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IF I WERE IN THE SENIORS, MY PARTNER WOULD BE CHARGE WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

ANC Open Teams NSW vs SA (Round 2)

Board: 3

Dealer: South

Vul: EW

♠ Q 10 9 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 8	♠ K J 6 2 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ 10 9 7	♠ A 8 4 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 ♣ A J 2	♠ 5 ♥ A 8 4 3 ♦ A Q 4 3 ♣ 6 5 4 3
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	D Lusk		
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	P	2♠	X
P	2NT	X	P
P	3♣	P	P
X	All pass		

(1) Weakish, majors

As North, I pick up a featureless 8 count and partner passes. Looks like I will be a spectator on this auction. 2♦ (alerted) from West and I pass. East bids 2♠, so we look to be defending a part-score here. Not on your life!. Partner's double sets me back on my heels. How bad will this be? Should I pass and defend?

I check – no, partner is a passed hand so I have to bid a minor. The 2NT bid costs nothing. If partner reads it as equal length, then HE gets to play the hand. No joy, he passes the double back to me, so I take my medicine and bid 3♣. East's pass provides short-term hopes but West won't let us off the hook. East leads the Q♥ and I can at least play with a

TODAY'S PROGRAM

THURSDAY 19 JULY

Championship Events:

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

Congress Events:

10.00 am Maccabi Bridge Club Pairs
 2.00 pm Nedlands Bridge Club Pairs
 7.30 pm Racket World/ Les Calcraft Swiss Teams Session 2

fair idea of the lay-out. I won in hand and led the 9♣, 2, 3 Q. J♥ was returned and my Ace scored. Now a low club, 8, 9, J. East was not happy about being on lead and cashed A♣ before thinking and switching to a diamond, low, 2, J. Now a diamond to the Q and West's show-out gives up the entire distribution. With no more tricks readily available I lead a low spade, 10, J, A. (Yes!). Still scratching for a seventh trick as East leads the 10♦. I take Ace and exit a heart for West to take his two hearts and then give me my 7th trick with the K♠.

Well, at least 2 light is only going to cost 4 or 5 Imps.

So how much did we lose on the board? Would you believe we gained 11 Imps? At the other table, NS continued to playing the OTHER minor at the three level (doubled, of course) for -800.



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LEAD PROBLEM

Michael Courtney reports that the best lead he saw last week was an opening lead from Ed Barnes (yes, now that he's stopped psyching he is sometimes on lead).

Butler Trials Stage 2 Round 14

Board 18

Dealer: East

Vul: N/S

	♠ A 10 8 7 4	
	♥ J 3	
	♦ 4 2	
	♣ Q J 9 2	
♠ Q 9 5 2		♠ J 3
♥ K 9 6 2		♥ Q 10 8
♦ 8 7 5 3		♦ A J 10 9
♣ A		♣ K 8 6 4
	♠ K 6	
	♥ A 7 5 4	
	♦ K Q 6	
	♣ 10 7 5 3	

Ed Barnes is sitting South and RHO opens a 12-14 No Trump. LHO staymans and passes the 2♦ response. What do you lead to 2♦?

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HOW TO SNARE THE PAIRS - 2

by Peter Gill

Board: 3

Dealer: South

Vul: EW

	♠ A 8 7 3	
	♥ Q 8 4 2	
	♦ J 9	
	♣ A 4 3	
♠ K 10 2		♠ Q 5
♥ K J 7 6 3		♥ 10 9 5
♦ Q 8 5		♦ A K 6 2
♣ 8 6		♣ Q J 9 5
	♠ J 9 6 4	
	♥ A	
	♦ 10 7 4 3	
	♣ K 10 7 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Chadwick	Gill	Morrison	Boylson
			P
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	P	X	P
2♦	2♠	All pass	

West led 8♣ to the J and K. Boylson prepared the cross-ruff by playing a diamond to the Q.

Another club to the A♣ was followed by a diamond to the K, creating the "diamond void opposite heart void" position.

East cashed Q♣ and played 9♣ to the 10♣, ruffed by 10♠ and over-ruffed by A♠. Heart to Ace and a red suit cross-ruff led to 8 tricks and +110, completing a huge round N/S. Deep finesse says that 7 tricks in spades is the limit, apparently on the very risky lead of 2♠.

In today's issue Blaine Howe continues with his list of partnership sins, this time discussing sins 4 and 5.

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

4. Domestic Deafness

Make no mistake, a bridge partnership is a relationship. It has many parallels with marriage and you need to manage it like you manage your relationship with your life partner.

This is what makes playing effective bridge difficult for married couples. It is tough enough trying to maintain one relationship with someone. Maintaining two is impressive.

It is possible, I suppose, to have a personal relationship built on the principles required to play high level bridge successfully. If you have mastered this, I would like to meet you. Maybe we can bottle it and sell it for high prices to bridge couples.

You have to talk to each other regularly about a range of things and the problem is doing this efficiently and without one of you developing into a nag. Or both of you nagging, but about different things.

Then you stop listening. We all know about how this happens. If it gets bad, then you have to do something, because domestic deafness can quickly become a habit.

I presume that you are not in the situation where your domestic deafness is due to a lack of respect for your partner's views – if this is true don't bother to read any more of this until you form your next partnership.

Domestic Deafness is the Ying to Nagging's Yang. Unfortunately, it is mostly the Yang that has to be dealt with if real improvements are to be made.

The something you should do is generally trying to stay constructive at all times, keeping your proposals short and letting some things go. There is only so

much energy in the tank to keep going over something.

Letting things go is not in a bridge player's nature and you have to work at it. There are many situations where you know you can do better. For instance, your partner does something bad in a session and you keep on about it because you believe it is an important hand.

Perhaps partner says at some point "I just made a mistake, OK?". You then retort "But why did you do it?". At this point partner is turning down the volume on his hearing aid.

5. Body Language

Body language is unavoidable but bridge players have to make an effort to control it at the table. This is not easy.

There are two kinds of body language you have to control.

The first is where you pass information to the table because of how you bid or play a card. This puts pressure on partner and makes it difficult to bid and play effectively.

1. You think about a bid or play for a long time and clearly show distress about your choice.
2. You move your hand to the Pass side of the bidding box, then change your mind and select a bid.
3. You lead your singleton with gusto as soon as the last pass is completed.

Giving partner ethical problems or creating a tense environment because the opponents suspect there is one is a really bad thing to do.

The second is where you are making loud silent commentary.

1. Your partner makes a stupid switch and you roll your eyes and play your card with a lob or lean over the table to inspect partner's card.
2. Your shoulders slump when dummy comes down or when the opponents find the correct continuation after holding the lead. The defence now feels confident and starts looking for that extra one off.
3. Your partner gives you a look that makes it clear he wants you to be arrested or exterminated.

You don't have an unlimited number of get out of jail free tickets for bad behaviour so use your tickets carefully.

In a similar vein, asking too many questions, coffee housing or getting involved in your opponents' discussions can do your partner's head in. If your partner shows a distinct dislike of this behaviour, you had better pay heed.

ANSWER TO MICHAEL COURTNEY'S LEAD PROBLEM - from page 2

Barnes deduced three rounds of trumps were needed to beat 2♦. To avoid blocking the defence's trumps he led a low diamond, hoping partner held Ax, Jx or 10x and dummy the jack. As you can see partner held none of those. So the third round of trumps was never drawn and declarer made an overtrick. That Barnes was right is readily seen. The trump king will hold 2♦ to contract. A non trump lead will do likewise, but had Jenner-O'Shea held the 10♦ or Jack the low diamond was the card to scuttle us.

POCOCK CONVENTION

Roberts O'Hara Pairs

Board 4

Dealer: West

Vul: Both

♠ Q 5 4	♥ 1 0 9 6	♦ K 10 3 2	♣ Q 3 2	♠ 8 7 6 2	♥ A K Q 2	♦ -	♣ A K J 8 4	♠ K 9	♥ 7 5 4 3	♦ 9 7 5 4	♣ 10 9 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♦ (1)	P	2♥ (2)
P	3♥ (3)	P	4NT (4)
P	6♦ (5)	p	6♠
All Pass			

- (1) 4441 or 4450
- (2) Relay
- (3) 16-19 with 1 or 0 of a minor
- (4) Blackwood
- (5) 2 + diamond void
- (6) Final contract

Two locals have developed a convention for 4441/4450 hands. It does seem to work – at least sometimes!

An opening of 2♦ shows the above distribution with a range of 11-19 points. After a relay of 2♥ by partner, opener shows both point range (11-15 or 16-19) and the singleton or void using 2♠ through to 3NT.

In the above hand the sequence worked well. The agreed suit mentioned first at slam level. Admittedly it needed split honours in trumps and the club break helped.

Carol Pocock

2007 ANC TEAMS RR2 after 2 rounds

OPEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	VIC	166	202
2	2	QLD	151.3	245
3	4	SA	103.5	161
4	3	ACT	98.5	124
5	5	NSW	-16.8	-69
6	6	NT	-127.3	-202
7	7	WA	-189.4	-238
8	8	TAS	-194.5	-226

WOMEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	WA	189.6	284
2	2	NT	58.3	52
3	6	QLD	38.7	36
4	5	NSW	38.4	42
5	4	SA	-2	-2
6	3	VIC	-60.4	-73
7	7	ACT	-108.1	-118
8	8	TAS	-161.1	-225

SENIORS

	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	5	QLD	36.6	41
2	2	SA	22.2	24
3	1	ACT	13	13
4	4	TAS	1	2
5	3	WA	-2.2	-13
6	7	VIC	-11.7	-27
7	6	NSW	-58.9	-40

YOUTH

RR2 - after 4 rounds

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	NSW	214.1	409
2	6	SA	164.8	325
3	3	VIC	61.3	150
4	5	ACT	-79	-97
5	4	WA	-138.3	-333
6	2	Colts	-246	-454

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

REJUVENATING SPECIAL EYES PAIRS

North/South

1	Egmont Melton & John Beddow	60.0%
2	Carol & Derek Pocock	55.0%
3	Barbara Frost & Judith Ternahan	54.8%

East/West

1	Lynne Errington & Jean Field	65.5
2	Luba Klein & May Schonwolf	58.0%
3	Clifford de Rosario & Max Havercroft	53.8%

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

North/South

1	Adam Sarten & Sara Tishler	67.3%
2	Jeanne Hey & Lisa Wylie	59.8%
3	John Beddow & Egmont Melton	58.3%

East/West

1	Luba Klein & May Schonwolf	63.5%
2	Marion Jefferson & Tom Wheatley	
3	Tony Hoey & Jim Tally	56.1%

RACKET WORLD

LES CALCRAFT SWISS TEAMS LEADERS AFTER SESSION I

1	SARTEN	45
2	TURNER	45
3	CANTATORE	45



L to R: Nevena Djorivic (NSW Women's Team), Andrew Morcombe (SA Youth Team) & Betty Mill (NT Women's Team) relaxing between rounds.



Taswegians L to R: Douglas Newlands, Kirsten Bailey, Wynne Webber, Gavin Bailey



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