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The top 2 teams after the round robin will go into the Final today. (there IS a carry forward).

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1st	17	D MOIR, J HAY, H PITT, R NAILAND	262
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NORTH-SOUTH

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EAST-WEST

1st	D BEAUCHAMP - A PEAKE	3252
2nd	M HUGHES - B NEILL	3174
3rd	G COALES - R MILWARD	3111
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Due to a clerical error the final results printed in yesterday's NOT NEWS for the National Seniors Temas were actually the results after Round 8.

The FINAL results are below. We apologise for the mistake.

National Seniors Teams Final Results (61 teams)

1st	1	N MOSES, J BROCKWELL, J ASHWORTH, J MOTTRAM	186
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NOT NEWS on the NET

The NOT NEWS team apologises to all those people who have been looking for the bulletins online and having no luck. Due to an unforeseeable problem we have not been able to publish the bulletins at the previous URL:
<http://www.abf.com.au>

However, we have been able to successfully upload our NOT NEWS to this URL:

<http://www.one.net.au/notnews/>

You **will** be able to find them there!!!

NEVER SAY NEVER

by Peter Jamieson

Session 9 Board 3

Dealer South E/W vul

♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ K J

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

♠ Q 7
♥ Q 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 8 6 3
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

My wife Ruth was West and her partner was Anne Powell.

They play Acol. At her 4th turn to bid Ruth had to choose between 3♠, 3♥ and 4♣ none of which were appealing. She chose 3♥ hoping Anne would bid 3NT or perhaps 4♣. No such luck and Ruth had to practice (unwillingly) her Moysian skills.

♦2 was led and as Ruth inspected the dummy she was thinking "I'll never make this contract".

♦A necessarily won the first trick. Clearly clubs had to be 2-2 for this contract to have much chance so Ruth called for ♣2 from dummy. South decided to rise ♣A and then exited with ♣9 (? ?) which partner won with her king.

North played a diamond –ruffed with ♥9. The best play now is ♥A followed by ♥K (maybe ♥Q is doubleton) . ♥Q does not appear so now you need 3-3 hearts.

You exit with ♥10 to South's queen, ruff the diamond exit and hope to guess the spades. South looks to have 2 3 6 2 shape and the odds favour the ♠Q to be with the spade length so you would

finesse and go down the gurgler.

However Ruth decided on a different line at trick 4. She played ♥J and "ran" it successfully.

It was now essential for ♠Q to be doubleton. Ruth cashed ♥A then played ♠A, then ♠K and ♠J which was ruffed by South's queen. Ruth ruffed the diamond exit, drew the last trump and crossed to ♣Q for +620.

The defence should have continued diamonds at Trick 3 giving Ruth options : (a) ruff in dummy to play another club etc or (b) discarding (!) dummy's ♠J and hope to guess the location of ♥Q.

I suspect both Ruth and Anne may have had too much wine at dinner or maybe they had dose of "last rounditis".

But the moral of this story appears to be "Never say Never!"

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

OPENING LEAD PROBLEM

The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣			

You hold as North:

♠ 8 7 6 3 ♥10 ♦ Q J 8 5 3 2 ♣ 5 4

What do you lead and why ?

Answer page 3

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

HAND FROM THE PAST

Declarer Play Technique

Dealer North, All Vul

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

You have to make 4♠ as West with

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

♦K is led and you ruff.

Plan your play.

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♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

Free Entry to NOT 2000

.. .. will go to the winner of the ABF's

Annual Brilliancy Prize

for the best hand reported in the NOT NEWS!

You have to be in it to win it. So PLEASE report all good hands to us whether it was your good bridge or partner or even an opponent!

Table Tally

Friday 16th Jan: 1832

Saturday 17th Jan: 2073

FROM THE SENIORS

by Willie Jago

You hold: ♠ 9, ♥ J 10 8 7 4, ♦ K 7 6, ♣ Q 7 6 2 and the auction goes:

Partner	You
1NT (1)	2♦ (2)
3♥ (3)	?

- (1) 15 - 17
(2) Transfer
(3) Superaccept showing 4 hearts and 15 HCP

Did you bid 4♥ with this 6 count?

Well, if you did, you would've got rewarded with a 12 IMP swing.

I held the North hand and my partner (Pearl Jago) took me to the improbable game.

Session 5, Brd 3

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

I got the lead of the ♠7, cashed the ♥A (dropping the K) and as the cards lie rolled in 11 tricks. At the other table, our partners played in a spade partial for + 170 and 12 imps to us.

Nine card fits are very powerful and are one of the aspects of the Law of Total Tricks explained by Larry Cohen. A general rule is to add 3 point to your total whenever you can diagnose a 9-card fit. On this deal, you have 2 1 HCP and 24 total points. But, with a double fit (clubs) and a shape feature the trick total upgrades. A lucky lie of the cards favours the dictum of bidding thin games at Teams. Incidentally the scheme we use for super-accepts is:

1NT - 2♦

2♥ = 15-17 with 2 or 3 hearts (compulsory)

3♥ = 15 with four hearts

2NT = 17 with four hearts

With 16 HCP, make a judgement decision.

Ed. Willie Jago from Melbourne has written two books. One on his MOST system, mentioned in Not News #2 and "Team Tactics of Bridge" which is available from the Book Shop)

ANSWER TO OPENING LEAD PROBLEM

by Marcia Scudder

Session 9 Brd 1

How do you fancy your chances in 6♣ on the East - West cards?

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

Looks good? You pitch two spades on ♦ A and ♦ K and ruff the diamond and spade and lose only one heart trick.

But my partner, Inez Glanger, led a club and after ♦A, ♦K and ♦ ruff, ♠A declarer led a 2 of hearts which went 3 (!), 4, 10. Partner was now able to lead a second club to leave declarer a trick short.

The double dummy counter measure, of course, is to lead ♥Q off the board so that the second club can't be played!

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

NOT NEWS recieved another contribution on this same hand (Session 9, Brd 1). Here it is:

"BID EM UP"

by Colin Mitchell

Peter Berzins and I, having sat East - West throughout the Seniors Teams, played board one as the third last board of our last match. Up to this point we had bid only one slam, which did not make. After many (humorous and derogatory) comments from our team mates, Ross Folkard and Robert Milward, about this aspect of our game. It appeared to me that this hand might be our last chance to bid and make a slam, nullify the comments, perhaps, and draw something more complimen-

tary in the way of a performance rating.

The bidding proceeded:

North	East	South	West
Pass	2♦ (1)	Pass	2NT (2)
Pass	3♣ (3)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣ (4)

(1) Multi two showing a weak 2 in ♠ or ♥, or 19 - 21 balanced, or strong 3 in ♣/♦

(2) Strong enquiry

(3) 'Good' weak 2 in hearts

(4) I hope he has the spade ace!

After a heart lead South played a diamond. The play was then straightforward - A♦ and K♦ discarding two spades, ruff a diamond high, ruff a heart high and claim.

The slam was not bid at the other table after a 3♥ opening by East.

Our partner's did say "Well done" but we did not receive the expected effusive accolades!

Walk In Results January 16th

Afternoon Session (3 sections)

North - South

- 1st: E. Hurley, J. Brown
2nd: M Furness, E. Clode
3rd: L. McCulloch, R. Wydell

East - West

- 1st: A. Small, A Milovanovic
2nd: G. Feiler, J. Feiler
3rd: T. Wells, K. Colbert

North - South

- 1st: H. De Jong, C. Tyrmand
2nd: H. Ali, R. Hills
3rd: P. Thein, G. Jureidini

East - West

- 1st: K. Rishan, M. Dey
2nd: L. Cossar, J. Willis
3rd: J. Jones, H. Wardrop

North - South

- 1st: G. Finikiotis, A. Marshall
2nd: A. Covasseur, V. Hardie
3rd: I. Wallace, M. Robertson

East - West

- 1st: Z. Slotwinski, J. Abel
2nd: S. Cooper, J. Young
3rd: T. Strong, R. Morey

ANSWER TO "HAND FROM THE PAST"

This hand comes from the very first issue of Australian Bridge Magazine in February 1970. Roelof Smilde reported on the performance of the 1969 Australian Open Team at the Far East Bridge Championships.

This tricky hand was played successfully by Wally Scott.

vs JAPAN

North Dealer, All Vulnerable

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

"Both East-West pairs reached 4♠ after North had opened 1♦, but only the Australian declarer, Wally Scott, made the contract. The hand looks deceptively simple. After the ♦K lead is ruffed, the only losers appear to be one heart, one spade and one club. Despite this, the hand is difficult to make, but impossible to defend. Stop at this point to plan your play.

If you play to ruff the third heart, you can no longer give up a diamond trick; thus when South wins the small heart lead to dummy's queen, declarer must ruff the diamond return, or he will lose four tricks. When the spade is finessed, after ruffing the third heart, North plays the ♦K. Declarer is shortened in each hand and South produces the setting trick with his third trump.

Scott saw this problem so he ruffed the diamond lead with the ♠J and played a small trump towards dummy's ten. North must win and all is lost. If he returns a trump, declarer clears trumps,

ending in dummy and runs the diamond queen, throwing a heart from hand and making ten tricks.

If North exits with the ♥J, this is ducked all round: now the third heart can be ruffed and the contract made. Should North exit with a small heart, the queen is played, covered by South and taken by declarer who promptly shoves North in again with the ♥J. This was good dummy play by Scott.

In the other room the Japanese declarer, the famous ace-king-ten (his name is AKIO), saw the pitfall of the heart play, but elected to finesse the spade by entering dummy with the ♠A. My trump return was won in dummy and he put me back in with the third round of clubs. I exited with the ♥3 to the queen and Tim's king, which was allowed to hold; now the third trump broke the contract. Had Akio won the king and returned a heart, he must make his contract, whether I now play a top diamond or a small one: at that stage I only have diamonds left.

A mournful hand for the defence: death from a heart blockage."

Ed Wally Scott won the National Open Teams in 1979 with team mates Tim Bourke, Jeff Lathbury, Paula Schroor and Robbie Van Riel. In 1999 his team is Val Cummings, Matt Mullamphy, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer with Anthony Silver as his partner. They are seeded seventh at the National Convention Centre (NCC) and figure to be on the NCC top ten leader board most of the time. Gumby - Lazer won the NOT a few years ago and won the AOP in 1998. Val and Wally have won the Gold Coast Teams on several occasions. Scott - Silver came 3rd in the Mercury Swiss Pairs in Hobart last year (won by Marston - Mayer) This is a very experienced and savvy team. Can they go all the way? We will have to wait and see!

IT'S SQUEEZE TIME

Session 9 Board 12

Dealer W N/S vul

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

West	North	East	South
1NT(1)	Pass	2♦(2)	Pass
2♥	3♦	3NT	Pass
4♥	All pass		

(1) Therese Tully's 1NT was 12-14
(2) Sue Lusk's 2♦ was a transfer to hearts

♦A was led and Q♦ continued, K, ruffed by South.

♠K went to ♠A and declarer's club exit was won by the jack.

♦J was ruffed by Therese in her hand to ruff a club.

The position was now

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

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Therese now played out all the trumps and on the last one South was squeezed. ...she had to keep ♠Q so Therese now made three spade tricks for her contract and +420.

Therese Tully was a member of the Australian Womens Bridge Team that went to Kobe in 1998. This was not a hard problem for her but nevertheless, executing these plays successfully is always very tasty.

Well done Therese!

This is the first genuine squeeze reported to NOT NEWS 1999 so this seems a good moment to slip in a bit of "serious trivia".

Question: How many different types of squeezes do think NOT NEWS was able to identify in "The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge"

Answer and details on page 7 under "BRIDGE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ" !

Another story on this same hand was reported to NOT NEWS by Les Varadi from over at the Hyatt Hotel in the Seniors.

Les Varadi (West) and Giselle Varadi (East) were playing against Eric and Zara Moskow and the same 4♥ contract was reached by East after North had overcalled in diamonds.

South led her singleton 10 of diamonds to the ace and the ♦Q was covered by the K and ruffed. But now Zara Moskow exited with the spade 5!

East won the king and played 10♣, Q♣, A♣, 4♣. Now West played 3♣, J♣, 8♣, 2♣. The defence played another spade which Giselle won with the ace. She could still ruff a club as Therese Tully did to isolate the menace, but the entry position had been destroyed by the defence's spade plays and the squeeze could not operate so Giselle had to go -100.

Well done Eric and Zara Moskow!



"THE FORDHAM HAND"

The following hand played by Peter Fordham against Don Evans and Paul Lavings was a worthy candidate for the 1979 Hand of the Year Award:

Dealer West: Both Vulnerable

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	X	XX	2♥
X	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

A low spade is won by South's ace and the ♠Q wins trick 2. How should West plan the play?

See below for "answer". Don't go looking before you have thought about it!

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

♠ J 9 6 5
♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ A J
♣ A Q 7

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

♠ A 8 7 3
♥ 9
♦ K 9 8 5 2
♣ 9 6 5

This article was written by Ron Klinger in 1979 and appears in the Australian Bridge magazine of which he was editor at the time.

"West plays 4♥ after a take-out double by North and spade bids by South and North. North leads a low spade to South's ace and the spade return is won by the queen.

With three top losers West must avoid losing more than one club trick. Thus the ♠Q will need to be with North but unless North has A-Q doubleton or South the nine-doubleton and declarer picks it, declarer has a tough time. It is not sufficient to draw trumps and lead the ♠J as the cards lie. If North ducked or covered with the Q, this would work, but North could simply rise with the ace

and leave West with a second club loser.

Fordham found a beautiful play: At trick 3 he led a diamond won by North's jack. The trump switch was won by the jack and a diamond was ruffed, a second heart went to the king and another diamond was ruffed.

On this trick North was in fact squeezed. He could not afford to reduce his clubs to A-Q doubleton and an undertrick would merely delay the evil day, so he threw a spade. This was the end position:

♠ J
♥ 6 4
♦ -
♣ A Q 7

♠ K	♠ -
♥ A Q	♥ -
♦ -	♦ Q 10
♣ J 10 8	♣ K 4 3 2

♠ 8
♥ -
♦ K 9
♣ 9 6 5

Fordham now drew North's trumps, cashed the ♠K *stripping North of any exit* and led the ♣J. North could not avoid giving declarer two tricks. In practice he covered with the queen, the king won and the 8 was finessed on the way back. Rising with the ace would not help North now as he would have to return a club anyway.

It is worth noting that had Fordham cashed the ♠K earlier and then attempted to ruff diamonds in the hope of dropping the A-K three times, North could have discarded a club on the third round of diamonds. Then if declarer drew trumps North would have ♣A and a spade winner to cash if West played clubs before drawing all of North's trumps, North could win ♣A and force declarer with a spade setting up a trump trick for North.

The hand is a fascinating study. It appears that the spade lead is costly but see what happens on a trump lead. West overtakes dummy's honour and leads a diamond. North wins the ace (if not South wins and must return a diamond), dummy wins the next trump, the ♦Q-K-ruff pins the ♦J, trumps are drawn and the ♠J lead endplays North after all."

UK bridge expert and prolific writer of bridge books, David Bird, will be following the SWPT and NOT on the Internet.

He is in regular email contact with Tim Bourke and at Tim's request, David has sent NOT NEWS 1999 an article for your enjoyment.

"MISSING MAESTRO"

by David Bird

My wife Thelma and I greatly enjoyed attending the Summer Bridge Festival four years ago. A highlight for me was the chance to watch the great Tim Seres in action. I had read of his masterly cardplay in bridge magazines and world championship bulletins, but here he was in the flesh. I was not disappointed! In the match I watched, Tim's team smashed their all-star opponents (including such big names as Ron Klinger and Phillip Adler) by around 60 IMP's.

Disappointingly for those at the Festival this year, Tim has not made the trip. No health problems, I am assured. Some big horse-race meetings have claimed his attention. To plug the gap, let's look at one of Tim's many famous

hands.

Back in the early 1960's (when I was a teenager, struggling with my maths homework), Tim was competing in the Far East Championships. He sat South on this deal:

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

West	North	East	South
	Smilde	Seres	
2♥	4♦	X	1♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

If East's first double was for penalties, as it seems, it is unclear why North-South continued to bid. West led the ace of spades, which was not so help-

ful to declarer as the ace of hearts was chosen at other tables. Seres won the club switch with the bare ace. East's two doubles suggested that the trumps would be stacked.

Seres therefore continued with a low trump to the 8 and East's 9. He ruffed the heart switch in dummy and led 10 of trumps, covered by the queen and ace. He then returned to dummy with a spade, discarded a heart on the king of clubs, and ruffed a club. These cards remained:

♠ 8		♠ 9
♥ A J 9 8		♥ Q 10
♦ -		♦ J 6
♣ -		♣ -
	♠ J 10	
	♥ K	
	♦ K 7	
	♣ -	

Seres ruffed the king of hearts and proceeded to play good clubs through East. Whether or not East ruffed at any stage, he would not score another trick. Another big number was entered into the Seres plus column.

They say that lightning does not strike twice. But in a recent Abbot story of mine, in England's Bridge Magazine, Brother Lucius managed to make 5♦X on exactly the same lay-out. An amazing coincidence!

Top Ten Seeds for the National Open Teams

Rydes Hotel Canberra

- 1 S. Szenberg, J. Zaremba, M. Zaremba, M. Borewicz, E. Otvosi, A Reiner
- 2 A. Braithwaite, M. Ware, S. Lester, M. McManus, K. Dyke, R. Klinger
- 3 J. Roberts, B. Glubok, P. Newman, M. Thomson
- 4 T. Chadwick, D. Beauchamp, B. Jacobs, B. Thompson
- 5 B. Noble, T. Brown, G. Bilski, P. Gue, A. Peake
- 6 S. Konig, J. Wallis, G. Cuppidge, A. Bach
- 7 I. McCance, F. Beale, D. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, G. Kilvington, R. VanRiel
- 8 N. Ewart, E. Havas, I. Robinson, I. Thomson, A. Clark, P. Rogers
- 9 E. Ramshaw, L. Beech, R. Gallus, M. Bourke, D. Beckett, J. Thompson
- 10 P. Sherman, E. Urbach, H. Christie, G. Pocock

National Convention Centre

- 1 P. Marston, M. Mayer, P. Reynolds, N. Rosendorff, P. Smith, P. Yovich
- 2 J. Rothfield, C. Rothfield, S. Browne, R. Bagchi, B. Richman, I. Del'Monte
- 3 B. Neill, M. Hughes, P. Fordham, A. Walsh, B. McDonald, S. Lusk
- 4 J. Haffer, P. Markey, G. Smolanko, D. Middleton
- 5 D. Stern, R. Grynberg, K. Morrison, M. Chadwick, E. Erichsen, D. Horton
- 6 S. Burgess, T. Lloyd, T. Taylor, T. McVeigh, A. Wilsmore, G. Kozakos
- 7 V. Cummings, M. Mullamphy, P. Gumby, W. Lazer, W. Scott, A. Silver
- 8 R. Dalley, P. Lavings, B. Bedkoher, R. Krochmalik
- 9 J. Newman, B. Evans, P. Buchen, P. Wyer, Z. Nagy, W. Malaczynski
- 10 G. Sargent, P. Popp, P. Hudson, R. Januszke

Mixed Pairs Top Ten Final Results (66 Pairs)

- 1st C. Snashall - H Snashall
2026
- 2nd J. Del Piccolo - L. Calcraft
2014
- 3rd L. Varadi - G. Varadi
1980
- 4th K. Dougall - A. Dougall
1957
- 5th K. Robb - M. Ware
1950
- 6th K. Daws - C. Schwabegger
1945
- 7th B. Colpitts - Z. Dreher
1926
- 8th G. Peston - R. Dawalibi
1921
- 9th J. Rothwell - L. Marks
1861
- 10th P. Brennan - M. Brennan
1838

BRIDGE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

ABOUT SQUEEZES

Believe it or not, NOT NEWS counted 42 squeezes in the Bridge Encyclopedia!

They all have either a generic descriptive name (such as "double squeeze") or an "inventor" or "discoverer's" name.

Here is the list in no particular order—just add the word squeeze to each one

AUTOMATIC, BACKWASH, BARCO ALTERNATE, AUTOMATIC-REPEATED, BONNEY'S, CLASH, COMPOUND, COUNT, DOUBLE COMPOUND -DOUBLE, ENTRY-SHIFTING, TRUMP, GUARD, HEDGEHOG, COMPOUND-TRUMP, HEXAGON, KNOCKOUT, NON-MATERIAL, OCTAGONAL-TWO TRICK.....

Hi! how is it going? NOT NEWS is concerned for your eyesight and your memory powers so please take short break and maybe jot down your interim total right here ?.....

OK – back to work now :

.....POSITIONAL, HEXAGON-TRUMP, OVERTAKING, SERES, PROGRESSIVE, PSEUDO, RECIPROCAL, SCHROEDER, SECONDARY, SHOW-UP, TRIPLE, SUICIDE, THROW-IN, TRANSFER, WINKLE, VICE, SQUEEZE -FINESSE, STEPPINGSTONE, CRISSCROSS and last but not least CANNIBAL.

Just to see if you have been concentrating, one squeeze has been deliberately left out. What is it ?

While you are checking and or thinking, did you notice the SERES squeeze? That was discovered by Australia's most famous player, Tim Seres. If you want details, look up the Bridge Encyclopedia under SERES SQUEEZE.

OK, it was a trick question! The squeeze not listed above is the squeeze that many of you readers have executed more than once in your bridge playing careers.....yes it was

the SIMPLE squeeze. GOTCHA?

The squeeze Therese Tully executed was a simple squeeze which required isolating the club menace before it would operate. Since the defence had already won three tricks, the count had already been rectified.

One last itemyour editor was browsing the some books on display at the Post Free Bookshop which is positioned opposite the lifts on Level 1 at Rydges. One book "Bridge: The Ultimate Limits" by Ed Mansfield published in 1986, has some really tough hands and NOT NEWS plans to present a few hands from it next week. This may make your head really spin. . . on page 162 the author describes a "Repeating Squeeze Requiring Four-fold Menace Transfer". Yeek !

ED If you are planning to win the SWPT or play for your State it is possible, but only just, to do so without a decent Squeeze Technique. But it would pay you to read and re-read one or two chapters (or preferably books) on squeezes every 12 months or so just in case you need to make an impossible looking game or slam to win the tournament !



"A SUPRISE RESULT"

by Tim Bourke

In some auctions you seem caught between a rock and a hard place where none of the alternatives seem palatable. Margaret Bourke found herself in such a position on Board 3 from Round 6:

♠ K J 9 7 5
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 4 3
♣ A 7 6

♠ A 10 3
♥ J 8 4
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ Q 8 5

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A K 9 6
♣ 10 4 3

♠ 6 2
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ K J 9 2

South, Lidia Beech opened 1♥. North, Margaret Bourke responded 1♠. South's 2♣ rebid, left Margaret with unpleasant choices; an underbid of 2♥, a misdescription of 2♠ or the slight overbid of 2NT. When she chose the last, Lidia had little option other than raising to game.

East led ♦6 and, after surveying dummy, Margaret consoled herself with the knowledge that the expected undertricks were only at 50 points a time. The dismal prospects improved only a little when East produced ♦10 and she won with ♦Q. They were bolstered further when both defenders followed to dummy's 3 top hearts. She had 8 top tricks now, and the contract seemed to depend either on East holding the ♠Q or making a winning guess in spades. The diamonds appeared to be 4-4 originally based on ♦6 lead.

The fourth and fifth hearts were cashed, West discarding a spade and a diamond and East 2 clubs. Now Margaret correctly judged the location of both black suit queens, ♠Q with East, and the ♣Q with West. As a result she cashed the ♣K and, after East followed with the ♣10 finessed West's ♣Q. A club to the ace brought the discard of the ♦9 from West allowing Margaret to exit with a diamond and so make ♠K at trick 13 for a surprising +430.



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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

- 1957** - Invention of the negative double by Alvin Roth and Tobias Stone. Initially this double was known as a "Sputnik" double.
- 1958** - Tim Seres and Richard Cummings make their international debut at Juan-Les-Pins; in a star studded field of 192 pairs they finished 28th. That European tour included 10 other tournaments and their results included three 1sts and four 2nds (This item taken from Cathy Chua's "History of Australian Bridge 1930-1990" published in 1993).
- 1959** - First edition of "5 Weeks To Winning Bridge" by Alfred P Scheinwold one of the best "How To Play" type books ever written on how to play bridge.
 - Oswald Jacoby invents transfer bids over 1NT (including simple "super accepts")
- 1960** - First World Bridge Olympiad held in Turin
- 1964** - First edition of "Official Encyclopedia of Bridge"
- 1965** - First Edition of "Bridge in the Menagerie" by Victor Mollo.
- 1968** - American millionaire amateur bridge player Ira Corn forms the "Aces", a group of full time professional bridge players. Originally Corn was the sixth player in the team but in 1969 he recruited Bob Hamman and became non playing captain. The other Aces in 1969 were Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence and Robert Wolff.

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NOT NEWS is pleased to report that the flow of contributions by you players has built up after a very slow start. Its good to see everyone getting into the swing of things. We assume that inhibitions are lowered due to good dinner and wine, adrenalin or in some cases just plain tiredness.

The following story was in one of our contribution boxes on Friday night.

“Sad Sad Tale” by Anonymous. Board 9 in session 9 was dealer North , E/W vulnerable. South was looking at K AQ652 A6 AKQJ9 and thinking“What a wonderful world etc” and opened the auction with the partnerships BIG BID of 2C. Do you see the problem?

This was an opening bid out of turn. The director was called. West would not accept the bid out of turn. Accordingly, as per the Laws of Bridge, North was barred from bidding anything except pass and South changed the bid from 2C to 3NT (as is allowed) and everyone passed.

Most days of the week the partner of the big hand has a 2D negative type hand and there is little pain. But not this time. North held A Q J 108 J KQ7432 10 and everyone was in slam (mostly 7NT)

How do you feel? 😞 😞 😞 😞

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Defence to 1NT revisited #4: As suspected, there is another anti 1NT defence lurking out there in the world of youth bridge. Tony (Trevor) Nunn was spotted in a recent tournament by a NOT NEWS informant playing a gadget called "SCORCCHIO" I think this is how it works :-

X = one suiter but never diamonds ; partner can pass for penalties but usually bids 2♣.

Now the doubler can disclose the suit or bid 2♦ showing both majors.

If instead of doubling, an interpose bid of 2♣, 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ is made, it shows 5 of that suit plus 4 of the suit of the opposite rank.

Ed Does it work? I have never played it but I believe every anti-1NT has a weakness somewhere.

By the way, I wonder what SCORRCCHIO stands for. It may be best not to ask.... but if I can pin Tony Nunn down and get an answer fit for publication it will be in this column soon!

[illegible]

In round 8 in the Seniors the bidding proceeded until Ross Folkard (South) wrote 3♣. West doubled and Bob Milward (North) enquired as to the nature of the double. "Heart directing" East replied. So all passed. Ross wrapped up the contract and wrote down +110. A somewhat surprised Bob snapped "The score should have been +670" to which Ross replied "It was only a heart directing double, not a penalty double!!"