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SEVEN UP - THE LEMONADE COUP

by Andy Braithwaite

Have you ever heard of the lemonade coup?
I thought as much- so read on!

Many players have little side games when they play hands to promote cards to winners - beer cards and the like. The lemonade coup occurs when you success fully promote the 7 of the suit to a winner - Seven Up and hence the name - on the third round of the suit being played. It is easy to achieve when you hold a long suit, such as AK76543 when all other hands hold doubletons, but what about A 75 opposite K J? For a "seven up" here, all the cards higher than the seven need to be played on the first two rounds of the bidding! How can declarer induce such play? Well, let us examine the declarer play, or rather more critically the defence, of board 20 of the second round of the Swiss Pairs, to see how Kieran Dyke achieved this remarkable feat to bring home an impossible game.

First though I need to reveal that this story can only be told now because:

1. I am no longer staying with the most hospitable Nigel and Dani Rosendorff.
2. I am now several thousand miles away and cannot be bludgeoned for my betrayal.
3. It is a classic example of good defensive card management, or the lack of it!

	♠ 9 8 6 4 3 2		
	♥ K J 7 2		
	♦ J 9 8		
	♣ -		
♠ A 7 5		♠ K J	
♥ Q 3		♥ A 9 8 6 5	
♦ 10 6 5 4		♦ K 2	
♣ A J 5 4		♣ Q 10 7 2	
	♠ Q 10		
	♥ 10 4		
	♦ A Q 7 3		
	♣ K 9 8 6 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dyke	R'dorff	Tishler	B'waite
INT	P	2♦	P
2♥	P	3NT	All pass

TODAY'S PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 18 JULY

Championship Events:

ANC Teams: Open, Women's, Seniors', Youth
10.30 am: 2.45 pm: 8.00 pm

Congress Events:

10.00 am Rejuvenating Special Eyes Pairs
2.00 pm Undercroft Bridge Club Pairs
7.30 pm Racket World/ Les Calcraft Swiss Teams Session I

Nigel in the North seat led the 8♠ and Kieran called for the king (the lead was attitude so the queen was definitely offside), Andy played the T, with Kieran playing the 5 from his hand. He now pulled Q♣ and Andy made the first error by not covering. How silly would you look if declarer held J54 and partner Ace singleton? Unlikely, you will say, but that Kieran is a cunning fellow.

Having held this trick Kieren tried a heart to the Q but when this lost to the K, he looked destined to be held to six tricks. But not content with his spade lead Nigel switched to J♠, K, A, 4, and when Andy now played a diamond back, Kieran was up to seven tricks when his 10♦ won. He played another diamond so quickly to Nigel's 9♦ that Andy had failed to notice the fall of the 8♦ and did not overtake and cash the now high 7♦ - notice the seven was now "up" but only on the fourth round of the suit! This second error proved tragic as Nigel now tried to indicate his protected J♥ with a Lavinthal style 9♠ to set up the lemonade coup - 9♠, J, Q, A and the "seven up" on the third round!

Kieran was now up to eight tricks when he cashed the 7♠ triumphantly, and then followed with a heart to the Ace. A second club finesse to the J♣ was followed by 6♦ to endplay Andy in clubs with that vile card the 7!

Six tricks had become 9 and the most sinister and unlikely of lemonade coups had been successfully achieved to bring home an impossible vulnerable game swing!

We needed something stronger than lemonade after that hand!

In today's issue Blaine Howe discusses sins 2 and 3 – read on

Seven Deadly Partnership Sins

My version for the sin list for partnerships follows.

1. Talking without values
2. Agreement violations
3. Unilateral defence
4. Domestic deafness
5. Body Language
6. Creating Bad Vibes
7. Laziness

2. Agreement Violations

You open a Weak 2H with 6/4 Reds and 2 Queens. Sounds OK, yes?

Well, maybe. You are vulnerable in 2nd seat and your partnership has a strong agreement that Weak Twos are constructive under these conditions.

Whatever happens now, you will worry about how your partner views the bid. If the opponents now bid 4S, get doubled and make an overtrick you are in a big hole. Is it worth it?

Of course the answer is no (see the heading?) and you need to be very clear about what your agreements really are. Good partnerships depend on effective agreements. They are as important as your system itself.

If you won't honour an agreement then don't make it. This is not negotiable. Partnerships regularly break up because of problems in this area.

When you make agreements, you decide whether they are suggestions, strong guidelines or absolutes. You need to learn these better than you learn your formal system and spend time developing them. If you regularly fail in this area and have ambitions, your partnership is doomed. Sorry, but there it is.

3. Unilateral Defence

Defence is how partnerships rise and fall. If you defend well the rest of your game tends to follow. You are defending a hand where they are in 2S and you have both been working hard for several minutes to beat the hand. You are on lead at a critical point and have to decide whether to make a passive return and keep on grinding out the defence. You look at the hand for a while and finally sling out an unsupported Ace to get the hand over with. Your partner can see you pretty much shrug your shoulders – the defence collapses and declarer soon claims.

You can almost hear your partner thinking is it worth all the effort? If you do this a lot the answer is no.

Putting effort into defences to beat more contracts is the best way I know to get your partner to believe in your partnership. To be successful at the table, you and your partner must think that hard work in defence together is worthwhile.

The other thing that happens when you start defending solo is that you don't pay enough attention to your partner's signals. You should always feel bad when you miss a basic signal. When I miss a couple of these in a session and I know we both know it, I start looking in my bridge bag for my knee pads – I know the apology is going to be painful.



ANC Welcome Teams Round 5 by Barbara Travis
Board: I I
Dealer: South
Vul: Nil

<p>♠ Q 9 8 6 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K J 8 7 6</p>	<p>♠ A 7 3 ♥ A J 10 9 3 ♦ - ♣ A 10 9 4 2</p> <p>♠ J 10 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ Q 5</p> <p>♠ K 2 ♥ K Q 6 5 4 ♦ A J 10 9 5 ♣ 3</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			I♥
P	3♦ (1)	4♦	X
P	4♠ (2)	P	4NT
P	5♣ (3)	P	7♥
All pass			

- (1) Splinter
(2) Cue Bid
(3) 0 or 3

No, I didn't bid the grand out of spite at the lost penalty! Justin simply had to have "the goods" for the 4♠ bid.

A trump was led, won with dummy's 9♥. This was no hand to draw trumps – clearly suits were not breaking. K♠, A♠, spade ruff. A♦, A♣, club ruff, diamond ruff. And now claim on a high cross-ruff.

YOUTH THROW IN AN ONION

Youth bridge is known for its exuberant bidding, subsequently many of our juniors have developed a knack for attempting to generate tricks out of thin air. The phrase, "thrown in an onion" is used by youth players to indicate a spurious action or simply a random action. This week we shall attempt to run daily column featuring such an occurrence.

Winners of the Youth Pairs were Justin Howard and Peter Hollands from Victoria. (Justin and Peter came 4th in the World's Schools Bridge Champ-ionship in Bangkok and Peter was part of the Junior Team which won the Pacific Asia Bridge Champ-ionships in June this year).

The following hand features some of their form:

♠ x ♥ K Q x x ♦ Q x x x ♣ Q J x x	♠ A Q J 8 ♥ A J 10 9 8 x ♦ x ♣ x x x	♠ K x x x ♥ x ♦ A x x x x ♣ A x x
	♠ 10 x x x ♥ x x ♦ K J x ♣ K 10 x x	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Howard		Hollands
		1♦	P
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	P	P
X			

Howard wisely knew he had to find a bid at match points and chose 1♠, (not sure if it would have been possible for him to bid 2♥ natural).

East led the singleton ♥ and the play went Q♥ - A♥. North then played a diamond to the K but East flew Ace – the contract making.

Plus 730 but the interesting part about youth bridge is that this was only worth 80% of the match points with one pair making 930!

Gabby Feiler

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AT THE MELVILLE CITY & MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB SWISS PAIRS



Anne Mitchell, Melville Bridge Club President & Salim Songerwala Vice-President at the Melville Bridge Club and City of Melville Swiss Pairs



L to R: Locals - Margaret Miocevic, John Rousset, Geraldine Clarke and Jocelyn Wood (Vic)



Pam Smith & Valerie Isle

YOUTHFUL IMPETUOSITY?

What would a youth player bid with this holding?

♠ Q 10 x x x
 ♥ -
 ♦ x x
 ♣ Q J x x x x

He opened 4♠ and bought the contract - 6 down for minus 300. The madness of youth!

Gabby Feiler

2007 ANC TEAMS

after 6 rounds

OPEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	8	QLD	114.3	208
2	3	VIC	112.9	148
3	7	SA	59.5	99
4	5	ACT	11	11
5	4	NT	-18.8	-62
6	1	NSW	-24.8	-77
7	2	WA	-100	-136
8	6	TAS	-162.5	-194

WOMEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	6	WA	110.1	168
2	4	SA	42	42
3	7	VIC	35.6	32
4	8	NT	30.3	24
5	2	QLD	-44.7	-51
6	1	ACT	-46.1	-56
7	3	NSW	-49.2	-51
8	5	TAS	-83.2	-112

SENIORS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Imps</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>44.2</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>TAS</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>17.1</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>15.6</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>-14.6</u>	<u>-20</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>-86.3</u>	<u>-107</u>

YOUTH

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	NSW	112	229
2	3	VIC	90.2	178
3	6	SA	83.3	140
4	5	ACT	-71.1	-99
5	4	WA	-99.3	-233
6	2	Colts	-133.2	-215

Weather Report

Canberra: Max 5 and snow Wednesday
Sydney had its coldest day for 21 years
yesterday.

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

ROBERTS – OHARA PAIRS

1	Val Biltoft & Phil Tearne	59.3%
2	Viv Wood & Fran Holman	58.5%

MELVILLE CITY & MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB SWISS PAIRS

1	Maris Brion & Noriko Sakashita	123
2	Adam Sarten & Sara Tishler	110
3	Barbara Frost & Jeanne Hey	107
4	Susan Clements & Vivienne Goldberg	106
5	Linda Bedford-Brown & Jan Blight	104

LIM PAIRS

1	Val Biltoft & Phil Tearne	65.5%
2	Alan Harrop & Stephen Cayless	57.1%



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