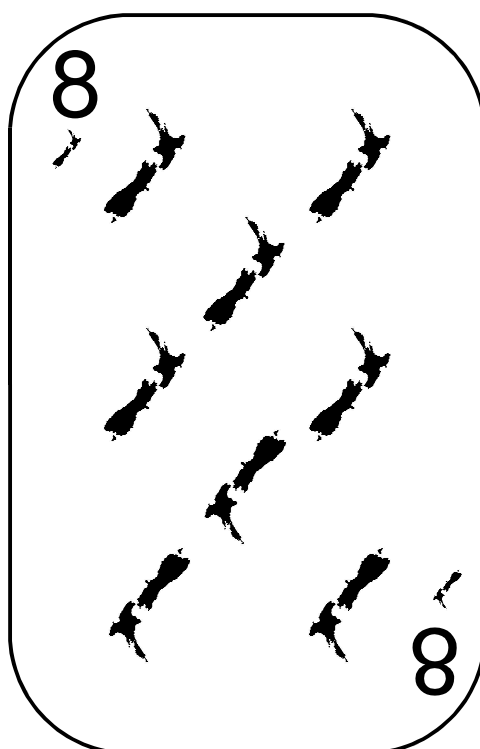


# New Zealand National Bridge Congress

Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton

July 1st to 8th 2006

## Daily Bulletin



Saturday July 8th



## **Congress Noticeboard - Saturday**

### **Session Times for Saturday**

**Session 1 : 9.30 am**

**Session 2 : 1.45 pm**

#### **Dine & Dance**

Function starts at 8pm in the playing rooms. You are asked not to go through to the playing rooms until 8pm as the hotel staff have a huge job to do to set up for the dinner.

**If you have booked for the Dine and Dance, but find that you cannot, in fact, attend please inform the desk as there is a waiting list for seats.**

#### **CORRECTION**

to the results of the New Zealand Intermediate Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Eugene Feng and James Lee

2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Buckland and Carol De Luca

3<sup>rd</sup> Kay Austad and Shona Spencer

Many thanks to all those players who have assisted in the Bulletin by giving me hands, comments and other items. A special thank you to those who have taken the trouble to write something

A very special personal thank you to Scott, Michael, David, Kieran, Andy, David, Patrick, Julie, Jimmy, Andrew and Gabby who were always willing to take the time to find something of interest. It is largely through their efforts that the Bulletin is not a single side. Many thanks.

## Odds And Ends

Some curiosities and light-hearted moments from the end of the week.

### Just One Imp

If you lose in the knock-out stages of the NZ Teams by one imp, I suppose that the first thing that you do is cast your eye down the scoresheet looking at the 1 imp losses. Wayne Burrows was struck by this one.

Teams R16 2/19

Dealer : S

Vul : EW

♠ 6 2  
♥ K J 6 5 2  
♦ K Q 5 3  
♣ 10 6

♠ J 7 5  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ A J 8 7 4  
♣ J 9



♠ A 8 4  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ 6  
♣ A K Q 7 4 3

♠ K Q 10 9 3  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 10 9 2  
♣ 8 5 2

Patrick Carter and Barry Jones bid to 6C in one room and made in some comfort. In the other there was a confusion over a lead-directing double and 3NTx made 6. Look at the scoresheet :

19	6C	E	6C		1370		1
	3NTx	W	6NT	1350			

### Contract 3NT, Score 600

Nothing unusual there, you may say but...

SenPr 1/26

Dealer : E

Vul : All

♠ 9 5  
♥ J 8 5  
♦ K 6  
♣ A K 10 9 3 2

♠ K J 2  
♥ A 9 6 2  
♦ A J 4 3  
♣ J 8



♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 3  
♥ K  
♦ 10 8 2  
♣ 7 4

♠ 4  
♥ Q 10 7 4 3  
♦ Q 9 7 5  
♣ Q 6 5

Rob Jacobs opened 3S and John found a “sporting” (the latest euphemism for suicidal) 3NT in the pass out seat. Three tricks was John’s ration

### Not So Finely Judged

We’ve seen a couple of finely judged sacrifices this week with 1400 scoring against 1430. This one was less successful.

Teams Q 10/19	♠ A Q 8 7 6 4 3		
Dealer :S	♥ 10 7 2		
	♦ 8 3		
Vul : EW	♣ 4		
♠ J			♠ K
♥ J 8			♥ A K 9 6 4 3
♦ A K Q 7			♦ 9 5
♣ J 9 8 7 6 3			♣ A K 10 5
	♠ 10 9 5 2		
	♥ Q 5		
	♦ J 10 6 4 2		
	♣ Q 2		

Tony Nunn and Kieran Crowe-Mai were in play against David Ackerley and Scott Smith. David and Scott bid to 6C in the face of spade competition before Kieran sacrificed in 6S. The inevitable double arrived and 1400 was the cost against the mere 1370 available in 6C

### Please Don’t Bid, Partner

Scott watched anxiously as it looked like David was going to spoil his fun on this one

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

South opened 1NT and Scott made a penalty double in the passout seat. This went to North who redoubled to show seven cards in the majors. Back to South who bid 2S and Scott started to lick his lips. Then he noticed David thinking. “Please don’t bid” prayed Scott but David wasn’t listening. He reached for his pen and wrote - X.

## Takeout?

Later in the same match

Teams QF 3/22

Dealer :

Vul

♠ Q 7 6  
♥ 10 9 6 2  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ J 9

♠  
♥ K J 8 5  
♦ K 10 6 5 4  
♣ K 4 3 2



♠ K J 5 4 2  
♥ Q  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ Q 7 6 5

♠ A 10 9 8 3  
♥ A 7 4 3  
♦ Q  
♣ A 10 8

Scott opened 2D to show 5 of a major and 4 of a minor. North doubled and David passed, saying "Content if your minor is diamonds". South passed and Scott bid 2S to show the black suits. North doubled, David passed and South Doubled.

Scott commented that they had him where they obviously wanted him and then asked, optimistically if both doubles were for takeout. The director was called and explained that South must take his double back, could make any legal call but that North was barred from the rest of the auction. 4H was the boring final outcome.

## Quintuple Homer?

Andrew Mill gave me this one which he believes qualifies for a quintuple Homer nomination

SwP 1/24

Dealer :

Vul

♠ K Q 10 9  
♥ 10 8 7 3  
♦ A  
♣ A 9 6 2

♠ 6 5  
♥ A K Q 9 5 2  
♦ 10 3  
♣ K Q 3



♠ A J 8 7 4  
♥ J 6 4  
♦ K Q 5 4  
♣ 5

♠ 3 2  
♥  
♦ J 9 8 7 6 2  
♣ J 10 8 7 4

West opened 1H and Ralph Parker passed. 1S from East saw Andrew bid 2S which showed the minors with more diamonds than clubs. This emboldened Ralph to 3NT which Andrew suggests is nomination 1. East went for the axe and Andrew ran to 4C. Two passes saw East bid 3H which West passed to rack up nomination 2. Not

satisfied by the riches on offer, Ralph gained nomination 3 with a double which enabled West to bid the 4S which they might have found a round earlier. Ralph gained nomination when he decided that he had defensive value against this contract and doubled again.

The play did not extend declarer who made a doubled overtrick for what looked like an excellent Swiss score.

And then the fifth nomination was made for the players at the previous table who had switched the NS and EW cards and so the result was just another push.



## PLAY OF THE DAY

A hand which has almost everything - total lack of tactical appreciation, sheer lunacy, a psyche, the missed opportunity for a stripe tailed ape double, an unblocking play and an unclaimed beer card. How can it not be Play of the Day?

Teams QF 3/19

Dealer :

Vul

♠ Q J 10 7 5 3

♥ J 5

♦ 9 6

♣ A 9 6

♠ K 9 8

♥ 10 8 4 2

♦ A 10 7

♣ 7 3 2



♠ 6 4 2

♥ A K 3

♦ K Q 4 3

♣ Q J 8

♠ A

♥ Q 9 7 6

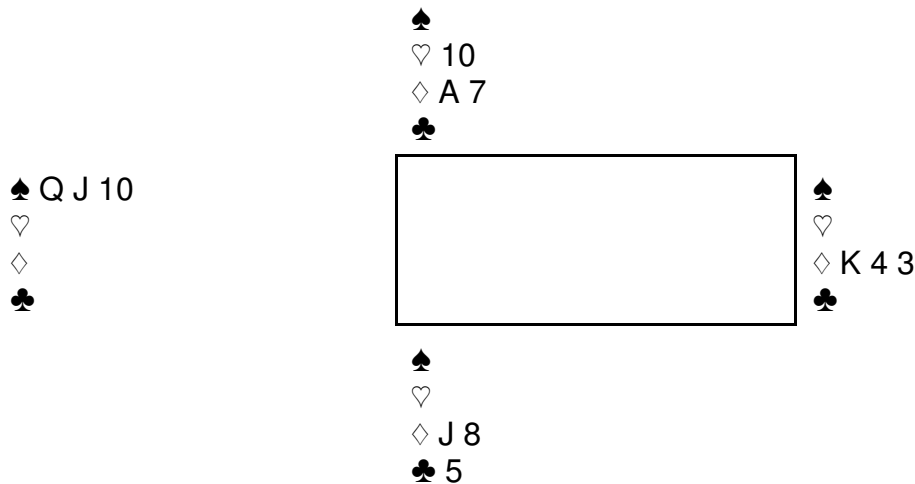
♦ J 8 5 2

♣ K 10 5 4

The team of Sartaj Hans and Debs Smith held a 50 imp lead going into the last 12 board stanza of the match; the captain announced that it was obviously a time for straight down the middle bridge, no risks and no flights of fancy. Unfortunately, Sartaj was the captain and he wasn't listening to himself.

West opened a 2D multi and Sartaj went down the middle with 2NT, showing 16+ or 19+ if unbalanced! East enquired with 2NT and Debs found a responsive double. 3S showed a maximum and Sartaj missed his stripe tailed chance. Defending 3Sx might have yielded some overs but it would have been cheaper in the long run. East bid 4S and Debs decided that she and Sarjaj were being talked out of something, so she tried 4NT for takeout. For reasons best known to himself, Sartaj selected diamonds as the final flavour. East was not extended to double.

The Ace and King of hearts were cashed and then the third heart was ruffed by West. He returned the 9 of diamonds which made it look like he had started with a doubeton and with 6 spades was almost certainly 6-2-2-3 shape. Sartaj let the diamond go to East's Queen. A spade was returned and Sarjaj was on the board with a trick. He left table with a club and the defence took three rounds in the suit. A spade was played to the King and Sartaj ruffed a spade on table to bring about



The thirteenth club was led to East's ruff and when East returned the King of trumps, Sartaj carefully unblocked the Jack of diamonds so as to ensure that trick thirteen was taken by the beer card.

Sartaj, however, was too much of a gentleman to claim his beer off Debs.

I think I might follow his example and give the bottle of Babich's superb product to Debs as a reward for putting up with the above display.



## WINE OF THE DAY

### **BABICH MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2005**

The combination of fine days and cool nights typical of Marlborough during late summer/autumn is ideal for the later ripening Riesling. The result is beautifully scented wine with great balance between acid and alcohol. An excellent partner to a wide range of foods, ideal with Asian dishes, or try it with mussel and kumara patties, drizzled with home-made lime-spiked mayonnaise.

Many thanks to BABICH'S WINES of Henderson for their continued support of the Bulletin. It is very much appreciated by myself and by all those lucky enough to win a superb bottle of wine. Next time you're in

the wine shop, why not try our sponsor's product. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

## Top Of the Ladder

Malcolm Sims used to call Rob Jacobs "the ladder" and Thursday night saw Rob and partner, Geoff Hoare, top of the Seniors ladder after the first round.

Things like this probably helped.

	♠ 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ J 3	
♠ Q J 8 7 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q J 10 5 ♣ 9 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 70px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ A 10 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ A K 10 6 4
	♠ K ♥ Q 10 8 6 5 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ Q 7 5 2	

South opened a 9-12 1H and this ran round to Rob who bid 1NT. Geoff transferred with 2H and Rob, not liking this, bid 2S. Geoff bid 3S and Rob shot game.

A club was led to the Jack and King and the Ace of spades dropped South's King. Rob switched to diamonds and South took his Ace. A diamond was returned taken on table and Rob played a club to the Ace. Another club was ruffed with the 7 and all Rob needed now was the King of hearts to score. It did.

## The Intermediate Teams

An event which has been growing in popularity since we introduced it two years ago. This year the winners were brought together in unhappy circumstances but parted very happily. Bev and Martin Hendriks were to play in a team with Frank Newland. A bereavement saw Frank have to withdraw but he put them in touch with Todd Blackman and Dave Wilson and the result is a new set of national champions. The event is played with a number of Swiss rounds followed by a top 4 round robin for the title. Playing the leaders in the last round, Bev and her team nailed victory with the very last board of the event

Dealer : W

Vul : nil

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 10 7 6 5  
♦ A 9  
♣ K Q 3 2

♠ A K J 9 7 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ 9 4



♠ 10 3  
♥ K J 8 2  
♦ 10 8 6  
♣ A J 6 5

♠ 8 5  
♥ Q 9 3  
♦ Q J 4 3 2  
♣ 10 8 7

Todd opened the West hand 1H and North tried 1S. 2H, 3H and 4H followed for +420.

In the other room, Martin overcalled 1S and when 4H came back to him, he went with 4S. The clubs weren't played and Martin racked up 11 tricks for +650 and the New Zealand Intermediate Teams title.

## And Back In The Asylum

Auckland's Douglas Russell is a thoughtful, deliberate player. Ask him, he'll tell you so himself...slowly. He gave plenty of thought to this one though he failed to note one subtlety.

Sw Prs 2/11

♠ K 9 4  
♥ A K 10 5  
♦ Q J 9  
♣ J 9 4

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ J 8 6 4 2  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ Q 5



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

♠ A 5 3  
♥ Q 9 7 3  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ 8 3 2

South passed and Judy McLeod opened 1NT. Douglas put in a 2H transfer which Judy accepted. Eventually, 3C came next and over Judy's 3NT, Douglas bid out his shape with snail paced 4D. The auction subsided in 4S.

A heart was led to Judy's Ace and she played a trump to the Queen and Ace. A second heart went to declarer's Ace and she cashed the King of spades. Tidying up, she straightened dummy's spades and suddenly... It would be lese majeste were I to mention that National Coach Alan Turner's Cloak of Infallibility had slipped on this

one which he defended. So I won't mention it.

## Swiss Rolls

Andy Braithwaite

<p>♠ 10 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ K 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ 10 6 5</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 9 8 6 4 ♣ K 9 7 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 70px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ A K Q J 8 3 2 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ A J ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ A Q J 6 3 2 ♦ ♣ Q J 8 4 2</p>
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West opened 1H and South doubled. John Mottram considered bidding 1S but doubled after reflection. A shame as 6S from North is impossible to beat but the diamond ruff after a Lightner double beat 6S by South.

<p>♠ J 10 6 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ 10 4 2</p>	<p>♠ K 3 2 ♥ A J 10 9 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ K J 9</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 70px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ 8 ♥ K 4 ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 8 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 ♥ 7 6 5 ♦ A K J ♣ 7</p>
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Zoly Nagy as North had no idea whether 2NT was natural or Lebensohl after he had opened 1NT and a suction 2H (showing spades or the minors) was overcalled by his partner with 2NT.

He passed and made 11 tricks on a spade lead. He did note that a diamond lead would lead to down 5 - a difference of 7 tricks on the choice of lead.

