

New Zealand National Bridge Congress

Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton

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Daily Bulletin



Wednesday July 5th



Congress Noticeboard - Wednesday

Session Times For Wednesday

Session 1 : 11 am

Session 2 : 1.45 pm

Session 3 : 8 pm

Result Slips

Captains please agree scores as quickly as possible and get your result slip in immediately. You can tell your team-mates where they let you down while the draw for the next round is being made

Dine & Dance Reservations

Can be made at the desk - no charge for registered players, \$30 for partial registrants and \$50 for non-registered. A really top notch function with the highlight the presentation of trophies to the winners of major events. If you make a reservation but subsequently are unable to attend then PLEASE cancel your reservation. Last year, some players were unable to attend as we were theoretically full. Then people who had booked places failed to appear and we had empty tables and empty tables mean that the payment we have made (out of your entry fees) is totally wasted

Prizewinners

NZ Pairs - places 2 to 7

NZ Plate - places 2 to 5

BTF Teams - places 2 to 5

NZ Rubber - places 2 to 8

Can all of the above please call at the desk to sort out their prizes.

Congratualtions to

Jeremy Kennard and James Coutts - Top Youth pair in the NZ Pairs

James Lee and Eugene Feng - Top pair below Open status in the NZ Pairs

Peter Hollands and Andy Hung - Top junior pair in the NZ Pairs

Thursday's Events

Four events start tomorrow for players who do not qualify for the knock out stages. Entries for the NZ Intermediate Pairs and the Multiple Teams close at 9.15 am tomorrow and for the Swiss Pairs and Seniors Pairs at 7.15 pm . These are NOT walk-ins. Please register at the desk.

The New Zealand Pairs

234 pairs had started on Saturday and by Monday morning we were down to the last 28. At the start of play, last year's winners Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout of Otago had a small carryover lead. In the opinion of many, this was the strongest final field for many years with any number of pairs being well capable of winning.

Nothing much happened for an hour or so until these landed

<p>Bd 7</p> <p>♠ 8 7 ♥ A K 9 6 2 ♦ A 7 6 4 ♣ 10 8</p> <p>♠ A 4 3 ♥ 7 4 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ A K Q J</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ K J 10 5 ♥ Q 10 8 5 3 ♦ 8 ♣ 5 4 3</p>	<p>Bd 8</p> <p>♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ A Q 10 8 3 ♣ A 10 7</p> <p>♠ A J 6 5 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ Q J 9 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ K Q 7 4 ♥ Q 8 6 2 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ 6 2</p>
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Miller / Stout were playing Ware / Wiltshire. On 7, the latter bid up to 4C and the leaders sold out. +100 was no compensation for the heart game which almost all other NS pairs reached. Then on 8, they stretched to 3NT and found there weren't enough tricks. Only 4 matchpoints on each board while Bach / Delmonte were enjoying themselves at the expense of Courtney / Horawicz. 4H was doubled on 7 but made 10 tricks then they were allowed to make 3NT on 8 and the leaderboard had changed dramatically:

Bach / Delmonte 213 Ware Wiltshire 187 Miller / Stout 182.

Shortly after Ware/ Wiltshire fell out of the board

<p>Bd 11</p> <p>♠ K Q J ♥ A 6 2 ♦ A 10 9 8 4 ♣ 8 6</p> <p>♠ 10 8 2 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ A 10 7 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ Q J ♣ Q 9 4 2</p>	<p>Bd 12</p> <p>♠ 6 4 ♥ 6 ♦ K J 9 8 6 ♣ A Q J 8 5</p> <p>♠ K J 8 2 ♥ K Q 10 5 ♦ ♣ K 10 7 6 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ Q 10 9 7 3 ♥ A J 4 3 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ 2</p>
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Ware / Wiltshire were playing Ackerley/Smith. The former made only 4 tricks in 1NT when most made 6 or 7 and then, on 12, they over-reached themselves to 5D, got doubled and conceded 500. 51 for Ackerley/Smith and only 1 for Ware/Wiltshire.

Ackerely/Smith continued a strong surge and took the lead after 7 rounds, while Ware/Wiltshire recovered from their plunge and were back to second. Barnes/De Livera had had a very good run while Bach/Delmonte had been struggling. However they burst back on the eighth round while Burgess/Lloyd consigned Ware/Wiltshire to the depths.

<p>Bd 15</p> <p>♠ 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ A K J 10 ♣ K 4 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 ♥ A 8 6 4 3 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ A 9</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ K J 5 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ 10 6 2</p> <p>♠ A 8 3 ♥ 10 9 7 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Q J 8 7 5</p>	<p>Bd 16</p> <p>♠ A K J 9 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 2 ♣</p> <p>♠ Q 10 6 5 ♥ A Q J 7 5 ♦ K 4 ♣ 9 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 8 7 2 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 7 4 2</p> <p>♠ 4 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ J 8 5 3 ♣ A 10 8 6 5</p>
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Bach / Delmonte were against Hans / Smith. On 15 they bid upto 3S and were allowed to make despite Deepfinesse's view that only 7 tricks are available; Ware / Wiltshire also allowed 9 through. Then on 16, Hans / Smith doubled 5D but found they couldn't beat it with Ware/Wiltshire finding the same thing. 48 out of 52 for Bach/Delmonte and Burgess/Lloyd saw the leaderboard showing :

Bach/Delmonte 328 Miller/Stout 297 Barnes/De Livera 288

The last big move of the first session came on the last set :

<p>Bd 25</p> <p>♠ 8 4 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ A J 9 4 3 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ K J 10 6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 6 5 ♦ A 10 ♣ A Q</p> <p>♠ A Q J 10 5 ♥ 7 ♦ J 8 ♣ 8 7 5 4 2</p>	<p>Bd 26</p> <p>♠ J 10 7 6 3 2 ♥ A K Q 10 8 ♦ ♣ 10 8</p> <p>♠ ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ K 9 7 4 3 ♣ A Q 6 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ A K 9 8 5 4 ♥ J ♦ A Q ♣ K J 7 2</p> <p>♠ Q ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ J 10 8 6 5 2 ♣ 9 4</p>
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With EW having slam available on each board, there figured to be some action. 25 was a fairly routine slam bid at almost all tables. Konig and Wilsmore generated excellent scores for their pairs by diving in spades as reported in yesterday's Bulletin. 26 was more exciting. 6C is fine from West but, if played by East, it can be down at trick 2 after a diamond lead. Miller/Stout played a wrong-sided pair but couldn't find a diamond, while Barnes/De Livera also wrong sided, got doubled but Bach/Delmonte chose the wrong lead. Scores really were all over the place. 7 of the 8 6C bidders did wrong side the contract but only Courtney/Horawicz suffered a diamond lead. Those who tried to get rich quick defending found that 800 from 5Hx

was just not enough. Burgess / Lloyd stopped in 4S and Jurgleit/Luoni chose not to double. Still, +400 was a huge NS score although dwarfed by de Ravin/Wilsmore who did double Mill/Parker and collected 1100 for their trouble. Range of NS scores on the board? -1540 to + 1100!

That sent the players to lunch with the leading scores :

Barnes / De Livera 442 Turner/Westoby 441 Ackerley/Smith 437

with a further 6 pairs over 400.

Not a lot to report in the early part of the afternoon until the leaders met Nagy/Richman

<p>Bd 31</p> <p>♠ A 6 3 ♥ 7 5 3 2 ♦ A K 3 ♣ K Q 3</p> <p>♠ K J 10 8 7 5 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 8 ♣ A 6 4</p> <p>♠ Q 9 4 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 9 6 5 ♣ 9 8 5</p>	<p>Bd 32</p> <p>♠ A 9 2 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 9 5</p> <p>♠ J 7 ♥ A K ♦ K Q 10 ♣ K Q J 10 6 4</p> <p>♠ K 10 6 5 4 3 ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ ♣ 7 3 2</p> <p>♠ Q 8 ♥ 10 7 4 2 ♦ A J 6 4 3 ♣ A 8</p>
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31 had its moments of excitement. Generally a little part score battle on which most most EW pairs made 2S, Nagy/Richman beat that contract by Barnes/DeLivera and +100 was 25 out of 26. Courtney/Horawicz opened 1H from North and ran in to a takeout double and penalty pass from Ackerley/Smith. 1100 made all 26 which probably disappointed Alabaster/Cormack who chopped up a Cournane/Russell 3D to the tune of 800. Then on 32, Nagy/Richman held 3NT to 3 while others made 4 or 5 or played 4S for the extra 20. All of this saw the board as:

Bach/Delmonte 546 Ackerley/Smith 532 Westoby/Turner 529

with all of these players previous winners and 3 of them multiple winners.

Turner/Westoby hit the front briefly before Hans/Smith burst out of the chasing pack.

<p>Bd 41</p> <p>♠ K J 10 2 ♥ Q 9 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A J 8 6 4</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ A K 7 5 ♦ Q 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ Q 7</p> <p>♠ A Q 7 5 4 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 10 2 ♣ K 5 3</p>	<p>Bd 42</p> <p>♠ A 10 9 2 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ A J 9 8 5 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ K 6 5 ♥ 9 8 7 6 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ J 7 3</p> <p>♠ Q 7 4 3 ♥ A 3 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ K 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ J 8 ♥ Q J 4 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A Q 10 8 4</p>
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41 was generally a major suit battle. South often made 4S though a good number of EWs competed to 5H and found 300 was cheap against the vulnerable game. Atkinson/Carter judged to try 5S against Hans/Smith and conceded 200 to collect only 2 matchpoints. Probably the biggest single score of the final went to Alabaster/Cormack who continued the Mill/Parker nightmare. The latter remained silent as the Jans bid their way to 4S and then decided that a 5D sacrifice was the thing. It wasn't and 1700 was the final, gory outcome. The good news for Andrew and Ralph is that none of the last 4 undertricks cost a single matchpoint. There weren't any left when the meter ticked past 800. Then on 42, Atkinson/Carter were the only pair to stay out of game but this was the wrong time to go conservative and that gave Hans/Smith an easy road to another 24 and brought about

Hans/Smith 687 Bach/Delmonte 684 Turner/Westoby 678

with fourth a board and a half back.

The 3 leaders jockeyed for position until round 23

<p>Bd 45</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ A 10 6 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 3 ♣ Q 6 4</p> <p>♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K J 8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ A K 4 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ A J 8 7 6 ♣ 5 2</p> <p>♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K 5 ♣ A 10 9 7 3</p>	<p>Bd 46</p> <p>♠ A 8 6 ♥ Q 10 4 3 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q J 10 3</p> <p>♠ Q 7 3 ♥ K J 7 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K 9 6 5 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 10 5 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K 9 7 5 3 ♣ A 8 7</p> <p>♠ K J 9 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A Q J 8 2 ♣ 2</p>
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On 45 Hans/Smith let a Jurgleit/Luoni 4S through for - 620 while other NS pairs were defending 3NT for -600 or beating 4S by 1 or 2 tricks - only 3 matchpoints for the leaders and things didn't improve much on 46. Hans/Smith stopped in 2NT while most bid 3, making, sometimes with an over.

Turner/Westoby 740 Bach/Delmonte 735 Hans/Smith 722

Then on the 21st and 22nd boards of the afternoon came the decisive move. Atkinson/Carter were playing Bach/Delmonte and Burrows/Sharko were against Turner/Westoby

<p>Bd 47</p> <p>♠ K 10 ♥ 6 ♦ Q J 9 6 5 3 ♣ 10 9 7 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 7 4 ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ A ♣ K 8 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 6 3 ♥ A K Q 8 4 ♦ 7 2 ♣ Q 6 4 3</p> <p>♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ K 10 8 4 ♣ A J</p>	<p>Bd 48</p> <p>♠ 10 8 6 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ Q 10 5 2</p> <p>♠ K Q J 7 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A J 10 5 4 ♣ 6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 9 ♥ J 10 5 4 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ A 9 8 7</p> <p>♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ K 8 6 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K J 4 3</p>
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On 47, Bach/Delmonte made 5H while many others held it to 4 including Burrows/Sharko. 20 for Bach but only 9 for Turner. On 48 a Turner/Westoby 3NT went 2 away while Bach/Delmonte were making the same contract.

All this saw Bach/Delmonte pick up a cushion which nobody could overcome, meaning that Ish picked up his third NZ Pairs title and Ash his second.

This lifts Ish to eighth place on the all time winners list behind John Wignall with 7 wins, Malcolm Mayer 6, Frank Lu and Lionel Wright 5 each and Bruce Bell, Stephen Blackstock and Peter Newell with 4 a piece.

The Cleaver Coup

The laws would have us play at an even tempo; all very fine in theory but, in practice, there are times to get things over with quickly and times to be deliberate. Watch Brian Cleaver demonstrate the importance of tempo in the final of the Plate.

NZ Plate 2/27	♠ K J 10 7		
Dealer : S	♥ K Q 7 5		
	♦ 10 9 5		
Vul : nil	♣ Q 3		
♠ 5 3 2			♠ A 9 6 4
♥ A 3			♥ 9 2
♦ A 8 2			♦ K Q J 6 3
♣ A K 10 4 2			♣ 8 7
	♠ Q 8		
	♥ J 10 8 6 4		
	♦ 7 4		
	♣ J 9 6 5		

Brian was playing 3NT from West and received a diamond lead. Now at this point, he can count 9 tricks but it was pairs so he finessed the 10 of clubs and received the King of hearts back. He cashed the two top clubs. On the second of these, David Appleton cunningly pitched a spade and Brian, believing that clubs had split evenly, decided to speed things up by claiming the rest of the tricks. The dust settled on down 2!

Onto the next

NZ Plate F2/28	♠ A 7 2		
Dealer : W	♥ K J 10 8 3		
	♦ Q		
Vul : NS	♣ 10 8 4 3		
♠ 9 4			♠ Q 10 6 5
♥ Q 9 4 2			♥ A 7
♦ A K 8 6 2			♦ 9 3
♣ A 2			♣ K Q J 9 5
	♠ K J 8 3		
	♥ 6 5		
	♦ J 10 7 5 4		
	♣ 7 6		

This time Brian was in 2NT. A spade lead and heart return did very little to advance his cause but at this point he does have 5 clubs, 2 diamonds and a heart - 8 tricks. He proceeded to cash them, slowly and one by one. Once he had 8 tricks he carefully conceded the rest. No more claiming for Brian!

Incidentally, these 2 were given to me by plate winner Andy Braithwaite before the final result was actually announced. Andy told me that he had the Cleaver Coup for me and started searching the hand records. It must have taken Andy as long to find the hands as it took Brian to play the last. But look at the hand numbers - that's right it was the very last set.

Another Happy Ending

NZ Pairs SF2/10	♠ J 10 9		
Dealer : E	♥ J 10 8 6		
	♦ Q 9 7 6		
Vul : All	♣ J 3		
♠ K Q 7 4			♠ A 6 3
♥ A K 9 7			♥ Q 2
♦ K 10			♦ J 8 5 4 3
♣ K 7 6			♣ A 4 2
	♠ 8 5 2		
	♥ 5 4 3		
	♦ A 2		
	♣ Q 10 9 8 5		

Pieter Vanderpoel was playing 4NT after a Stayman enquiry had yielded no joy and a quantitative raise had yielded even less.

South led the 10 of clubs, top of an interior sequence. This was ducked in dummy, overtaken by the Jack and ducked by Pieter. Another club came back which Pieter ran to the table. He cashed the King of spades and played a spade to the Ace, North following with the 9 and Jack. He now tried a diamond towards dummy and was

Lightner For Lunch

NZ Pairs F 1/26	♠ J 10 7 6 3 2		
Dealer E	♥ A K Q 10 8		
	♦		
Vul : All	♣ 10 8		
♠			♠ A K 9 8 5 4
♥ 6 5 2			♥ J
♦ K 9 7 4 3			♦ A Q
♣ A Q 6 5 3			♣ K J 7 2
	♠ Q		
	♥ 9 7 4 3		
	♦ J 10 8 6 5 2		
	♣ 9 4		

I reported this one in the NZ Pairs commentary and Ashley Bach gave it to me, suggesting that partner, Ishmael Delmonte had his mind on the lunch break, which would follow the hand, rather than the auction.

East opened 1S and Ish passed. West responded 1NT and Ash tried 2H. 3C from East saw Ish raise to 3H but this didn't deflect West at all as he shot 6C. Ash doubled.

Ish led a heart and started shaking his head in disbelief at his own action before dummy was even on the table.

Still, in the end it didn't matter.

Active Ethics

Barbara Fechney and Gay Bridges were delighted by the way their opponents responded to an ethical dilemma. When board 20 of their match hit the table, an opponent called the director to say that he had overheard comment on the board. The director ascertained the facts and suggested that the player should be as ethical as possible and recall the director if there was an issue. Barbara and Gay promptly bid to 7C and made the grand.

At the end of the hand, the opponent commented that had he not overheard the comment then he may well have used an obstructive mechanism to disrupt Gay and Barbara's communications.

Stand up and take a bow please - Fraser Rew

now cash his diamond Ace and then concede the game going trick

Onto the first round of Teams qualifying and Jo Simpson takes the spotlight against Sartaj Hans and Debs Moir.

Teams Q 1/1	♠ K 10 4		♠ Q J 5 2
Dealer : N	♥ 7 3		♥ K Q 5 2
	♦ A 9 8 2		♦ 7 3
Vul : nil	♣ A 9 8 3		♣ K Q 2
♠ A 7 6 3			
♥ A 9 8 4			
♦ K 10 5			
♣ 7 6			
	♠ 9 8		
	♥ J 10 6		
	♦ Q J 6 4		
	♣ J 10 5 4		

Sartaj opened 1NT as North and Jo was quickly in 4H from the East seat. The Jack of clubs was led to the Ace for a club return. Jo took this in hand and cashed the Queen of clubs to pitch a diamond off dummy. She now drew three rounds of trumps, played a spade to the Ace and a spade back towards the Jack in this position

Teams Q 1/1	♠ K 10		♠ Q J 5
Dealer : N	♥		♥ 5
	♦ A 9 8 2		♦ 7 3
Vul : nil	♣		♣
♠ 7 6 3			
♥ 4			
♦ K 10			
♣			
	♠ 9		
	♥		
	♦ Q J 6 4		
	♣ 10		

At this point, Sartaj is well and truly fairy-queened. He ducked and Jo took the Jack to pass a small spade round to Sartaj's King. He could then concede a diamond to dummy's King for the tenth trick.

Had he instead chosen to fly the King, he could then have the choice of conceding the game going trick to either the diamond King or the spade suit.



PLAY OF THE DAY

Not a lot to choose between Tony and Jo, so I'm going to give a bottle of **BABICH's** best to Pieter Vanderpoel for his persistence and squeeze. Why should the experts get all the bottles.



WINE OF THE DAY

BABICH WINEMAKERS RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2005

The fruit from our two Marlborough vineyards was blended to produce this rich and flavoursome wine: Cowslip Valley, (Waihopai), providing full, soft and luscious fruit weight, and Wakefield Downs, (Awatere), bringing strength and focus. A nice partner with lime-marinated fish or pan-fried chicken pieces with rosemary-scattered baked potato wedges.

The End Of The Rainbow

Australian expert, Ted Chadwick, was sure he was in fairy land when 2005 Pairs champs Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout gave him the pot of gold on this one

Teams Q 3/3	♠ Q 5 4 3	
Dealer : S	♥ J 8 7 6	
	♦ J 4 2	
Vul : EW	♣ 10 8	
♠ 9		♠ A 8 2
♥ Q 10 4		♥ 9 5
♦ K 5		♦ A 10 9 8 7 6 3
♣ A K Q 5 4 3 2		♣ 9
	♠ K J 10 7 6	
	♥ A K 3 2	
	♦ Q	
	♣ J 7 6	

Jeff opened 1S as South and Ted thought that 3NT would be the go if Martin Bloom could provide a spade stop. Partnership understanding, however, was at its usual level and Martin bid 4D. Ted now thought he might describe one feature of his hand - 5C . Martin tried 5H. I can't comment on this as I don't have the slightest idea what it is. Ted repeated his clubs and 6C became the final contract.

Graeme led a spade and Ted took this to draw trumps. The King of diamonds came

The second hand sees Mike Ware taking a trip from Auckland to Whangarei via Wellington. Declarer had all the trump strength though this time but it still wasn't enough

Teams Q3/6	♠ A K Q 10	
Dealer : E	♥ K 4	
	♦ 6	
Vul : EW	♣ A Q 9 5 3 2	
♠ 8 5 4 3		♠ 9 2
♥ A 10 7 6 2		♥ Q 5
♦ A K J 5		♦ Q 10 9 7
♣		♣ J 10 7 6 4
	♠ J 7 6	
	♥ J 9 8 3	
	♦ 8 4 3 2	
	♣ K 8	

South was playing 4S after North had made a take out double of Michael's 1H opener. Lusting after a diamond ruff, Michael led the 5 of diamonds and was rewarded by a small club return. As the North hand was exposed, it wasn't too difficult to cash the Ace of hearts and lock declarer on dummy with a second heart. The club losers had nowhere to go.

Michael points out that he didn't need to be quite so imaginative with his opening lead - Ace and King of diamonds tap declarer immediately and Mike acquires the long trump.

If declarer draws 3 rounds of trumps then he has no protection from diamond continuations. If he doesn't then when he plays clubs, Michael can make his long trumps. Having tapped declarer at trick 2, then Michael is ahead in tempo and can just keep re-tapping.

No Waste

Bruce and Merle Marr returned to score up their first match. They were greeted by Bob Hurley asking if they'd bid the slam on board 13.

That was how Bruce and Merle found out that they were playing 14 board matches. No problem though, they scored up their twelve boards and gracefully accepted 25 VP's.

Bruce assured Bob that he and Merle did not believe in playing more boards than they needed to.

Onto match 2 and after 12 boards they were 25 - 5 ahead. They played the "extras" this time and ended up with only 24.

