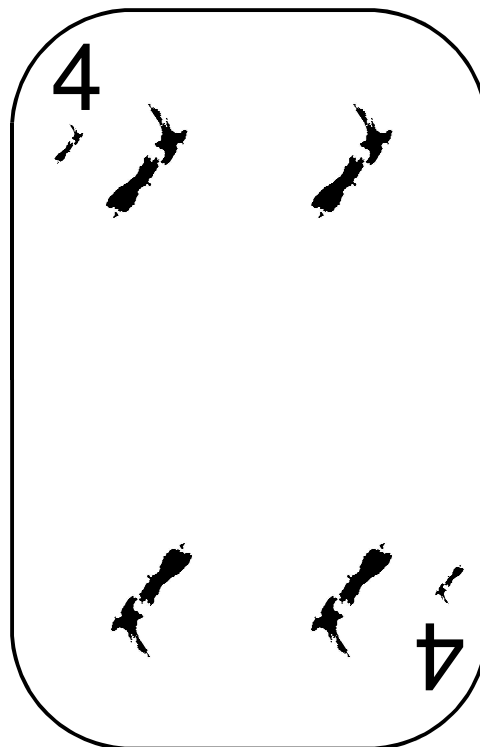


New Zealand National Bridge Congress

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Tuesday July 4th



Congress Noticeboard - Tuesday

Session Times - Tuesday

Session 1 - 11 am

Session 2 - 2 pm

Session 3 - 8 pm

New Zealand Teams

Entries must be in by 10 am this morning. HUM systems must be registered by this time also. Thereafter, a list of HUM teams will be posted on the noticeboard and copies of HUM systems in use will be available from the desk.

Players are STRONGLY encouraged to collect a system colour coding dot from the Congress Desk and to attach it to their system card. IT IS MANDATORY TO COLOUR CODE FOR YELLOW AND RED SYSTEMS AND FOR THOSE WITH BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS.

Colour definitions

Green - natural

Blue - strong club

Red - all others except HUMS. Any system with a brown sticker convention is automatically red or yellow

Yellow - HUM

Systems in the Teams

At no time may a HUM system be used in the lower half of the field. A number of teams will be designated as "having no system protection". If 2 of these teams meet at any time then HUMs are permissible. Otherwise, HUMs may not be played in the first 2 rounds. A list of unprotected teams will be posted as soon as possible after entries close. If you are opposed by a HUM pair, then you are allowed a written defence (one A4 side) on the table during the match.

Yellow Systems - Highly Unusual Methods (HUM)

A system that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

- * A pass in the opening position which shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities.

- * An opening suit bid at the one level which may be weaker than a pass

- * An opening bid at the one level may be made with values a King or more below average strength (0-7 HCP).

- * An opening bid at the one level with alternative possible meanings that the hand may be long or short in a specified suit.

- * An opening bid at the one level with alternative possibilities that show length in one specified suit or length in another specified suit. EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system.

Defences against Yellow Systems:

(1) a team using a Yellow system must make two copies of their fully completed system card available to the Director prior to the start of the event, along with a suggested defence to the HUM components of their system for their opponents to use.

(2) a pair opposing a pair using a HUM is allowed to prepare its own notes detailing a defence to the Yellow system (not exceeding one A4 sheet). A copy of these notes must be given to their opponents and are considered part of the HUM pair's system card and therefore may be consulted by the pair at the table during the auction period; and during the play period only for the purpose of responding to a question from the pair using HUMs.

In open teams tournaments, whenever a team with one or more pairs using a yellow system opposes a team that has no such pair, the HUM team loses any seating rights and lines up first throughout.

Brown Sticker Conventions

The following conventions or treatments are categorised as "Brown Sticker".

1. Any opening bid of 2C through to 3S that

i) could be weak (may, by agreement, be made with values below average strength)
AND

ii) does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.

EXCEPTION : When all the weak options guarantee at least 4 cards in one known suit and only the strong options do not.

EXCEPTION : A two level opening in a minor that may show a weak hand in either major (six cards) only or as an option among any number of strong hand types.

2. An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit;

EXCEPTION : A natural overcall in no trumps.

EXCEPTION : any cue bid suit that shows a strong hand.

EXCEPTION : a jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.

3. Any 'weak' two suited bids at the two or three level that may, by agreement, be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.

4. None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defences against strong, artificial opening bids or defences against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions.

Defences against Brown Sticker Conventions:

A pair may prepare a written defence (not exceeding one A4 sheet) against the Brown Sticker elements only of any system. Two copies of these notes should be given to the opponents and are considered part of the opponents system card and therefore may be consulted by the pair at the table during the auction period; and during the play period only for the purposes of responding to a question from the pair using a Brown Sticker convention.

The Cormack Cup

Through the generosity of **Jan Cormack**, NZ's most capped lady international and now an Australian international as well, the Cormack Cup (which is awarded to the top finishing all female team in the NZ Teams) is accompanied by prizemoney which matches the prizemoney paid to the overall winners.

Discourtesy in the NZ Teams

Once again, "Discourtesy in the Teams" report forms will be available. These are stored in the hand record archive racks. If an opposing team is late to the table, fails to make

itself available for score comparisons or is otherwise discourteous, please complete one of these forms and give it to a director. They will be passed on to the recorder who will act on them as he deems appropriate

Players are reminded that except for the Continuous Pairs, no events are “walk-ins” it is necessary to register at the desk for all other events and to notify the desk if circumstances change and you are no longer able to play in an event which you have entered.

Prizewinners

Places second to sixth in the Congress Pairs please call at the desk to collect your prizes.

Losing Card Count

The Losing Trick Count is used by many experts to assist in their hand evaluation. Anisia Sharmi and Jane Morris certainly couldn't find too many losers when they evaluated their hands on board 26 of the second semi-final.

Anisia was dealer and assessed :

♠ K J 9 8 7 4 ♦ ♣ A J 6 4 2

Not a lot of points but not a lot of losers either. Anisia opened 1H. That really caught Jane's attention as she was contemplating :

♠ A K Q J 9 8 6 5 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣

A solid 8 carder, another Ace and Queen third in partner's suit - wow. And then Jane noticed something strange about her hand - she needed both hands to hold it!

The actual layout as it had been before the Rueful Rabbit had returned the cards to the slots was

NZ Pairs SF2/26

Dealer : E

Vul : All

♠ A Q J 8 6 5
♥ Q 6 2
♦ A 10 9 5
♣

♠ 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ K 9 8 5 3



♠ K 9
♥ K J 9 8 7 4
♦
♣ A J 6 4 2

♠ 10 7 3 2
♥ 10
♦ J 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 10 7

Andy Braithwaite and David Appleton had bid the cards distributed as the dealing machine intended. Their auction had Andy spluttering although they did reach the best spot. Certainly some actions seem a little extra-terrestrial.

Andy opened 1C which on Planet Zorg shows hearts. David made an enquiry bid by responding 1H. North felt compelled to bid 2C and Andy showed real hearts by bidding two of them. David now started to describe his hand with 2S and Andy reverted to clubs - 3C. South doubled this - who knows what was going on. David now compounded everyone's confusion by raising clubs - 4C. Presumably excited by this raise of his suit, Andy now found a 4D cuebid.

He suggests that this is a first in his long bridge career - a cue bid in a void when the only suit which had been bid and raised had been claimed by the opposition. David now went stratospheric with a 5NT grand slam force but Andrew lacked the necessary and they finally subsided in the very acceptable 6H.

Losing Options

It seems to be a close choice on this one as to which was worse - the auction or the defence. However, the defence lost out in the final wash:

NZ Pairs SF2/18

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ K Q 10 9 6 3
 ♣ K 5

♠ A 7
 ♥ Q 10 8 6 3
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ A 9 2



♠ K 4
 ♥ A K 9 5 4 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J 7 6 4

♠ Q 9 6 5 3 2
 ♥
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 3

Things started with due decorum when Peter Benham opened 1H as dealer. Bill Vodanovich passed and Brian Cleaver replied 2D. Peter repeated his hearts and this went to Moya Vodanovich who found a double! Maybe intended as penalties but not surprisingly Bill didn't fancy this one bit and tried 2S which Brian hit. Moya now found a rather exciting 2NT bid. Peter admits to slaving hungrily as he went through 10 pages of the pad with his X.

Convinced that Moya had hearts, he led his singleton diamond which collected the Queen and Ace. Declarer now played Ace and another spade, to which Brian followed with the 8 and Jack - systemically showing an even number. This convinced Pete that declarer had pulled 2Sx despite having a 6-3 fit. He panicked. He decided that it was critical to get into Brian's hand and carefully selected the one suit which was guaranteed to take Brian out of the game - out came a small club!

That drew the Queen, King and Ace and Pete was now skewered by Moya's 9 of clubs. At this point, Pete decided to cut his losses and cashed the top hearts to avoid the risk of too many overs. Not that it mattered, 2NTx making 3 was not a good board, even by Benham/Cleaver standards.

And talking of losing defensive options, consider this example from Kieran Crowe-Mai.

NZ Pairs SF 2/22

Dealer : E

Vul : EW

♠ 10 4
♥ J 9 5 4
♦ A 9 2
♣ K 8 4 2

♠ K 9 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ Q 10 7 3
♣ A Q 6



♠ A Q 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ K J 8 6 5
♣ 9

♠ J 8 7 6
♥ 10 7 3
♦ 4
♣ J 10 7 5 3

East, Jill Cottle, opened 1D and Prickles de Ridder responded 1H. Kieran put in 1NT. Jill tried again in diamonds and Tony Nunn doubled for takeout, Kieran didn't so 2Dx became the contract.

Tony led the 10 of hearts to the Jack and Kieran's Ace. Effectively endplayed at trick 2, Kieran exited a small spade for Jill to finesse the Queen and then cash the Ace of spades. A spade ruff followed. Jill cashed dummy's Ace of trumps and successfully finessed the Jack of diamonds to then cash the King. A heart was conceded to North and Kieran had to concede the overtrick to the King of clubs. The endplay capped a +380 performance for Jill and Prickles.

According to partner, Stephen Burgess, Tania Lloyd only had losing options in the post mortem. The opposition had reached 6H and Tania had underled the King of clubs. The contract made. Stephen, somewhat exasperatedly, told Tania at the end that she should NEVER underlead a King against a slam.

"Really," said Tania, "Just what would you have me lead then?"

Her hand? ♠ ♥ K 4 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ K J 9 8 6 3 2

David Ackerley liked this one on which Scott Smith created a losing option for declarer.

NZ Pairs SF2/9

Dealer : N

Vul : EW

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 7 5 2
♦ K 7 6
♣ K 8 7

♠ A K 7 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8
♣ A J 10 9 3 2



♠ 10 6 4
♥ 8 6
♦ A 10 9 5 4
♣ Q 5 4

♠ Q J 9 5
♥ A 10 9 4
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ 6

South was playing 4S and Scott led a diamond to David's Ace. A heart ran round collecting the 9, Jack and King. Declarer cashed the Ace of clubs and ruffed a second, on which Scott dropped the King!

Now it seemed that declarer could not establish the clubs without conceding one as he would run out of trumps in his own hand. The alternative was to play 3 rounds of trumps and concede a club, using dummy's last trump to access the long clubs. In due course, David collected his Queen of clubs.

Tom Jacob created a losing option for the opposition in the Pairs final with some adventurous bidding.

NZ Pairs F1/14

Dealer : E

Vul : nil

♠ A K Q J 8 5 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 6
♣ 10 3 2

♠ 9 7
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ 7 5 4



♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ K 9

♠
♥ K 10 6 5
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ A Q J 8 6

South opened 1C and Tom overcalled a heart! North tried 1NT and David Beauchamp raised to 2H. This was passed round to North who tried again with 3C. David passed as did South and Tom made another splendid effort to describe his hand - 3D! North had grave doubts about the viability of this contract and applied the axe. David corrected back to hearts and North doubled again. At this point, North-South were probably looking at a very interesting number - it looks to me like 8 shy is possible for a tasty

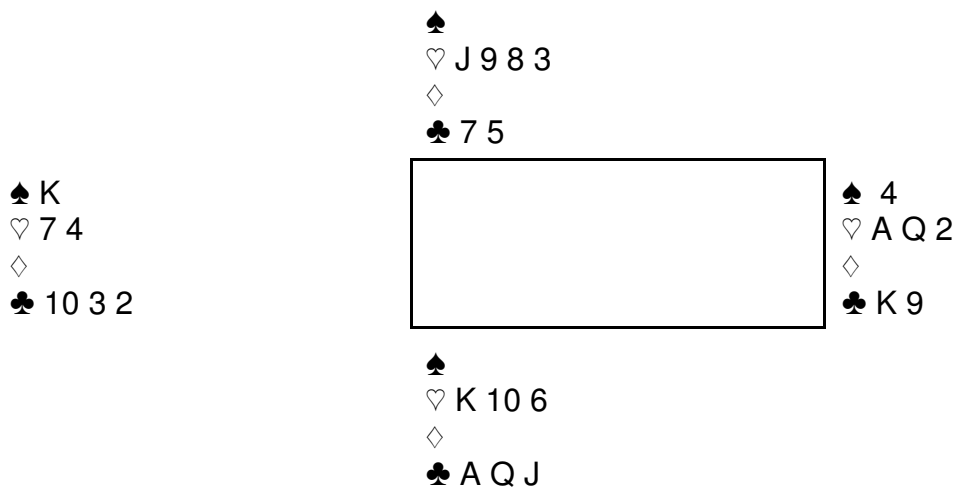
2000 - but Tom wimped out and offered his third suit - 3S. He couldn't, however, suck a double out of NS and the whole sorry, confusing mess subsided when South bid 4C. This went one off for an excellent East West result as less imaginative bidders started West's auction with 4S, often doubled and almost always one off.

Mike Ware was one of the 4S bidders but with a little defensive help, he was able to engineer an endplay and make 10 tricks.

Julie Atkinson opened the South cards with a Kiwi Club 1D. This shows 9-13 with no 5 card major and an unbalanced hand. Michael, being less imaginative than Tom, bid 4S which ended matters.

Patrick Carter began with the Ace and King of diamonds, the second of which Michael ruffed. These two cards also enabled Michael to place the Ace of clubs and King of hearts in Julie's hand.

He cashed the Ace of spades and crossed to dummy by leading the 8 of spades, overtaken by the 10. Now another diamond ruff and the carefully preserved 5 of spades was overtaken by dummy's 6 to enable the last diamond to be ruffed to bring about

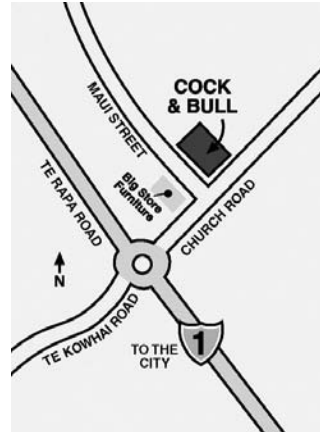


Michael pushed out the 7 of hearts and Patrick slipped rather Homerically when he followed small. Julie had to take the trick when Michael ducked in dummy and was left with two unpalatable alternative ways to concede the tenth trick.

Problem Corner

You hold A K J 9 5 4 facing 3 in a suit which you have to play for 5 tricks. There are no transportation problems getting between the two hands. What's the best line?

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Straight From The Textbook

Patrick Carter was a little surprised when a textbook deception seemed to elude many defenders in the Pairs final.

NZ Pairs F1/9
Dealer : N

Vul : EW

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A Q 10

♠ K 8
♥ A K Q 10 9 8 7
♦ 3 2
♣ 7 2



♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 10
♣ K 4

♠ 8 4
♥ J
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 8 6 5 3

Patrick opened 4C to show a heart pre-empt and Julie Atkinson bid 4H. This ran back to East who shot the spade game. Julie led the Jack of hearts which Patrick overtook to return the 2 of clubs straight into the jaws of dummy's A Q 10. Have you ever seen a more obvious singleton? If the spade finesse were to lose then Patrick would get a ruff

and there is still a heart loser. Better surely to play a spade to the Ace and just lose a spade and 2 hearts and hope for the diamond finesse to be working.

One off.

A couple of boards later, Julie had an awkward systemic problem, Patrick had a burst of sanguinity, Julie had a moment's total confusion and they both came up covered in roses.

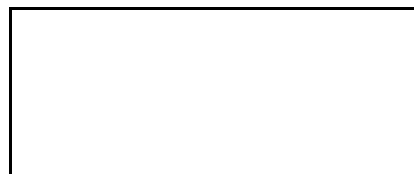
NZ Pairs F1/17

Dealer : N

Vul : nil

♠ 4 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 9 4
♣ A Q 9 7 5 2

♠ 9 8
♥ 10 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 2
♣ K



♠ K J 6 5 3
♥ K 7
♦ 5
♣ J 10 8 6 3

♠ A Q 10 7
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A K 6 3
♣ 4

East opened a "mouldy" 2D and Julie had her system problem. They play x as a takeout of spades and 2H as a takeout of hearts. Unfortunately, she wanted to make a takeout of both...or either. She eventually guessed to double. West passed and Patrick's optimism took over with a leap to 3H. That really lit Julie's fuse and she wheeled out Keycard. Patrick showed 0 or 3 and she knew it wasn't 3, which left her wondering how Patrick could have a jump to 3H but not have any controls.

She closed her eyes and bid slam. No problem , two major suit finesses later the sun came out.

Problem Corner - The Answer

A K J 9 5 4 facing 3

This was a suit combination faced by Mike Ware on Sunday. He posed it as a problem to a group of experts in the bar. How best to make 5 tricks?

- Offerings were i) Finesse the 9
- ii) Finesse the Jack
- iii) Cash the Ace King

Debate was heated until the Bridge Players Encyclopaedia was consulted

ii) is 2% better than iii) and 1% better than i). Did you get it right?

Make Hay While The Sun Shines

Jill Courtney

NZ Pairs Q2 / 23

Dealer : S

Vul : All

♠ 8 7 5 2

♥ Q 8 7

♦ 10 3 2

♣ Q J 8

♠ A 6 3

♥ K J 10 5 4 3 2

♦ A

♣ 6 2



♠ J 9 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ K 10 9 5 4

♠ K Q 10

♥ A 9

♦ J 9 8 7 6

♣ A 7 3

John opened 1NT and I transferred to hearts and then Blackwooded. I got a 2 Ace response and (with some trepidation) decided that 6NT could be the better matchpoint score.

John won the opening spade lead and played Ace of hearts and a heart to the King, getting the bad news. He cleared the hearts and won the spade return with the Ace to cash the remaining hearts. East erroneously imagined that he was being squeezed. (Declarer could, on points, still have the Ace and Queen of clubs - but then, of course, East was finessable any way). Nevertheless, East threw the King and Queen of diamonds in order to protect the club holding, which suit was protected by West who didn't, however, have the Jack of diamonds - so making 6.

John told me later that it would have been easier to finesse the hearts but, given the result, what the hell! Every cloud has a silver lining.

Nostalgia

A couple of nights ago, Jimmy Wallis and Andrew Mill were talking about the old scoring system. For those of more modest vintage, in the old days the first non-vul doubled undertrick was 100 and **all** subsequent unders were 200 each. This made sacrificing much more profitable than it is now when those 300's mount up with alarming speed.

At the end of an auction in the Pairs final, Jim asked the opps if they could revert to the old system but even today the result was very palatable if somewhat finely judged.

NZ Pairs F1/25

Dealer : N

Vul : EW

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 4 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K J 10 6

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 9 7 6 4 3
♣ 9 3



♠ K 9 6 3
♥ K Q 10 6 5
♦ A 10
♣ A Q

♠ A Q J 10 5
♥ 7
♦ J 8
♣ 8 7 5 4 2

East opened a precision club and Jim put in 2S showing spades and a minor. The opposition had found their way confidently to 6H when Siggy Konig made a surprise appearance in the auction - 6S. After the formality of a double the defence got to work but Jim was able to scrape together 6 tricks - and even today down 6 not vul is only 1400 against the 1430 being picked up at the 10 tables where East - West played the heart slam.

Peter Wilsmore timed his intervention even better than Siggy. Andrew Mill and Ralph Parker had a cue bidding auction in full flight against Peter and John de Ravin

| West Andrew | North Peter | East Ralph | South John |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2S | P | 1H | 2H |
| 4C | P | 3C | P |
| 4S | P | 4D | P |
| 5D | 5S | 5C | P |

And Ralph doubled. 1100 was not really enough



PLAY OF THE DAY

Canterbury's John Skipper wins today's bottle with a neat deflection play in the Congress Pairs.

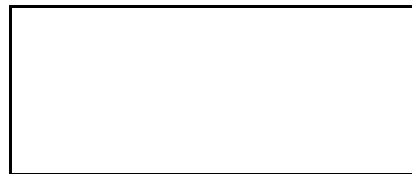
NZ Pairs SF 2/2

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠ A 9 5
♥ A 9 8 6 3
♦ 9 8
♣ J 10 8

♠ K Q 10 6 4
♥ 5
♦ K J 4
♣ K 9 4 2



♠ 2
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 7 6 5

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ A Q 3

As a result of some reasonably optimistic bidding from John and partner Tony Fitzgerald, John found himself trying to make 10 tricks in hearts.

A spade was led, taken on dummy and John assessed his somewhat meagre resources. One thing was for sure, he didn't want the defence playing clubs, so he led the Jack off dummy. (The last time I tried this type of deflection play, second hand had AKQxxx and was NOT deflected, beating my 3NT in a somewhat embarrassing way.)

This time, the Jack ran to South's Queen and, duly deflected, a heart was returned. Now, John cashed 2 more rounds of heart to force South to some discards. A diamond was discarded and John now played the 8 of diamonds off table and let it run to South.

Still deflected, a spade was returned for John to ruff. The Ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff saw the thirteenth diamond established and the 2 of diamonds became John's tenth trick. A fine example of making bricks (and wine) without straw.



WINE OF THE DAY

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A Word From The Winners

Congratulations to Ishmael Delmonte and Ashley Bach on their second victory in the New Zealand Pairs (Ish's third, as he won one with Paul Marston as well). Congratulations also to David Appleton and Andy Braithwaite on their victory in the Plate.

When asked for a couple of hands, Andy and David gave me these.

David was amused by this one :

NZ Pairs F2/5

Dealer : N

Vul : NS

♠
♥ Q J 10 9 8
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ J 10 7 2

♠ A 6 3
♥ 7 5 3 2
♦ A K 3
♣ K Q 3



♠ K J 10 8 7 5
♥ A K 4
♦ 8
♣ A 6 4

♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6 5
♣ 9 8 5

North opened 1H - not perhaps to Skid Simon or Terence Reese's taste but "A man's gotta do...". Andy overcalled 1S and David bid 1NT. Andy now but in a systemic 2H as an enquiry for David to define his hand.

David didn't. He passed and left his partner to play in opponent's first bid suit. The defence failed to lead a trump and Andy was able to get a cross ruff going for lots of tricks.

Andy was a little more self-critical, offering this one which does not show the Appleton - Braithwaite combination in particularly sparkling form. The reader may wish to study their mastery of the club suit

NZ Pairs F 2/22
Dealer : E

Vul : EW

♠ K Q J 7
♥ Q 9 2
♦ A J 10 5 4
♣ 6

♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ A 7
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 10 5 2



♠ 9
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ A 9 8 7

♠ A 4 3 2
♥ K 8 6 3
♦ 8
♣ K J 4 3

Andy and David were defending 3NT after Andy had opened to show hearts as South. The defence got off to an excellent start when Andy led a club. This immediately set up 3 club tricks to go with the 2 hearts and a spade for 2 off. However...

David took his Queen and returned a club to Andy's Jack. Andy now played the King of clubs and David carefully unblocked his 10 so as to free up Andy's 9. There was one tiny flaw in this plan.

Declarer took the Ace of clubs, no doubt looking wonderingly and gratefully at the 9, and played a heart which Andy took with the King. He cashed the Ace of spades and, seeing a discouraging card from David, reverted to clubs. 3 spades, 2 clubs and 4 diamonds represented a somewhat greater return for declarer than the 6 defensive tricks available at trick one had promised.

Onto Ish for some advice from one of the South Pacific's great matchpoint hunters.

NZ Pairs F 2/ 25
Dealer : N

Vul : EW

♠ Q 10
♥ K J 9 8 6 5
♦ A 7
♣ J 9 8

♠ 9 8 7
♥ Q 3 2
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A K 7 3



♠ A K 5
♥ A 10
♦ K 9 8 5 2
♣ 10 5 4

♠ J 6 4 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 4 3
♣ Q 6 2

Ish was in 4S from East and avoided the club lead, South, in fact leading a spade. Ish suggests that many players would quickly play two rounds of trumps and then play two more rounds of spades to pitch a losing club.

OK, that makes the contract...but it doesn't win the New Zealand Pairs.

Ish took the spade and immediately played two more rounds, pitching a club. Then he played Ace of diamonds, King of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. Only now did he play trumps - playing King first and then the Ace. Now he could play a third diamond and North's boss trump was expended in (effectively) ruffing a losing club.

Making 5.

His Own Petard

(Incidentally, does anyone know what a petard is? I do, I lost a bet on it a few years back.)

Peter McTaggart admits to being a psycher. John Evitt nailed Peter to his own mast (there will now be a brief pause while all the men in the audience wince) in the Plate today.

NZ Pairs F 2/20

Dealer : W

Vul : All

♠ Q 7 3
 ♥ K J 7 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ K 9 6 5 4

♠ A 8 6
 ♥ Q 10 4 3
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ Q J 10 3



♠ 10 5 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K 9 7 5 3
 ♣ A 8 7

♠ K J 9 2
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ A Q J 8 2
 ♣ 2

West and North both passed and John opened 1H! Peter doubled and Tony Thomson (*Editorial note: I have just established a personal record by spelling Toney's name korekltly*) bid 3H. This ended the auction

Although John could only scratch out 4 tricks, 500 was a vary inadequate recompense for the 620 available in 4H or 4S, let alone the 430 available in 3NT

