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THE HALL'S GRAND HALL

by Ron Klinger

(as published in the Sydney Morning Herald)

Hilary and Walter Hall, English ex-pats, live in Rockingham, a little south of Fremantle, W.A. They married young and after serving in the RAF, Walter turned his hand to managing pubs, starting in Bristol. He and Hilary proved most adept at this business and they became very successful.

For the past thirty years they had been dividing their time between England and Australia (Hilary has family here) until they settled permanently in Perth ten years ago. They became Australian citizens in June this year.

Walter has quite a mischievous streak, but Hilary makes sure he never gets too big for his boots. Last year they competed in the World Mixed Pairs in Verona. One of their highlights was playing against Sharon Osberg and Bill Gates. Screens were in use and Hilary was on the same side of the screen as Bill Gates. A horde of reporters and photographers were there, constantly snapping shots. Hilary put her hands over the lenses of two cameras and told the reporters politely to shove off.

"Leave him alone," she said. "Please go away. How can he concentrate with you all over him?"

This did not have quite the desired effect. The paparazzi did back off, but Gates-Osberg scored a top on the next board.

The following deal occurred during the final session of the Lord Howe Island Pairs Championship at the end of June. For the Halls it was actually the last board of the event and it was quite a way to finish.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

FRIDAY 20 JULY

Championship Events:

ANC Teams: Open, Women's, Seniors', Youth
10.30 am: 2.30 pm:

7.30 pm **ANC TEAMS FINALS**
7.30 pm Youth Teams Round 15

Congress Events:

10.00 am West Coast Bridge Club Pairs
2.00 pm Steele Bishop Security Systems Pairs
7.30 pm Young Paterson – Last Gasp Pairs

Dealer: South

Vul: Both

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

(1) 0 or 3 key cards, clearly three

Lead: K♠

The Halls were the only pair to reach the grand slam. The majority played in 6♥ and a few stopped in game. After the same start several Norths simply jumped to 6♥.

Dummy won the spade lead and the 6♥ to the ace drew the missing trump. Hilary played off the A♣, K♣ and ruffed a club. A trump to dummy was followed by another club ruff, leaving dummy with



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two winning clubs. That took care of the diamond loser for thirteen tricks and +2210.

BARBARA TRAVIS WRITES AGAIN

Welcome Teams Round 4

Board: 2

Dealer: East

Vul: N/S

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Williams			
		1♠	2♦
P	P	X	3♦
3♥	P	4♥	All Pass

When Justin bid 3♥ freely it seemed he had a singleton ♠ and, hopefully, 5♥. My 4♥ bid was pushy but was validated by the play.

Lead: ♦ to the A. Q♥ returned to Justin's K♥. He led a spade to the A♠ and ruffed a spade (South playing Q♠). Next came a club to dummy's K♣ and another spade ruff. Another club towards dummy was won by the A♣. If North had now exited with a trump there would be no story – but North led another club. Now Justin trumped another spade with the J♥, then trumped a diamond to dummy.

The last spade saw North trumping (holding only 10 5 4 trumps). He had to lead a heart and dummy's A 8 took the last 2 tricks.

Seven Deadly Partnership Sins

In today's issue Blaine Howe talks about the final two of the Seven Deadly Partnership Sins.

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

6. Creating Bad Vibes

This is not suggesting you join the silly backslapping of many team sports but that you do not go out of your way to be negative. How often have you said or heard one of the following as your team gathers for a score up after a match:

“We were terrible.”

“We had two disasters.”

“I went down in two lay down games.”

Not only is this unnecessary but it erodes the confidence of the team as a whole (not to mention that of your poor partner) and the confidence of other players in you – I urge you to think about that. Just do the score-up and get on with the day. Some players seem to use as much energy in the post mortems at score-ups as they do during the match itself – this is not productive. In fact, the use of the term “post mortem” to describe how many players review their performance seems to have been particularly well chosen.

Jim Borin was at a national teams' event many years ago and his pair went for a postcode. At the score-up, however, it seems the board had been scrubbed at the other table. Jim took the entirely sensible position that it was not necessary to tell his teammates until after the event, so he temporarily buried the result.

If you cannot stop yourself and decide you have to confess to the sin immediately, at least do so with a sense of humour. Since when is one bad board a disaster anyway? Get a grip my old darlings...

7. Laziness

This is a tricky one but it is real. On a personal level, we can all play better bridge by being physically better prepared. Keep fit, eat well, drink plenty of water and get plenty of sleep.

In a partnership sense there is an expectation of a degree of commitment to the partnership that you need to keep up.

It doesn't matter what your level of commitment is, but you do need understand what it is and try to stick to it. Doing the right thing here is boring but it is very real – especially once you are past your first year as a unit.

You may be in a freewheeling partnership where you turn up with a bottle of wine under your belt even at nationals and just wing it at the table. But that's not you, right?

For those who want to do well you are expected to keep up certain standards. Some of the areas are:

1. Pay attention to your partner's signals.
2. Read and learn the system notes before big events.
3. Put enough effort into defending to get the most out of the cards they give you.
4. Occasionally have a system discussion and/or practice to keep your game ticking over between the big events – whether for your

partnership these are national, state or congress.

5. Turn up on time at the table to stop partner getting tense.
6. Help with the administration of entering events and the like.

When you get lazy and stop doing these things to the level partner expects (especially the one about looking at those pesky signals), your partnership is starting to slip. We don't want that do we?

Ed: Thank you Blaine, for your list, which I hope has been read by, not only new partnerships, but established ones too. It should be compulsory reading for any partnership.

HOW TO SNARE THE PAIRS – 3

by Peter Gill

ANC Pairs Session 1

Board 4

Dealer: West

Vul: Both

<p>♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ A J 7</p> <p>♠ A 10 ♥ K 10 5 4 ♦ K Q 6 4 ♣ 10 5 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 2 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q 9 6 4</p> <p>♠ J 4 3 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A 10 9 7 5 ♣ 8 3</p>
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West opened INT, passed out.

I led 5♠ to the 2 – and Boylson masterfully played the 3 – declarer winning 10♠.

Christine Boylson's unusual third hand low play had two ways to gain: (1) not setting up dummy's spades and (2) on a different layout, not giving dummy an entry to the clubs.

Winning 10♠, declarer played 2♣-J-Q-8, then a club to the 10, also ducked. With declarer unable to access dummy, we defeated the contract, +100 being a huge score. (For those who must know the details, A♣, diamond switch to Ace, diamond to K, heart exit to J, diamonds cleared.)

Steele Bishop

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HOW TO SNARE THE PAIRS – 4

by Peter Gill

ANC Pairs Session 2

Board: 6

Dealer: East

Vul: EW

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

At pairs, surely everyone would (should?) double with the South cards, North's 2♠ showed 12+, East offered us a penalty and Christine had the good sense to take the penalty instead of playing an awkward 4♥ contract. Declarer was endplayed in clubs for +500 (Q♥ lead, diamond to K♦ when in dummy). Personally I think that when one is caught speeding at *unfavourable vulnerability* (as East was), any demerit points should be doubled and deducted from your Bidding Licence.

AND WRAPPING IT UP - 5

ANC Pairs Session 2

Board 28

Dealer: W

Vul: NS

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

- (1) Weak
- (2) Transfer to 2♣
- (3) Take-out

On Board 28, East opened INT on a hand of dubious merit in third seat. The weak INT in 3rd seat is such a loser that many top Northern Hemisphere pairs play INT as weak except in 3rd seat where it is 15-17.

I should have led Q♣ (lead trumps vs low level doubled contracts) but actually I led A♥, switching to 3♦ to the K. Q♥ to my King, a third heart, Q♦ to my Ace, diamond exit, club to J & Q, club to K, J♠ to the Ace led to 300 to NS, but it would have been a less untidy defence on Q♣ lead.

So that's how to win a National Pairs event – some good play, and a few errors combined with a readiness to penalise those who bid too much.



Isabella Gorski & Sue Broad, just two of the many volunteers on the Hospitality Desk

**WHAT'S NEW AT
SUMMER FESTIVAL 2008**

Check out our website
www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

We are constantly adding more information but even at this stage there is a lot to see. Overwhelming demand has seen us put in place online entries. These are up and running now so feel free to use this facility as soon as you like!

Our accommodation page has an extensive list with more links still to be added. There is a new 5-star hotel opening soon near Manuka and details will be up soon.

We are going back to the familiar (and far more reliable) shuttle bus system in 2008. Two buses will rotate between the two venues and accommodation sites at the beginning and end of each session.

In keeping with player preference, evening sessions of play are being kept to a minimum. We are working on a list of dining options for you too!



Ian Thompson (ACT Open npc) & Simon Hinge (Vic Open)

**HANS G ROSENDORFF
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WOMEN'S TEAMS**

2007 National Women's Teams Event
Friday 28 September – Monday 1 October

Gold Points and PQPs

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
76 Waratah Ave, Dalkeith

Entry Fee: \$420 per team (inc GST)

Entries: www.bawa.asn.au

or

Convenor: Sheenagh Young 0409 381 439

Cocktail Party & Presentations Monday 5.00pm

**HANS G ROSENDORFF
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MEN'S SWISS PAIRS**

2007 National Men's Swiss Pairs Event
Sunday 30th September – Monday 1 October

Gold Points

Morning (9.30 am) and afternoon sessions

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
76 Waratah Ave, Dalkeith

Entry Fee: \$70.00 (inc GST)

Entries: www.bawa.asn.au

or

Convenor: Nigel Dutton 0419 043 926

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**VENUE: COUNTRY CLUB RESORT,
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***** WELCOME WALK-IN PAIRS ***
7.30 pm, Friday 5th October, 2007**



Sue Dry & Robin Burton



Lynne Errington & Jean Field



Audrey McCarthy & Mary Firth



**Nedlands Bridge Club
Sunday**

1 Day

Congress

29th July – open to all players

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RR2 – after 5 rounds
OPEN**

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	4	SA	184.1	282
2	3	ACT	180	233
3	2	QLD	140.1	214
4	1	VIC	109.9	136
5	5	NSW	42.7	43
6	6	NT	-163.6	-250
7	7	WA	-198.9	-242
8	8	TAS	-307.8	-419

WOMEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	WA	256.6	351
2	6	QLD	44.2	81
3	3	VIC	26.3	39
4	5	NSW	24.4	28
5	4	SA	-20	-20
6	2	NT	-20.9	-65
7	7	ACT	-84.3	-96
8	8	TAS	-234.7	-322

SENIORS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	SA	50.7	78
2	5	QLD	47.6	52
3	1	ACT	-1.5	-6
4	3	WA	-4.2	-33
5	6	NSW	-21.4	2
6	4	TAS	-31	-30
7	7	VIC	-40.5	-63

YOUTH

RR3 - after 2 rounds

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	NSW	266.6	557
2	2	SA	228.1	426
3	3	VIC	142.6	234
4	4	ACT	-131.1	-186
5	5	WA	-174.3	-369
6	6	Colts	-358.3	-662

APOLOGY

Apologies to David Lusk for omitting his name from the leading article yesterday "IF I WERE IN THE SENIORS I WOULD BE CHARGED WITH MURDER" & the two typos and to Nevena Djurovic for the incorrect spelling of her last name.

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

MACCABI BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

GOLD Section North/South

- 1 Jan Blight & Heather Williams 68.5%
- 2 Elizabeth Ross & Lisa Wylie 55.3%

GOLD Section East/West

- 1 Mary Johnston & John Clarke 59.3%
- 2 Sheil Gould & Kay Johnson 53.9%

PINK Section North/South

- 1 Richard Webb & Helen Dennis 65.3%
- 2 Jim Pinington & Allan Doig 54.2%

PINK Section East/West

- 1 Helen & Mike George 69.0%
- 2 Jill Sinel & Ken Todd 57.6%

NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

North/South

- 1 Egmont Melton & John Beddow 64.0%
- 2 Elsa Wilkins & Fred Barnes 59.7%
- 3 Ann Liebig & Ann Ohlsen 58.4%

East/West

- 1 Maurice O'Reilly & Abe Rosenstreich 60.8%
- 2 Richard Grenside & Ron Cooper 59.8%
- 3 Marion Jefferson & Tom Wheatley 57.8%

RACKET WORLD/LES CALCRAFT

SWISS TEAMS

- 1 N Cantatore, D Jones, J & K Wignall 86
- 2 A Sarten, S Tishler, A & S Richman 83
- 3 H Turner, G Yeo, M Abrahams, I Bailey 72



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