

East opens, should South double or cue, etc.

Pepsi (Jacek Pszczola) made 6♠ from North after East opened 2♥, hearts and a minor.

He won the diamond lead, played the ace of trumps, then arranged to ruff a club with his remaining spade. Well played but East had a starring role. Without the 2♥ opening, 6♠ will probably fail.

The panel thought that East had a modern 1♥ opening. Paul Marston made parallels with the declining American Dollar "Al Roth set the bar at 14 HCP to open in the 1950s and it has been dropping ever since."

If East passes, the panel preferred a 1♠ opening, rather than 2♣.

There was some discussion on the (lack of) merit of Flannery. When someone asked whether all the panel knew Flannery, Marston responded "Is this an interview or an interrogation?"

I liked these two similar slams from Match 5.

Match 5, Bd 15

N/Nil ♠ AK1093
 ♥ AK8
 ♦ KQ9
 ♣ A2

♠ J ♠ Q62
 ♥ 1062 ♥ J954
 ♦ J432 ♦ 85
 ♣ 109875 ♣ KJ54

♠ 8754
 ♥ Q73
 ♦ A1076
 ♣ Q6

6♠/N is an excellent slam which many reached.

It's easy on a minor lead, interesting on a heart lead. You win the ♥A and play the top trumps. No luck so you try for four diamond tricks.

However, before you do that you should clear the hearts. Then comes ♦K-Q-another. Again no luck but you have one chance left – you ruff the last diamond and exit with a trump. East has to lead a club and the queen wins. Most satisfying.

Match 5, Bd 11

S/Nil ♠ Q
 ♥ 1053
 ♦ KJ98732
 ♣ Q2

♠ AK863 ♠ 10975
 ♥ AQ ♥ KJ2
 ♦ 5 ♦ A64
 ♣ AK1093 ♣ 654

♠ J42
 ♥ 98764
 ♦ Q10
 ♣ J87

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♣	3♦	Dbl	No
3♠	No	4♦/♠	No
4NT	No	5♦	Dbl
6♠	End		

This is a possible auction. West passes one test for a 2♣ opening – more quick tricks than losers, in case you've forgotten. When East shows values, West presses the button.

The play is straightforward. When the ♠Q falls under the ace, declarer crosses to the ♥K and runs the ♠10 with some confidence.

Without North's preempt, it's not so clear. The alternative is to play trumps from the top, while stripping the red suits. Then comes ♣A-K and a trump exit, hoping South has no clubs left. Not this time but a good try. ♠♥

Appeal 2

Seniors Final, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ K92
 ♥ AQ10872
 ♦ 82
 ♣ 82

♠ 864 ♠ A103
 ♥ 4 ♥ KJ95
 ♦ J96543 ♦ 107
 ♣ KQ5 ♣ 10963

♠ QJ75
 ♥ 63
 ♦ AKQ
 ♣ AJ74

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Millar	Lavings	J Millar	Krochmalik
Dbl ¹	Rdbl	No	2♣
No	4♥	Dbl	End

1 Systemically a 1-suited hand. Explained by East as penalty

Result: 4♥x -200.

Director (McIlrath): The directors believe that there had been no causative damage – North bid 4♥ freely. Further, the alternative of 3NT would be doubled for a likely one down.

Appellants: If double is explained as a 1-suiter, North should bid 3♥ – leading to 3NT – because a bad heart break is more likely.

Appeals Committee:

J Wignall (Chair), T Chadwick, C Snashall, M Prescott, G Ware

"Ruling upheld by majority decision. The table result was *rub of the green*. No change is justified."



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Meet the Jackmans

Wynne Webber

Tony Jackman was at the first GCC in 1962 and has been to all but one. With George McCutcheon, Harold Hiley, Bob Williams and Bruce Meares, he won that first final against Tim Seres and Dick Cummings, playing with Ron McIntosh and Jim Waugh from South Australia.

Clare has been here with Tony since 1965, first as a player and then, for the last 18 years, as Floor Manager and Ms Fix-it.

The GCC is quite a Jackman family affair. Clare's sister, Marj Jabore, is Floor Manager at the GCI. Son Tim is head caddy at the ANA. Daughter Jenny played regularly until the demands of a young family pushed bridge down the priority list.

Under Tony and Clare's care, the GCC has built in strength and numbers, staying true to its original aim of becoming Australia's holiday bridge event. Their knowledge of the personalities of Australian bridge over the past 40 years makes them National Bridge Treasures.

Tony began playing bridge in 1958. He was at the University of Queensland studying Medicine, poker and 500 when Verna Graham's son Tony came to the daily game and said "Mum taught me a new game last night. We should give it a try."

With bidding flipper in hand, Tony Jackman – bridge player – was on his way. After completing five years of his degree, he decided doctoring wasn't for him and left to work as a rep for a pharmaceutical company. He was "a drug pusher for five

years" including one year in Sydney, much of it spent in the back room of Double Bay Bridge Club with Tim, Dick and such like-minded souls.

Tony later moved into computer programming. Clare and Tony married in 1965 and have three children – Jenny, Christine and Tim. On the night in 1968 that Jenny was born, Tony was playing with Denis Priest in the Butler Trials to select the Australian team for the Deauville Olympiad. They were leading at the time. Tony's father rang at 1am to tell him

never won the Pairs but is King of the Plate, winning six times with six different partners.

Clare is a trained nurse who now works for a pathology company. She met Tony while staying with one of her three sisters in the nurses' quarters at the Mackay Base Hospital. The sisters have always been close – they regard the *Four Sisters* wine label as their own – a reminder of all the good times they have had together.



Tony, Marj, Tim & Clare

of the birth and that mother and baby were fine. Denis and Tony quietly celebrated the birth but, sadly, promptly dropped to fifth place the next day.

Bridge has always been Tony's main recreation but playing golf and watching cricket and rugby are damn important too. He won the McCutcheon Trophy in 1972 – the first Queenslander to do so – and has been on the winning team at the GCC seven times. Oddly, he has

Marj is now becoming a fixture at the GCI venue, bringing the sisters' style and efficiency to the task. Perhaps Clare and Marj will be able to play more and work less some day.

Tim Jackman is caddying for the 11th time this year. He has had one game of bridge in his life. Partnered by Peter Gill, he won

the *Fraser Island Fingerbowl*, a rare and exotic trophy. He feels he can now safely rest on his laurels and continue on his mission to save the world with Rock and Roll. This year he begins studies of Jazz Vocal at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

And so, here they are, the Jackmans – a vital part of the history of the GCC. ♦♥

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Will Keith be so popular afterwards?

Judge for yourself at 7.30 tonight on the balcony at Level 2 ANA.

Consolable winners

These pairs, who won a finals section, will have \$200 cheques waiting for them at Level 2 ANA on Friday afternoon. Cash also for pairs who came **2nd or 3rd** in their section.

Open

A Con A Delivera - L Godfrey
 B Con N Hughes - N Giura
 C Con P & R Jamieson
 D Con K Crowe-Mai - D Weston
 E Con T Lange - S Spurway
 F Con B & G Palmer
 G Con B Krost - R Sharp
 H Con B Cleaver - C Currey

Restricted

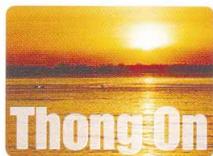
A Con R Warnock - Y Oswald
 B Con K Moschner - P Wells
 C Con S Solo - H Kruse
 D Con J Berry - C Cooke

Senior

A Con M Solar - A Balog

Wednesday Walk-in winners

L Edrich - J Lovell
 J Williams - P Gosney



There is no denying that the Phaic Tanese have had a long history of bloodshed and

violence. In an attempt to kerb these warlike tendencies, the Government experimented some years back with adding oestrogen to the nation's water supply, a move that resulted in a slight drop in violent crime rates but a massive increase in the formation of book clubs. The scheme has to be abandoned, however, when a 37-year-old fireman from Pattaponga took out first prize in the Miss Phaic Tan beauty pageant.

Flora

Years of warfare and civil unrest have left their mark on Phaic Tan. Until recently its floral emblem was defined as 'any shrub that could provide cover during ambush'. These days the official flower is of course the wilting orchid known officially as *Suahm* in honour of her Majesty the Queen with whom it is said to share many qualities, such as beauty, grace and difficulties retaining moisture.

Hospitality

The remaining hospitality session as at GCI today, Thursday. At the end of the second afternoon session, around 7pm.

Dinner Dance

You can collect tickets from Level 2 ANA after 5pm on Friday.

Close Shave

Keith's close shave will be performed on the balcony outside Level 2 of the ANA at 7.30 tonight, so postpone that barbecue.

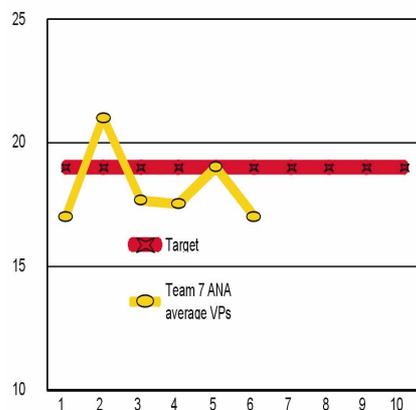
If half the men at the congress - including the Editor - had their heads shaved, few would notice.

Caddies

The Surfers caddies are the best in Australia, as we know. Each year they get even better. Our section always received the boards in sequence, placed quietly on the table. No need to call for help, or go searching. They really have it down to a fine art.



Some would say that his tshirt (hope you can read it) reflects the problem with Australian bridge.



It looks grim for Team 7 ANA after a 7 in Match 6. We are well below the run rate, not playing well, haven't played any seeds. You could offer us 33-1 with confidence.

Surround Play

The Wurth brothers - David and Jonathan - are always on the lookout for suits and hands with a textbook cardplay theme. David spotted this one from the pairs:

Pairs 2, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ K 6 3
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ J 9 3
 ♣ Q 8 6

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

♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ K Q 2
 ♣ J 7 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	No	1♥	No
1NT	End		

North guesses to lead a diamond to South's queen. Then the ♠10 should hit the table.



Riddle answer

Always old, sometimes new,
 never sad, sometimes blue.
 Never empty, sometimes full,
 never pushes, always pulls.
 What am I?

The moon

Contacting the Editors

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one, throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box or hand it to a passing director.

We'll be in the ANA bar for half an hour after each session.