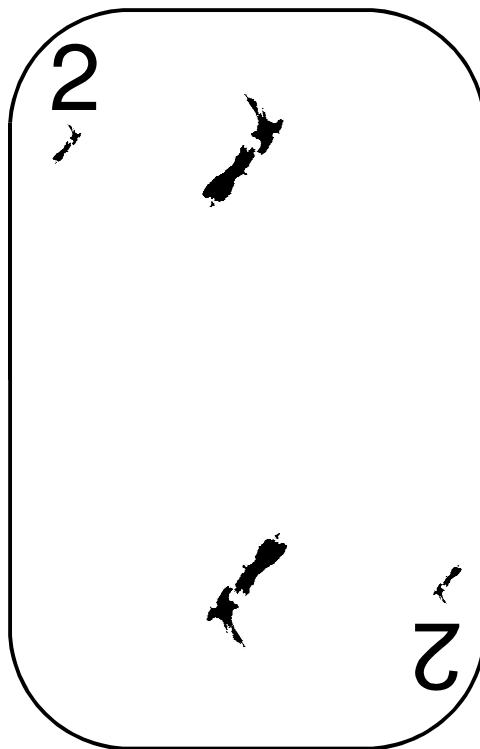


New Zealand National Bridge Congress

Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton

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Daily Bulletin



Sunday July 2nd

Congress Noticeboard Sunday

Session Times For Sunday :

Session 1 : 2 pm

Session 2 : 8 pm

Continuous Pairs

Walk-in Sunday morning 10 am

Scoring Corrections

The Duty Director will be at the desk between noon and 12.30 to consider corrections. After that time, scores become final. If you are not resident on site, please ensure that you check your score before that time

SemiFinal Draw

will be posted after scores become final

Review of Director's Ruling

If a director gives a ruling at the table with which you are uncomfortable, please advise the director that you would like a review of that decision by the Chief Director. The director will then advise you and your opponents where to meet with the Chief Director (usually Seminar Room 3)

Congress Pairs

If you intend to pull out or to play with a different partner, please advise the desk before 12.30 p.m. We will assume that you are playing unless you advise otherwise

Sportsmanship

The Curly DelMonte Trophy is awarded annually for sporting actions at the table. Please let me have any "active ethics" stories which occur

Bulletin Delivery

Anyone wishing to have the Bulletin delivered to their motel, please see Nola or Gwyn at the desk

Back to the Future Teams

This event runs on Monday for those who do not qualify for the Pairs Final or the Plate. The format of the event is that over the 3 sessions (2 qualifying and the final) each member of a team has to play one session with each other member. This means that it is inappropriate for substitutes to be allowed except in a genuine emergency. Therefore, teams containing players who are also contesting the Rubber final CANNOT qualify to play in the final of the Back to the Future. **As with all Congress events, substitutes can only be approved by the Chief Director.**

Alert Seminar for Directors, Players and Officials

with Julie Atkinson and Matthew McManus in the playing rooms at 11 am today

The Alert Regulations

are repeated today with 2 small modifications

The Interprovincials

As always, Congress was preceded by two days of competition in five grades for the Interprovincial championships. Waikato Bays led at the end of the round robin stage in the Open and took a small carry-over lead into the final against Auckland. At the half-way stage there was little change but a strong last 12 boards saw Auckland victorious. Congratulations to Julie Atkinson, Pat Carter, Jan Cormack, Grant Jarvis, Barry Palmer and Andrew Tarbutt. A special mention must be made of the longevity and productivity of the Waikato team - just four of them - Merle and Bruce Marr, Alan Turner and Ian Clayton - have enough A points between them for FORTY Life Masters. Jenny Millington and Barry Jones are mere beginners in comparison.

The Women's round robin was dominated by Otago/Southland and the final saw no surprises as they beat Auckland although the latter finished strongly. Congratulations to captain Nina Hewitt, Anne Cournane, Patricia Haden, Ann Marie Russell, Sandra Russell and Donna Ruwhiu.

The Seniors saw Canterbury in command virtually from the start and they held off Wellington in the final; a triumph for playing captain Jim Murray and his team of Allan Humphreys, Eamon Jackson, Jim Jessep, Sita Monaghan and Robin Young.

Waikato Bays and Otago had dominated the Youth round robin and Lesley Chubb steered her young Waikato charges, Blair Fisher, Tyrell Glass, Brett McGirr, Kathrine Muller, Gareth Wagstaff and Jon Whyte to victory.

The Intermediate final was between Canterbury and Wellington. Canterbury npc Jane Skipper sent Brian Goulter - Neil Hawkes and Carla Heslop - Helen Curd in to take on Ed Porter - Andrea Gulyas and Bryan Pengelly - Suzanne Green, with Charlie Cahn looking on anxiously as Wellington npc.

Canterbury took in a handy 13½ imp carryover and dominated the first 12 board stanza to extend this to 25½ .

Canterbury rushed out of the starting gate on board 1

IP Final
Dealer : N
Vul : nil

♠ J 9 8 6 3
♥ A
♦ 4 3 2
♣ A 7 5 2

♠ A
♥ J 10 9 6 4
♦ A 9 8 7
♣ J 9 6



♠ K 10 7 4 2
♥ 3
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ Q 10 8

♠ Q 5
♥ K Q 8 7 5 2
♦ Q J
♣ K 4 3

North opened a 2 suited weak 2H and South shot the game with Carla and Helen silent throughout. In the other room, two passes saw South open a multi and West overcall 2S. 3H from North looks a little wimpy and East was able to buy the contract in 3S. Both contracts made and Canterbury were on their way with 11 imps. Seven more imps followed before Wellington got on the board:

IP Final	♠ 8 3		
Dealer : W	♥ K Q 9		
	♦ K 9 8 3 2		
Vul : All	♣ A Q 5		
♠ Q J 4			♠ K 6 5 2
♥ 10			♥ A 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q J 10 6			♦ 7 4
♣ K 10 6 4			♣ J 2
	♠ A 10 9 7		
	♥ J 8 7 4		
	♦ 5		
	♣ 9 8 7 3		

Bryan and Suzanne played a quiet 2D and scrambled home with 8 tricks. The Canterbury East West played 2NT. Andrea led a small diamond and declarer was somewhat surprised to score the 6. A spade was played to the King and Ace and Ed switched to a small heart. Declarer chose to duck 2 rounds of hearts before taking his Ace, so inflicting an auto squeeze which gave himself the choice of pitching a winner or unguarding the clubs. Three off gave Wellington 9 imps.

The two teams traded imps until board 9

IP Final 9	♠ J 5		
Dealer : N	♥ K 7 3		
	♦ K Q 10 9 8 2		
Vul : EW	♣ 7 2		
♠ K 4 3			♠ A Q 10 8 7 6
♥ 10 9 5			♥ A 8 4
♦ 4 3			♦ J 6
♣ A 8 6 5 4			♣ K 10
	♠ 9 2		
	♥ Q J 6 2		
	♦ A 7 5		
	♣ Q J 9 3		

Bryan Goulter opened 3D for Canterbury which drew 3S from Suzanne. Neil Hawkins tried an aggressive 5D which Bryan Pengelly was happy to hit. 500 went to the capital. In the other room, Andrea passed and East opened 1S which Ed doubled. 2S from West saw Suzanne try 3D and then 4 when East competed to 3S.

Two shy but not doubled and 9 more to Wellington. The half closed with 2 more Canterbury swings.

Jane Skipper stayed with her pairs for the second half while Charlie Cahn replaced Ed and Andrea with Kerry Geertson and Fiona Small. Board 15 saw the first move.

Interprovincial F15	♠ 10 8 3		
Dealer : S	♥ J 10 9 4 3		
	♦ A 9 5		
Vul : NS	♣ 10 8		
♠ A J 9 2			♠ K 8 5
♥ A 2			♥ K Q 6 5
♦ K Q 6 4			♦ 7 3
♣ K J 5			♣ 9 6 4 3
	♠ Q 7 4		
	♥ 8 7		
	♦ J 10 8 2		
	♣ A Q 7 2		

Both rooms played in 3NT from West. The Canterbury declarer played the spades by running the Jack to South's Queen and then drifted 1 off. Bryan received a heart lead and having taken this in hand, he successfully negotiated the spades for 4 tricks. North pitched a diamond on the last of these. Bryan cashed his top hearts and played a diamond which North unwisely ducked. Now a second diamond saw North endplayed in clubs after taking his heart tricks.

Board 21 saw a nice judgement from Fiona and some aggression from Kerry. The net result was a further 10 to the capital.

Interprovincial F21	♠ 8 6 5 4		
Dealer : N	♥ 6 2		
	♦ 8 7 2		
Vul : NS	♣ A 9 7 2		
♠ A 9			♠ J 2
♥ Q 9 8 4			♥ K 10 3
♦ K 10 9 5 4			♦ A Q J 3
♣ 5 4			♣ J 10 6 3
	♠ K Q 10 7 3		
	♥ A J 7 5		
	♦ 6		
	♣ K Q 8		

Both Easts opened 1NT and Canterbury made a Lionel double (spades and another). North bid 2S and, when South tried again with 3H, they subsided in 3S. Kerry also doubled but his was penalties. West showed a single suiter and raised opener's 2D bid to 3. This gave Fiona the chance to make a free bid of 3S on her 4

count and Kerry shot the game. 10 tricks were made in both rooms so 10 imps was the result. The Canterbury lead was down to 11½. Some ill-judged Canterbury aggression on 23 saw this reduced by a further 7

Interprovincial F23	♠ 9 5 4		
Dealer : S	♥ K 7		
	♦ K 9 7 4 3		
Vul : All	♣ 10 3		
♠ K 7 6			♠ Q 8 2
♥ A Q 9			♥ J 10 8 6 2
♦ A Q J 2			♦ 8 5
♣ 9 8 7			♣ K Q 2
	♠ A 10 3		
	♥ 5 4 3		
	♦ 10 6		
	♣ A J 6 5 4		

South passed and West opened 1D. 1H from East drew a fairly unwarranted 3D from West. East tried no trumps but -200 cost 7 more when coupled with a successful 1NT in the other room.

So, one board to go and Canterbury ahead by 4½.

Interprovincial F24	♠ Q 10 9 7		
Dealer : W	♥ Q 5 3		
	♦ 4		
Vul : nil	♣ K 10 8 5 2		
♠ J 8			♠ K 5
♥ 7 6 2			♥ K 10 9 8
♦ J 10 9 8 6 5			♦ A Q 3 2
♣ 6 4			♣ A Q J
	♠ A 6 4 3 2		
	♥ A J 4		
	♦ K 7		
	♣ 9 7 3		

Bryan and Suzanne really climbed into this one. After 2 passes, Suzanne opened 1D and South put in 1S. Bryan raised to 2D and North tried 3S. This ran back to Bryan who bid 4D and Fiona bid game. 2 off seems like a reasonable outcome but the drama was in the other room.

East opened 1D and Kerry overcalled 1S. A pass from West led Fiona to raise the ante with 2S. This ran back to West who pushed with 3D - a push which Kerry accepted by bidding 3S. East decided that enough was enough and reached for the red card. He was wrong - the fatal "double them into game" syndrome struck again

and Wellington hit the front for the first time, crossing the finishing line with a 10 imp pickup.

Homer.com

The “Even Homer Nods” award is made annually at Congress to the expert who contrives to do the dumbest thing at the table. It is normally a quiet, in-house affair but, last night, Auckland Open player and oft-time international Patrick Carter seized his opportunity to go world wide when the final was played on BBO.

Dealer : N	♠ 10 4		
	♥ 5 4		
	♦ J 8 7		
Vul : NS	♣ A Q 9 8 7 2		
♠ K 5 3			♠ A Q J 9
♥ J 10 8			♥ 7 6 3 2
♦ A Q 9 4			♦ 3 2
♣ 6 5 4			♣ J 10 3
	♠ 8 7 6 2		
	♥ A K Q 9		
	♦ K 10 6 5		
	♣ K		

After a pass from Ian Clayton, Patrick opened 2C - no, this wasn't the Homer just a Kiwi Club bid showing 6-9 with 4 spades and 4 or 5 of a red suit. Alan Turner doubled and Julie Atkinson bid 2D - pass or correct. This ran back to Alan who tried 3S - looking for a stopper. Julie doubled to show at least one spade honour and Ian Clayton ended proceedings in 4C.

And Patrick began to think.

He had announced his point range. If he could persuade Ian that Julie had both the big spade cards then Ian would not credit her with whatever high cards she actually did have. So, he led a cunning Queen of spades. This was passed round (though some have suggested that Julie could have avoided the subsequent debacle by overtaking) and Patrick persisted with his cunning plan by continuing the 9 of spades.

And Julie began to think.

Patrick hasn't got the Ace of spades, that's obvious. He does, however, hold exactly four spades. Therefore, declarer started with Ace doubleton so she hung onto her King, following small. Ian was somewhat surprised when the 10 of spades turned into his tenth trick.

Rumours that Julie is to follow Patrick into the .com world with a Trade Me advert for a new partner are (I think) unfounded.

Building Partnership Trust

Michael Ware was delighted by the opportunity to build some partnership trust on the very first set of Pairs qualifying. Michael is playing the event with David Wiltshire - the first time they have ever played together

Pairs Q 1 / 26

Dealer : E

Vul : Both

♠ 9 6
♥ 10 4 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ A 10 9 4 2

♠ A K Q J 8 3

♥ Q 3

♦ A K J 9

♣ K



♠ 10 7 4 2
♥ K 9 7 6 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q

♠ 5
♥ A J 8
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J 8 7 6 5 3

After a pass from East, Michael showed quite remarkable restraint by passing as South. (Hong Kong has obviously wound up the Ware wimpmeter.) Dave opened 1H and Michael found himself forced into a 3C bid, showing 6-10 and 6 clubs.

David thought that this was a *good thing* and announced his pleasure with a Roman Keycard 4NT.

Michael thought this was a *bad thing* so he deliberately passed his partner's Keycard. A heart lead ran to Dave's Queen and, 2 minutes later, Michael was writing down +720 as Dave wrapped up all 13. Only Michael could pass partner's RKCB on the second hand of their partnership and come up smelling of roses.

NZ Pairs winner of 2004, Kieran Crowe-Mai was grateful for an understanding partner on the next when he didn't quite live up to Deepfinesse's expectations

NZ Pairs Q1/ 21

Dealer : N

Vul : NS

♠ A K 10 7 2
♥ A 2
♦ K 10 3
♣ A Q 2

♠ J 9 8 6

♥ J 10 8 6 5

♦ Q 7 5

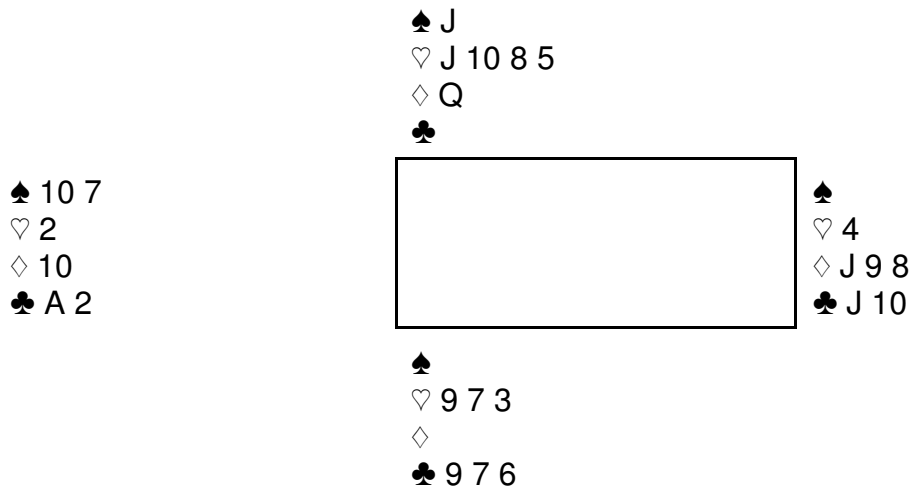
♣ K



♠ Q
♥ Q 4
♦ A J 9 8 4
♣ J 10 8 5 2

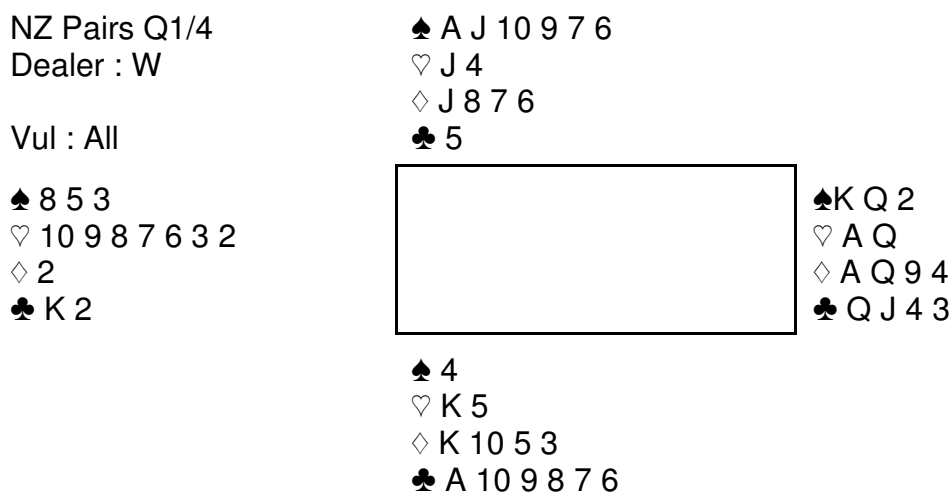
♠ 5 4 3
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 7 6 3

Deepfinesse has 7C, 7D and 7NT as makes with a small slam available in spades for those of less lofty ambition. Kieran was playing 3NT and North led a small heart. The Queen, King and Ace completed the trick. Kieran played a spade to the Queen and came off dummy with a diamond to the King. He tried the Ace and King of spades but the Jack remained in hiding. That's OK, still 2 shots in the locker - first a diamond to the Ace to see if the Queen drops. Damn... still there's always the club finesse but this saw North on lead in this position



and North couldn't find any losers. So Deepfinesse has 3 grands and a small available while Kieran goes 3 shy in game.

Patrick Carter and Michael Courtney were both taken by this one even though they were both minus 100 on the board



Michael chose not to open the West hand and North started the ball rolling with a multi-coloured 2D. Teddy Horowicz liked his hand and shot the 9 trick game. This put Michael in something of a quandary. Should he pull to 4H and have Teddy expect maybe a 10 or 11 count. He decided not and left Teddy in the nine trick game. The 10 of clubs was led to the King and Teddy took the chance to finesse in diamonds. South cashed the Ace of clubs but this was not a success so, picking his partner's suit, he switched to a spade to North's Ace, A spade came back which

Teddy took with the Queen to play 2 rounds of hearts. South now played a diamond to the 9 and Teddy had 8 tricks. As the score sheet was liberally speckled with 4H (-3) and 4H (-2), Michael was more than satisfied with his adventurous pass.

Patrick Carter liked the hand for systemic reasons. His preferred defence to a multiround came into play. North opened a multi 2D after Julie Atkinson had passed. Patrick was now able to bid 2H - a takeout manouevre and Julie was happy to pass. 2H down one was a also big result for Patrick and Julie.

Ishmael Delmonte was another to have reason to bless his partner's judgement in the first round of Pairs qualifying.

NZ Pairs Q1/2

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠ 9 8 4
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ A K J 6
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q J 2
♣ K Q 4



♠ 5 3
♥ 4 3
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ 8 7 6 5 3

♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ K Q J 10 9
♦ K 9 4
♣ A

Ish opened 1H as South and partner, Ashley Bach, responded 1S. Ish splintered with 4C and Ash reached for Keycard. A 5D response was enough for Ash to bid the no trump slam. Bypassing the 4-4 spade fit to score 1440 was worth a very palatable 230 matchpoints.

Problem Corner

You can see this

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ A Q J 7
♣ K 9 2



♠ Q 9 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 5 4 3
♣ 8 5 4

South opened 1NT and partner bid 2C, showing both majors. North bid 3NT. Partner leads the 7 of spades (standard leads) and declarer plays the 3 off dummy.

Your move?

Problem Corner - the Situation

Australian international, Tony Nunn, faced this one in the first round of Pairs qualifying.

NZ Pairs Q1/7

Dealer : S

Vul : All

♠ A K 8 7 5

♥ Q 8 7 4

♦ K 9

♣ 6 3

♠ J 4 3

♥ J 9 3

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 9 2



♠ Q 9 2

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 10 5 4 3

♣ 8 5 4

♠ 10 6

♥ A K 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ A Q J 10 7

Kieran Crowe-Mai led the 7 of spades playing fourths and Tony had to decide what to do when declarer played small. The 9 of spades may well have been the percentage play but didn't put many percent on Kieran and Tony's sheet.

Pardon, Partner?

Auckland international player, Tom Jacob, was tickled by this one in the first round of Pairs qualifying although the final outcome was not particularly amusing for Tom and partner, David Beauchamp of Australia.

What's the biggest hand you've ever held facing a 2C opener? At Tom's table, North was contentedly admiring

♠ A K J 6 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ K Q 4

when South opened 2C!

North asked for Aces and must have been somewhat surprised when there turned out to be one missing. Still 6NT looked obvious to North and presented few problems in the play. South's 2C opener?

♠ Q 10 7 2 ♥ K Q J 10 9 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ A

and the sound you hear is Terence Reese turning over in his grave.

As a pragmatist I must point out that 6NT is a pretty damn good spot.

PLAY OF THE DAY

David Wiltshire collects bottle of our sponsor's superlative product for this one.

NZ Pairs Q2 / 15

Dealer :

Vul

♠ Q 7 2
♥ A K Q 10
♦ Q 10 9 4 3 2
♣

♠ J 6
♥ 8 3
♦ A J 8 5
♣ A J 9 4 2



♠ 10 3
♥ 9 6 5 4
♦ 6
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 3

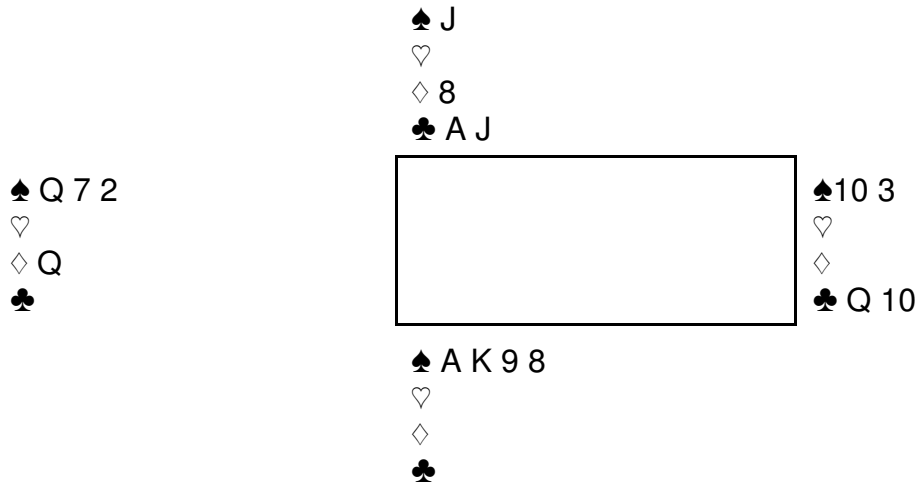
♠ A K 9 8 5 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ K 7
♣ K 5

Michael Ware opened 1S as South and West put in 2D. David liked his hand and bid the 9 trick game.

East led the 7 of clubs and, when the 9 scored, David could count 8 tricks (assuming that the Queen of diamonds was with West. He gave this a lot of thought (long enough for Michael to take a comfort stop, actually). He decided that as no-one was bidding hearts there was a very good chance that they were 4-4, so e played one!

West gratefully took his 10 and cashed 3 more rounds to develop this position

West continued with a small diamond which David ran to dummy's King. He cashed the King of clubs and finessed the Jack of diamonds. The Ace of diamonds was cashed and then David pushed out the other minor Ace in this position.



East couldn't afford to pitch a club, so he discarded a heart while West couldn't discard the diamond Queen and was forced to discard a spade as well. Now it didn't matter who had started with 3 spades, the 9 of spades was the contract trick.

A superb example of a single squeeze played as a double which wins a bottle of **Babich's** best for David.



WINE OF THE DAY

BABICH EAST COAST PINOT NOIR 2003

A soft and supple wine displaying good varietal character.

Recommended Food:

Great with lamb fillets, cooked pink, sliced and draped over a room temperature potato salad.