMPs.

The fatal error? I failed to unblock the ♦8, so that made the last trick, rather than a more rewarding ♦7.... *Mauritz*



Solution to Problem 7

A True Story

Looking at all four hands make 7♣ on any lead, maybe a trump.

♠ K	♠ 10972
♥ J10852	♥ --
♦ 10982	♦ A653
♣ 1076	♣ AK543

♠ AQ53	♠ J864
♥ AQ73	♥ K964
♦ 7	♦ KQJ4
♣ QJ98	♣ 2

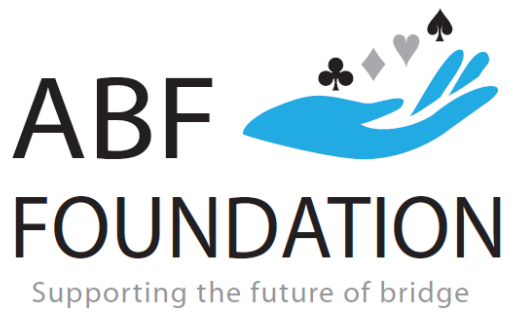
♠ 10972	♠ 1097
♥ --	♥ --
♦ A653	♦ 5
♣ AK543	♣ 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N					T
S					
E	7	1	1	5	5
W	7	1	1	5	5

You need to trump two diamonds in dummy and throw your 4th diamond on ♥A, whilst of course cashing ♠A to drop ♠K. You come down to this ending:

♥ J108	♠ 1097
♦ 10	♥ --
♠ Q53	♣ 5
♥ Q	
♣	
♠ J86	
♥ K	

On the last club from East South is squeezed between ♥K and the long spade





Jane Lennox and Margaret Lane at In Her Shoes



There are many great problems if you care to go over the hand records when you play, often via the deep finesse analysis box.

Deep Finesse Problem 8

S/ALL

♠ J75

♥ --

♦ AJ10873

♣ 10873

♠ Q106

♥ AQ72

♦ 5

♣ AKQ92

♠ 94

♥ J86

♦ KQ962

♣ J64

♠ AK832

♥ K109543

♦ 4

♣ 2

Makeable contracts

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	1	-	-
S	-	-	1	-	-
E	1	-	1	-	2
W	2	1	1	-	3



Friday Novice - 2nd Rob Swann - Philip Argyris



Friday Novice - 1st Peter Wilce - Heather Douglas

This deal is from the 2022 Coffs Harbour Congress.

You can see West makes 3NT but not East. You have two tasks, firstly make 3NT from West on the best lead of a low spade, and secondly to defeat 3NT from East.

Solution in tomorrow's bulletin.

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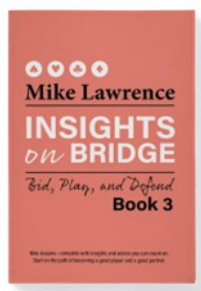
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Semi finals

by Stephen Lester

Stephen Burgess in his youth would have insisted on a 4♠ opening with ♠AQ109753, ♥9, ♦J1074, ♣J even at unfavourable.

Since he's not here, I can't ask whether he would act the same now he's in his dotage. Paul Gosney opened 3♠ in second seat and this auction followed:

West	North	East	South
Gosney	Rosenberg	Leibowitz	Lin
			Pass
3♠	dbl	pass	4♥
pass	pass	dbl	all pass

The full hand:

Board 3	♠ 4	
Dealer S	♥ 654	
Vul E-W	♦ AKQ3	
	♣ A8543	
♠ AQT9753		♠ K
♥ 9		♥ AQJT2
♦ JT74		♦ 8652
♣ J		♣ T92
	♠ J862	
	♥ K873	
	♦ 9	
	♣ KQ76	

NS were two down, -300 for 9 IMPs EW, when 3♠ was allowed to play, down 1, -100.

In the other match, the THOMSON EW were doubled in 4♠ while their teammates were -300 in 5♣x, 13 IMPs to THOMSON.

Maybe the symmetry of the bidding appealed to Tony Leibowitz when he majestically soared to 5♦ on the deal below.

The double would have soon made him regret this action, especially when the play was short and sweet, Amber Lin cashed ♣A, then shifted to ♥Q. It looked like 4♠ would be a making spot, if ♠Q was where it should be, and so it was.

Is 3♠ over 3♦ enough, though to get a raise from West? I think so. The danger in doubling Kevin Rosenberg's 3♦ (mild interest in hearts) is that it doesn't put spades in the picture.

Board 5	♠ Q53	
Dealer N	♥ A864	
Vul N-S	♦ JT76	
	♣ 87	
♠ KT97		♠ AJ62
♥ 75		♥ K2
♦ 95		♦ AKQ843
♣ JT432		♣ 6
	♠ 84	
	♥ QJT93	
	♦ 2	
	♣ AKQ95	

West	North	East	South
Gosney	Rosenberg	Leibowitz	Lin
	pass	1♦	2NT ¹
pass	3♦	5♦	pass
pass	dbl	all pass	

1. Hearts and clubs

At the other table, Tony Nunn's jump to 4♥ gave Adam Kaplan little wriggle room; he chose 4♠ and must have enjoyed the sight of dummy.

West	North	East	South
Kolesnik	Nunn	Kaplan	Dalley
	pass	1♦	2NT ¹
pass	4♥	4♠	pass
pass	dbl	all pass	

1. Hearts and clubs

In the other match, Liam Milne – James Coutts were allowed to play 4♥, -100.+420 in 4♠ EW was 8 IMPs to THOMSON in a fairly bleak set: THOMSON 62, ZIGGY 29.

It continued poorly for ZIGGY, final score 116.1 - 68 in THOMSON's favour.

DALLEY triumphed over ROSENBERG 113 - 93.1

This excerpt, from the Mixed Teams at the 2022 Wroclaw European Championships features amongst others Ben Thompson - Renee Cooper and Daniela von Arnim, who played in the Gold Coast Teams. Renee Cooper was not able to attend, and Ben played the pairs only.

Mixed Teams R32

On our next deal, in the match between CORIANDRE and REASON, declarer was faced with an awkward problem.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 5
♥ K Q 10 7 5 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K 7

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A J 6
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ J 6 5

♠ 4
♥ 9 8
♦ A 10 8
♣ A Q 9 8 4 3 2

♠ A K Q 9 8 7 6
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>B. Thompson</i>

			1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
all pass			

West leads the ♣5, you put up the king, and East wins with the ace. If East plays another club, your basic plan will be to ruff, play a heart to the king and if it holds return to hand with a spade to play a second heart. However, what if East returns ♦8 at trick 2?

The devil seems to have produced the killing switch, finding partner with something like ♦AJ10x (x) in the suit. However, you spot a countermeasure and play the ♦Q from your hand, hoping to cut the defender's communications. When the queen holds you play a heart, but West wins with the ace and returns a diamond. That sees East win two tricks in the suit, so you are one down.

It was Pierre Schmidt who found the devastating

switch to the ♦8. He realized at trick one that prospects for defeating the contract were not good. The best chance seemed to be to find partner with something like ♦Q9xx, and a quick trick in spades (the king... would declarer refuse the finesse before playing three rounds of hearts?) or even better in hearts (the ace).

He was about to play the ♦10 when he realized that the ♦8 would be good enough and also that if the actual position existed, declarer was an excellent player who would probably think of inserting the ♦Q.

Board 28 saw a handful of matches still in the balance. And it was a corker of a final deal too.

Where TECZA SZCZECINEK were playing Orca, after 27 deals the score was 61-67. Then came:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 4 3
♥ Q J 8 7 6 5
♦ —
♣ J 10 5

♠ J 8 6 5 2
♥ 9
♦ A 6
♣ A 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 7
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 9 3

♠ 9
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 8 7 4 3 2
♣ K 4

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Crouch</i>	<i>G Busse</i>	<i>Nicola Smith</i>	<i>P Busse</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♥	dbl	3♦
4♠	all pass		

Peter Crouch pulled out what looked to be a match-winning performance in 4♠. Can you blame South for overtaking the heart lead to give his partner a diamond ruff? Back came a heart. Crouch ruffed, advanced the ♠J, covered all round, then crossed to the club ace to finesse in spades, draw trumps, and duck a club. Bingo!

Alas for him, his teammate Richard Plackett, South for Orca in the Closed Room, heard 2♠ - 4♠ to him

and certainly cannot be criticized when he pressed on to 5♦, which was of course doubled. - 1100 and 12 IMPs to TECZA SZCZECINEK, who won the match by 6 IMPs.

Round 8, Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 2 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ J ♣ A K 10 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ A 10 7 5 3 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J ♥ Q J 2 ♦ 9 7 4 3 ♣ 9 8 7 2</p>
<p>♠ 8 6 4 ♥ K 9 6 4 ♦ K Q 10 6 2 ♣ J</p>	

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>
			Pass
pass	1♣	pass	1♥
1♠	dbl	pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	all pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>	<i>Madsen</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	dbl	pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	all pass	

In the Open Room South was systemically obligated to bid the major first, while Madsen in the Closed Room had a choice. Both Norths showed support, but Narkiewicz's auction showed extras with long clubs and Zalewska angled towards 3NT. The top spade lead left declarer needing to decide whether to go after clubs or diamonds. Neither work today, but he chose diamonds, and the defence cashed out at once for down one.

In the Closed Room, Drijver's double showed extras in the context of not having opened a 10-13 no-trump. Madsen's 3♦ call was intended to show

extras and was not inconsistent with a canape. I'm not sure if Drijver was aware of the hand-type opposite, but he put his partner in a game which at least had some play as the cards lay.

West led the ♣Q, and Madsen won to play the ♦J. West won with the ace and continued clubs, so declarer won and played the ♥A and a heart to the king. Leaving two trumps out, Madsen now switched to diamonds, discarding spades from dummy. West also pitched a spade on the fourth round of diamonds (ruffing doesn't help), so away went the last spade from dummy. Madsen now ruffed a spade and cashed the ♣10 on which she pitched her last spade. The defenders made just two trump tricks and the ♦A. Nicely done, and NS +420 for 10 IMPs to Ferm.

Mixed Teams Final

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 9 8 5</p> <p>♠ A 7 ♥ A K ♦ K J 10 8 3 2 ♣ 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q ♥ Q 4 3 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A Q J 7 2</p> <p>♠ J 9 8 5 3 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ K</p>
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Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
		1NT	pass
3♣ ¹	pass	3♦	Pass
6♦	all pass		

1. Puppet Stayman

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Madsen</i>
— —		1NT	Pass
6NT	all pass		

de Wijs arranged for von Arnim to play the diamond slam from the short side in the Open Room. South

led a low trump, won the third round of the suit, and exited safely with a fourth diamond. This meant that declarer could unblock the hearts, cross to her hand in spades, and cash the ♥Q. Returning to dummy with the ♠A, Von Arnim then cashed her remaining diamond winners. She had to judge from the play which defender held the thirteenth heart, but the spots played in hearts made it look like it was North, in which case he was destined to be caught in a show-up squeeze. When declarer finally played a club from dummy at trick twelve, North followed with the last low club, but his remaining card was assumed to be a heart, so von Arnim rose with the ♣A, and down came South's king. EW +1370.

The auction was even quicker in the Closed Room,

but South's spade lead seriously disrupted declarer's entries. Larsson won in hand and started on diamonds, South taking the second round and continuing spades.

The primary difference was that declarer has been unable to cash the ♥Q before running her diamond winners. However, South threw what was perhaps might be described as a tell-tale heart on the fifth round of diamonds.

When the last diamond winner was cashed, North then had to discard from ♥10-x and ♣10-x. Drijver knew he had to keep his heart guard, so he threw a club. Reading the hand perfectly, Larsson pitched the low heart from her hand and played a club to the ace. Cue loud applause from the peanut gallery:



Intermediate Team - Rod Roark, Pauly Griffin, Kim Model, Michael Francis



Novice Team - Liz Ward, Michelle George, Megan Edwards, David Wardy



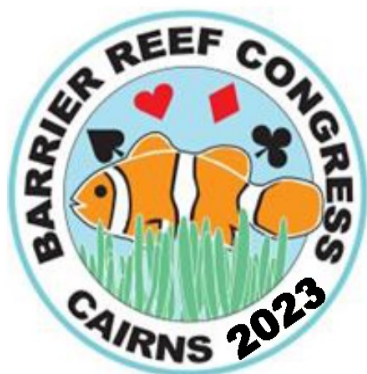
Bake sale? No, bridge books



Restricted Team - Lilly Jia, Davis Zhang, Vanessa Brewis, Jenny McGowan



Under 1500 MP Team - Jeanette Abrama, Margaret Gidley-Baird, Trish Lacey, Tim Mountjoy



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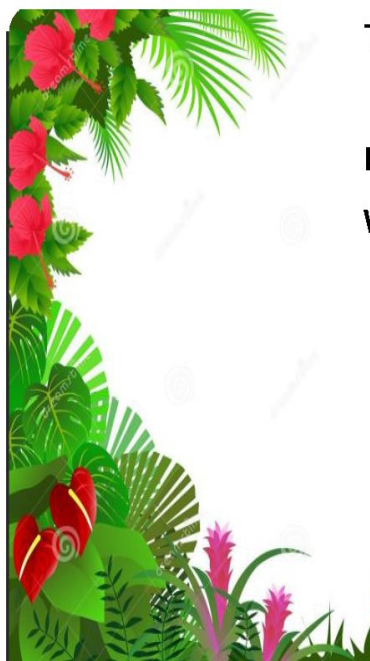
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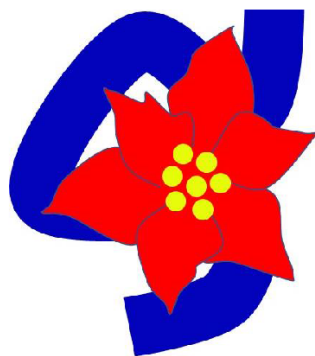
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