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AN ECLECTIC WIN

ANC Eclectic Pairs 4, Board 24, West deals, nil vulnerable

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

West declared 4♠, and North, Hashmat Ali, led a heart. South, Bal Krishan, took ♥A,Q, and then carefully exited with a safe ♦K, rather than make a risky club switch.

After winning ♦A, declarer drew trumps, then had to play the club suit himself. The percentage play is low to the queen. If the queen is captured by the king, then the second chance is to finesse ♣10. But with both club honours poorly placed for declarer, the percentage play fails. Instead, declarer tried the Chinese Finesse of running ♣10 from the closed hand. Ali alertly covered with ♣J to defeat 4♠.

But *Deep Finesse* says 4♠ makes! How is this so? *Deep Finesse*, after peeking at all four hands, eschews the percentage play in clubs. Instead, it eliminates the red suits before exiting with a club. Whichever defender wins the trick, they are end-played into conceding a club trick or a ruff and sluff.

Hashmat Ali and Bal Krishan won the Eclectic Pairs decisively,



Bal and Hashmat

THURSDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

ANC Open & Womens Butler Stage 2
ANC Seniors Butler
Hobart City Council Matchpoint Pairs (1)
Tas Restricted Prs I

2:00pm

ANC Open & Womens Butler Stage 2
ANC Seniors Butler
Hobart City Council Matchpoint Pairs (2)
Tas Restricted Prs II

5:30pm

Butler Presentation & Farewell Drinks

7:30pm

Farewell Champagne Pairs

with three second place session results plus a 66% first place in the final session.

Richard Hills

RECOVERY PLAY

Another pretty play eluded declarer in a simple A2♥ contract in Round 7 of the Seniors Butler:

Seniors Butler, Round 7, Board 10, East deals, all vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass



North led ♠5, declarer playing low from dummy, and South's ♠10 forced the ace.

Declarer played a club to North's nine, the queen and South's king, and South played a spade to his partner's king.

North, Richard Hills, exited with ♠5. Declarer won the ace and ran ♥10 to the king, ♥A and ♥3. He continued with ♥J, Hills holding off as South discarded a diamond.

Now declarer cashed ♦A and played ♥9, Hills winning ♥Q. ♦K was cashed, and on ♦J exit from Hills this was the four-card end position:

♠ —	♠ 8 6	♠ Q J 9
♥ 8 5	♥ 6	♥ —
♦ —	♦ J	♦ —
♣ 10 4	♣ —	♣ 7
	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ Q 10	
	♣ J 8	

If declarer had ruffed with ♥8 and exited with ♥5, a stepping stone to dummy would have been achieved. However, we can probably work out that declarer was not quite up to this. He won all his heart tricks, but lost both club tricks in the endgame for down one.

Richard Hills

TIM SERES HAND FROM THE 1973 INDIVIDUAL

East deals, all vulnerable

	♠ K 10 7 4		
	♥ 5 4		
	♦ 8 6 5		
	♣ A 8 4 3		
♠ A 9 8 5 2		♠ J	
♥ —		♥ A Q 10 9 6 2	
♦ K 4		♦ A J 7 3 2	
♣ K Q 10 9 7 6		♣ J	
	♠ Q 6 3		
	♥ K J 8 7 3		
	♦ Q 10 9		
	♣ 5 2		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All Pass

♥5 was led and Tim inserted ♥Q, covered by the king and ruffed in hand. A low trump to the jack was allowed to hold, and now ♥10 was led, declarer discarding a spade when South refused to cover. ♥2 was led, covered and ruffed with ♣Q and overruffed with ♣A. ♦8 shift ran to the king and a deluge of clubs followed, which squeezed South to a pulp.

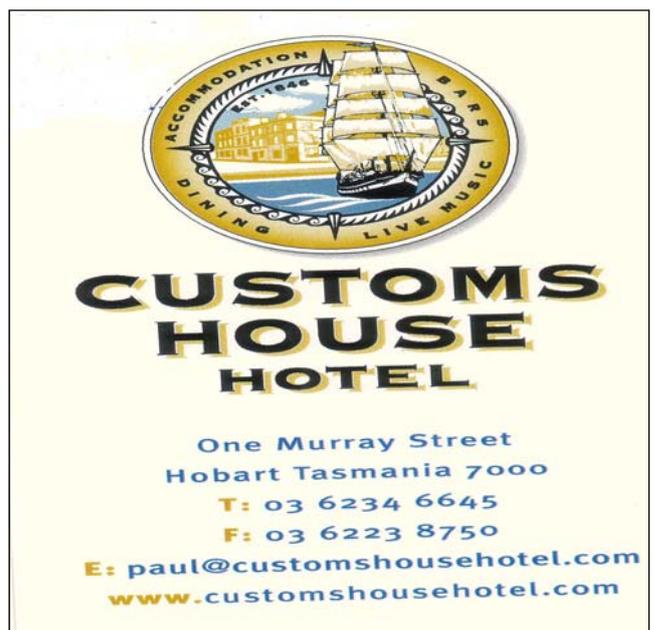
In the four-card ending, dummy held ♥A9 and ♦AJ, while South had to shed his spades to hold ♥J8 and ♦Q10. Now ♦A was cashed, and South thrown in with ♦Q to lead into the heart tenace for the contract.

For the record, here are the results of the 1973 Individual (then a popular event):

1. M Hopper (WA)
2. I Ozolins (Tas)
3. T Seres (NSW)
4. G Cuppaidge (Qld)
- 4=. R Klinger (NSW)
6. H Rosendorff (WA)
7. G Gilbert (SA)
- 7=. J Borin (Vic)
9. J Ashworth (WA)
10. K McNeil (SA)

And this was Keith McNeil's favourite event!

Both the ANC Open and Women's Teams were won by New South Wales in 1973.



NS N Djurovic, P Evans **V** EW N Giura, J Bates

Score : 177.0 Imps : 151.0 Place : 1

Board	Contract	Tricks	Score	Aver	Nett	NS Imps	EW Imps
1	1NTS	7	90	-20	110	3.0	-
2	5 ♦ S	12	620	160	460	10.0	-
3	3 ♥ N	7	-100	0	-100	-	3.0
4	6 ♠ E	12	-1430	-970	-460	-	10.0
5	2NTW	9	-150	-230	80	2.0	-
6	4 ♥ S	10	420	200	220	6.0	-
7	3 ♦ E	10	-130	-50	-80	-	2.0
8	3NTS	10	430	440	-10	-	-
9	1NTE	11	-210	-620	410	9.0	-
10	3NTS	8	-100	-150	50	2.0	-
11	2 ♦ N	8	90	70	20	1.0	-
12	1 ♥ W	7	-80	-30	-50	-	2.0
						33.0	17.0

WOMEN'S ROUND 9

I perched behind Pauline Evans as two forms of NSW Standard played each other. Board 1 came halfway through the match, and by this time I think Evans felt comfortable enough to be able to essay a slightly shaded INT overall on the South hand:

Women's Butler St. 2, Round 9, Bd. 1, North deals, nil vulnerable

<p>♠ K 9 ♥ J 10 7 6 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ J 8 5 2</p>	<p>♠ J 3 2 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ K 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 7 5 ♥ A K Q ♦ K 9 6 5 3 ♣ Q</p>	<p>♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ A 10 9 7</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bates	Djurovic	Giura	Evans
All Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT

Deep Finesse says NS can't make INT, but it looked pretty easy after Bates led her own suit, and Giura shifted to a spade after cashing her heart honours. Declarer's task is much harder on a diamond lead. Anyway, 3 IMPs to NS.



Pauline Evans, Jan Bates, Nevena Djurovic & Nicoletta Giura

On the next board, the NS pair bid aggressively to a vulnerable game which could not be beaten:

Women's Butler St. 2, Round 9, Bd. 2, East deals, NS vulnerable

♠ Q 7 4			
♥ 7 6 5 4 2			
♦ 8 7 5 2			
♣ A			
♠ A K 5 3		♠ J 9 8 2	
♥ Q 9 8		♥ K J 3	
♦ 10 9		♦ K 6	
♣ 9 7 3 2		♣ J 8 6 4	
♠ 10 6			
♥ A 10			
♦ A Q J 4 3			
♣ K Q 10 5			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bates	Djurovic	Giura	Evans
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦ ¹
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	3♦

1. 5+ diamonds

Although nominally Standard, Nevena and Pauline's style appears more Polish Club, with a strong notrump and 1♣ as short as a singleton. Djurovic accepted Evans' invitation, and there was not too much of a problem in the play when Bates started with ♠A before switching to ♦10, +620 and 10 IMPs to NS when the defence slopped a trick.

Women's Butler St. 2, Round 9, Bd. 3, South deals, EW vul.

♠ A J 8 6 3			
♥ 2			
♦ J 6 2			
♣ Q 8 7 3			
♠ K 9 5		♠ Q 10 2	
♥ Q 3		♥ 10 9 8 7	
♦ A K 9 7 4 3		♦ 8 5	
♣ 9 2		♣ K J 5 4	
♠ 7 4			
♥ A K J 6 5 4			
♦ Q 10			
♣ A 10 6			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bates	Djurovic	Giura	Evans
2♦	2♠ ¹	Pass	1♥
All Pass			3♥

1. Non-forcing

A good defence here would be to cash one top diamond, getting count from partner and shifting to a spade to knock out dummy's entry before ♦J is established. As declarer has bid their own suit over the non-forcing 2♠ bid, it would be unlucky to find you were leading around to a doubleton queen. To cater for that, however, maybe you

should shift to ♠K at trick two.

None of this happened, of course. Bates cashed two top diamonds, and then sacrificed one of her partner's trumps by playing a third round of diamonds. Declarer should have discarded her losing spade on this trick, but instead won ♥J, and now she was booked for one down—she actually went two down when she misplayed the clubs, cashing ace and playing a club towards dummy. An error-strewn board (sorry, ladies).

On the next board, EW got most of the IMPs for the match when Giura followed the principle "If it looks like a slam, bid a slam" after very reasonable preemption made it impossible to find out what she needed to know.

Women's Butler St. 2, Round 9, Bd. 4, West deals, all vulnerable

♠ —			
♥ 7 4			
♦ A J 10 9 8 6 3 2			
♣ A J 3			
♠ J 10 9 8 6 3		♠ A K Q 5 4	
♥ A K 8 2		♥ Q J 10 5 3	
♦ Q 5		♦ —	
♣ 9		♣ Q 10 5	
♠ 7 2			
♥ 9 6			
♦ K 7 4			
♣ K 8 7 6 4 2			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bates	Djurovic	Giura	Evans
1♠	4♦	6♠	All Pass

I like Djurovic's 4♦ bid—not too much, not too little. It is more likely that East would jump to 6♠ over a 5♦ bid. Bates's good hand evaluation in opening 1♠ earned EW 10 IMPs when she was able to ruff the second club, after ♣A lead and encouragement from Evans.

Board 6 was a puzzling 6 IMPs to NS for bidding a fairly standard heart game missed by the rest of the field, looking at the datum of +200 NS. In the Open field, the datum was about the same, and when I looked at the scores in the Open, many Norths must have opened a weak notrump in fourth seat, because of the doubleton spade.

Board 8 was a push at 3NT making, when the power of the Closed Hand meant it was hard for West to find a heart switch after starting with ♠J. The entire Women's field let 3NT make, when game should be down, either in 3NT or 5♦.

OPEN BUTLER AFTER 9 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	R Klinger, M Mullamphy	193	156
2	8	M McManus, M Ware	178	92
3	4	J Foster, D Weston	166	50
4	17	N Van Vucht, S Fischer	166	47
5	2	J Ebery, L Gold	162	43
6	13	M Abraham, G Ware	156	22
7	12	K Morrison, S Hinge	156	20
8	6	B Neill, N Griffiths	152	15
9	11	I Robinson, A Braithwaite	151	5
10	3	P Gumby, W Lazer	148	-6
11	7	P Gosney, N Edgtton	146	-8
12	16	A Pol, A Swider	145	-19
13	10	L Leibowitz, K Dyke	144	-9
14	5	D McLeish, H Grosvenor	141	-31
15	20	E Adams, D Beauchamp	139	-39
16	15	R Nixon, B Waters	138	-45
17	14	M Watts, M Wilkinson	134	-54
18	19	G Belonogov, E Kowalczyk	134	-57
19	9	P Lavings, T Leibowitz	132	-63
20	18	S Browne, A Burke	117	-119

The last big swing of the match was on the next deal, where I think hand evaluation was a major part of the EW loss:

Women's Butler St. 2, Round 9, Bd. 9, North deals, EW vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bates	Djurovic	Giura	Evans
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ ¹
Pass	Pass	1NT	All Pass

1. 1+ clubs

Giura has a stronger hand than many I've seen opened over the last couple of weeks, and it conforms to the Rule of 20 (HCP + number of cards in the two longest suits).

Bates should have at least invited, if partner can pass with a hand of this magnitude. After Evans led a passive ♦8, Giura wrapped up 11 tricks without losing a sweat to lose 9 IMPs, in a match won by the NS pair 33—17 IMPs.



WOMEN'S BUTLER AFTER 9 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	6	K Moses, N Bashar	190	137
2	2	N Djurovic, P Evans	188	136
3	1	S Lusk, T Tully	178	96
4	8	M Millar, G Tucker	163	46
5	9	M Bourke, P McLeish	159	35
6	14	T Cowie, J Masters	156	31
7	4	W Ashton, E Moskovsky	155	19
8	20	R Lachman, P Rankin	154	22
9	10	I Glanger, M Scudder	153	14
10	19	M Tildesley, J Eddie	148	-7
11	18	V Brockwell, W Boxall	146	-8
12	3	M Chadwick, T Sharp	146	-18
13	16	W Driscoll, S Futaesaku	142	-34
14	7	S Murray-White, P Schroor	140	-35
15	17	D Munro, C Gardiner	140	-41
16	5	H Lowry, B Folkard	133	-58
17	15	C Williams, C Chandler	132	-63
18	12	N Giura, J Bates	128	-83
19	11	M Yuill, A Mellings	124	-96
20	13	H Williams, S Pynt	120	-93

SENIORS BUTLER AFTER FIVE ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	10	L Varadi, E Urbach	99	84
2	2	B Richman, S Tishler	94.3	53
3	11	B Krishan, H Ali	90	53
4	1	G Bilski, N Strasser	85	10
5	7	G Rippon, T Davis	82	26
6	13	S Filler, D Tatham	79	10
7	4	G Bailey, K Bailey	77.3	-7
8	5	P Beck, D Chung	76	15
9	14	M Gibbs, J Scudder	71	-13
10	8	J Pettitt, A Meydan	70	-18
11	12	J Prince, R Prince	69	-25
12	9	M Draper, G Thomas	63	-41
13	6	N Burica, I Mansfield	59	-61
14	3	R Grenside, S Grenside	56.3	-86

SWISS PAIRS AFTER ROUND 8

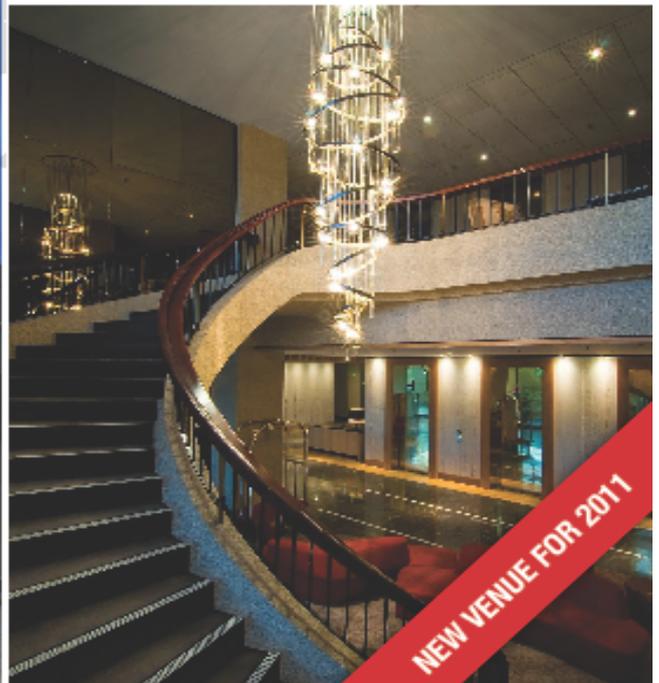
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	4	J Courtney, M Courtney	148	125
2	1	E Havas, N Ewart	147	144
3	2	R Hills, C Quail	140	88
4	7	E Samuel, J Fust	135	73
5	5	N Francis, A Maluish	134	44
6	9	K Wilks, R Broughton	132	41
7	19	A Kaszubski, C Arul	131	63
8	18	A Lockwood, B Lockwood	131	50
9	3	A Hegedus, A Mill	128	49
10	6	C Boylson, J Free	128	26
11	22	F Hickey, A Macmorran	127	27
12	8	B Williams, J Fantarella	125	13
13	12	D Marler, T O'Loughlin	124	8
14	16	B Nash, R Webb	122	8
15	29	P Beattie, R Watts	120	-4
16	30	C Bartonek, A Norton	120	-5
17	11	J Mann, V Badcock	116	-17
18	28	D Braun, S Harrison	114	-23
19	13	R Scott, C Patchett	113	-24
20	14	G Bezette, E Miller	113	-26
21	10	R More, D Happell	112	-28
22	27	M White, I Farmer	112	-37
23	23	M Crawford, M Gibbs	109	-39
24	21	G Cooper, P Timmins	107	-43
25	15	N Stedman, C Elliott	107	-48
26	20	R Rooke, V Fuglsang	101	-63
27	17	I Callahan, D Wyllie	100	-68
28	24	P Lidl, J Routley	98	-77
29	25	M Hawthorne, A Harmsen	93	-98
30	26	C Wyllie, M Staley	81	-141



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