



# NOT NEWS

2002

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## WALK IN PAIRS - 16/1/02

### Morning Session

1 J. Fallon & G. Fallon	61.9%
2 L. Hindley & L. Hindley	57.1%
3 N. Jonsson & R. Hills	57.1%
4 H. Draper & B. Lewis	52.4%
5 M. Thompson & H. Cary	50.0%
6 K. Smith & V. Lazarus	48.4%
7 D. Mclellan & P. Lewis	38.9%
8 C. Beaton & W. Boxall	34.1%

### Afternoon session

1 R. Hills & N. Jonsson	+106 IMPS
2 M. Galley & D. Mercer	-26 IMPS
3 P. Mulcahy & T. Evans	-36 IMPS
4 J. Spira & M. Spira	-44 IMPS

### Evening session

#### N/S

1 G. Schaller & M. Lavender	54.4%
2 J. de Gier & A. Meydan	51.3%
3 A. Kynaston & G. Zuber	51.3%
4 J. Hanks & T. Marinos	50.6%
5 V. Carmody A. Lea	50.0%
6 C. Beaton & W. Boxall	42.5%

#### E/W

1 M. Galley & D. Mercer	63.8%
2 R. Hills & N. Jonsson	55.0%
3 J. Pritchard & A. Tuxworth	49.4%
4 T. Berenger & M. Aldons	48.1%
5 M. Thompson & H. Cary	43.1%
6 J. Shekleton & K. Farlie	40.6%

## TOP 10

after 3 rounds

### National Womens Teams (74 teams)

			VP's
1st	2	<b>M. Bourke</b> , F. Beale, J. Hay, S. Lusk, D. Smart, T. Tully	73
2nd	7	<b>G. Tucker</b> , L. Vincent, M. Millar, R. Clayton	66
3rd	4	<b>N. Church</b> , J. Hoffman, K. Creet, S. Bird	64
4th	16	<b>A. Fallon</b> , L. Alexander, A. Clarke, M. Wilson	64
5th	11	<b>J. Thompson</b> , P. Evans, A. Booth, L. Shiels, K. Smith, J. Del Piccolo	64
6th	28	<b>A. Macheski</b> , J. Abrams, A. Mercer, N. Phillips	60
7th	35	<b>M. Watts</b> , D. Moir, F. Lyons, E. Barrack,	59
8th	6	<b>P. Leslie</b> , R. Kaplan, E. Urbach, L. Kalmin	59
9th	3	<b>V. Cummings</b> , C. Feitelson, L. Stern, B. Folkard	59
10th	8	<b>A. Russell</b> , J. Simpson, E. Blackham, V. Cornell	59

### National Seniors Teams (78 teams)

1st	16	<b>S. Arber</b> , D. White, M. Balint, M. Tencer	70
2nd	1	<b>B. Haughie</b> , J. Borin, Z. Nagy, R. Klinger	68
3rd	48	<b>A. Thompson</b> , J. Thomas, C. Seymour, B. Eriksson	66
4th	37	<b>C. Schafer</b> , B. Schafer, K. Storr, Z. Dreher	63
5th	2	<b>T. Moss</b> , M. Hughes, P. Wyer, D. Zines, B. McDonald, A. Walsh	62
6th	12	<b>B. Thorp</b> , T. Skinner, H. Ali, G. Riszko	62
7th	10	<b>G. Ridgway</b> , A. Robbins, D. Happell, S. Klofa, C. Schwabegger	61
8th	8	<b>E. Auerbach</b> , M. Hitter, L. Lowe, T. Reiner	61
9th	20	<b>P. Bayliss</b> , J. McGeary, L. Szabo, J. Pelzer	61
10th	4	<b>B. Evans</b> , P. Buchen, B. Tencer, V. Muntz	58

### National 0-299 Teams (52 teams)

1st	136	<b>E. Moens</b> , S. Furphy, P. Schmalkuche, V. Croft	70
2nd	103	<b>N. Bugeia</b> , A. Marshall, T. Marker, W. Smith	65
3rd	113	<b>M. Lynch</b> , J. Manton, G. Rudd, F. Duncan	64
4th	118	<b>F. Gooley</b> , C. O'Sullivan, I. Campbell, M. Yeates	61
5th	125	<b>R. Ashman</b> , Y. Kilvert, J. Leung, J. Lund	61
6th	104	<b>P. Weaver</b> , N. Djurovic, D. Maltz, B. Soutter	60
7th	107	<b>B. Goss</b> , D. Turner, D. Waight, G. Hutchins	58
8th	128	<b>S. Filler</b> , B. Carfrae, S. Scerri, A. Scerri	58
9th	142	<b>V. Cariola</b> , J. Clifton, R. Rajan, Y. Zhu	58
10th	114	<b>E. Ward</b> , E. Hekelaar, J. Coleman, P. Birss	56

## DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

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**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH  
CHALLENGE  
POSTSCRIPT**

by Earl Dudley

In NOT NEWS 1, I reported on interesting hands from the International Youth Challenge. On Board 10 below, the Australia A pair bid to a 20 HCP grand slam only to have their opponents representing Oceania take the vulnerable save in 7S to pick up 8 IMPs against the small slam bid at the other table.

The auction is reproduced below.

Vul: All  
Dir: E

♠: KQT97  
♥: 2  
♦: AQJ7  
♣: 976

♠: 82                      ♠: -  
♥: AJT83                ♥: KQ743  
♦: -                        ♦: KT974  
♣: AKQ832             ♣: T54

♠: AJ6543  
♥: 96  
♦: 8532  
♣: J

East	South	West	North
P	P	1C	1S
2H	2S	3S (1)	X
XX (2)	P	5NT (3)	P
7H	7S	X	All Pass

- 1 - strong, forcing
- 2 - first round control
- 3 - grand slam force

I dare say that the North player would have chosen to bid 4S rather than double 3S if given the chance to bid the hand again.

♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥



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**Womens Teams Datums**

BD	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	-120	-450	-30
2	270	-320	-340
3	-570	320	-470
4	570	660	850
5	-50	-310	-40
6	-50	240	30
7	660	30	0
8	170	0	-670
9	-520	200	120
10	10	210	330
11	-50	-290	420
12	90	-70	300
13	-110	-850	180
14	240	50	-270
15	210	10	360
16	-220	340	660
17	520	-300	-120
18	20	120	-40
19	300	-460	-40
20	-1450	120	-580

**Seniors Teams Datums**

BD	Rnd1	Rnd2
1	-90	-410
2	190	-380
3	-600	420
4	450	360
5	-110	-240
6	90	360
7	550	120
8	140	120
9	-600	270
10	-70	190
11	-30	-370
12	-80	-40
13	-110	-780
14	130	130
15	20	-70
16	-240	220
17	480	-340
18	20	70
19	450	-610
20	-1390	30

# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

by Earl Dudley

The first day of competition started in earnest with 204 teams playing in three championships at the two venues. I chose to take a look at the top seed in the Womens Championship. The New Zealand duo of Jan Cormack and Jan Alabaster put in a polished performance but their less experienced opponents, the Bartlett team was far from overwhelmed and the outcome was a 15 all draw. An early indication of the aggressive bidding style of the New Zealand pair came on the first board I watched.

Session 1  
Board 8  
Dealer W, Vul Nil

♠KT872  
♥T  
♦AJ987  
♣K4

♠6  
♥KQ762  
♦Q63  
♣Q972

♠Q43  
♥J98  
♦KT2  
♣AJT5

♠AJ95  
♥A543  
♦54  
♣863

South responded 3C to North's 1S opening, a limit raise, and North probed with 3D to which South rebid 4S. The play is tricky. Declarer won AH at trick 1 and played a diamond to 9. East won TD and punched declarer with a heart. Declarer now played a trump to A and a trump towards K. I presume that declarer would have finessed had West followed to the second trump with excellent chances, even if trumps were 2-2.

When West discarded, declarer won with KS, played AD and ruffed a diamond to establish the suit. A heart ruff to hand was followed by good diamonds in the following position:

♠: T  
♥: -  
♦: 98  
♣: K4

♠: -                      ♠: Q  
♥: KQ                    ♥: -  
♦:                         ♦: -  
♣: Q97                  ♣: AJT5

♠: 9  
♥: 3  
♦: -  
♣: 863

East now fell from grace by ruffing the 4<sup>th</sup> diamond, which resulted in her being endplayed. Had she allowed declarer to take her two diamond winners, then declarer would need to pick the location of AC at Trick 10. A trump exit at this point endplays East while the KC exit would be required if West held AC.

As often happens, decisions at the slam level can often swing matches. On Board 19, South pushed too hard.

Session 1  
Board 19  
Dealer S, Vul EW

♠A92  
♥AJ95  
♦T65  
♣KT2

♠74  
♥8432  
♦AQ97  
♣J53

♠T853  
♥7  
♦J843  
♣Q986

♠KQJ6  
♥KQT6  
♦K2  
♣A74

South opened 1H (Acol) and North responded 3NT to show a balanced game-going raise. North was minimum for her bid. Even so, to bring home slam in an eight card fit with two balanced hands normally requires your full quota of HCP. Slam is not hopeless on this deal but it needs more than AD on side to succeed.

On the next hand, the NS bidding methods conspired to cause them to miss a goodish slam.

Session 1  
Board 7  
Dealer S, Vul ALL

♠KJ95  
♥JT63  
♦ -  
♣AK976

♠AQT32  
♥985  
♦J32  
♣53

♠84  
♥4  
♦KQT964  
♣JT84

♠76  
♥AKQ72  
♦A875  
♣Q2

South opened 1H and West stuck in a lead directing 1S overcall. South rebid 2D after North responded 2C and East passed. She rebid 3H when North continued with 2S and now North had no convenient way of making a mild slam try. She raised to 4H passed out. With the benefit of hindsight, one can take issue with some of these bids but I thought NS were a touch unlucky.

I was impressed with the EW bidding sequence on this board.

# REFLECTIONS ON 2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

Session 1  
Board 5  
Dealer N, Vul NS

by Earl Dudley

♠AJ2  
♥A972  
♦JT98  
♣T2

♠94  
♥4  
♦AKQ6543  
♣A94

♠KQT873  
♥Q5  
♦ -  
♣ KQJ73

♠65  
♥KJT863  
♦72  
♣865

East opened 1S and rebid 2S when her partner responded 2D. West now probed with 3C and East resisted the urge to jump to 5C instead preferring to keep other options open by raising to 4C. West now gave delayed support for spades and East passed.

The play in 4S provided no difficulties but 5C is tricky on two rounds of hearts. A spade to TS at Trick 3 will see declarer home. Odd isn't it that the powerful diamond suit has no role to play in a 5C contract unless the defence chooses not to attack hearts initially.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

In the early days of bridge, all two bids were strong. Then the weak twos came along much to the horror of the traditionalists at the time. Benjamin twos were popular for a long time (2C and 2D showing strong hands and 2H and 2S being weak) and still have a following today. Eventually, bridge players realised that more mileage could be obtained from broadening the category of weak hands to be opened at the 2 level to include two suited as well as one suited hands. Multis and Myxos of various descriptions cater for this and now abound on the tournament scene.

Each convention has its strengths and weaknesses and experts are unable to agree on the most effective weapon to graft on to a system of constructive bidding. I confess a bias in favour of RCO openings, which I find fun to play and quite effective when the right deal appears. I am not so enamoured with the European multi (2D showing a weak two in either major or a strong balanced hand) but it too can have its moments.

The following hands from the 2001 Seniors and Womens Team Championships illustrate the

RCO openings in action.

## Round 9

Board 10  
All Vul  
Dealer E

♠: Q653  
♥: QJT  
♦: K  
♣: A9763

♠: J9872  
♥: K  
♦: AJT84  
♣: K5

♠: AKT4  
♥: 987  
♦: Q7652  
♣: 8

♠: -  
♥: A65432  
♦: 93  
♣: QJT42

When an RCO bid is opened, you can usually tell what suits opener has. Here the 2NT opening showing 5-5 or better in clubs and hearts or spades and diamonds is simple to diagnose for East and West but North is in the dark. However, it is not easy for West to overcall 3S opposite a passed partner with such a moth-eaten suit.

Any thoughts of adopting a wait and see approach are quickly dispelled when North jumps to 4H (pass or correct). 4H is tricky on repeated spade forces but in desperation, declarer will probably drop the KH and take the club finesse. 4S is no picnic on a heart lead and club switch but 620 is possible and -100 is a lot better than -620.

The following hand is truly diabolical.

## Round 7

Board 16  
EW Vul  
Dealer W

### WARM UP PAIRS

Prize money was awarded to the top 6 places in both directions in session 1 of the warm up pairs. Could any players who have not yet collected their prize money please do so from the festival secretary.

NORTH/SOUTH  
1. K.YANG, B. JAFFREY  
2. T. REINER, M. HITTER  
3. C. SCHWABEGGER, A.MEYDAN  
4. V. ROWLAND, T. SHARP  
5. J. ROSE, H. COHEN  
6. I. KATZ, E. LEWIN

EAST/WEST  
1. M. DAVIS, S. KAHN  
2. R. ASHMAN, Y. KILVERT  
3. J.PETTTT, J. GASPAR  
4. J. CLARK, K. CONNORS  
5. K. LINN, B. WING  
6. S. MALLOCH, P. LOGAN

♠: KQJ63  
 ♥: 85  
 ♦: A  
 ♣: AJ854

♠: -                   ♠: AT542  
 ♥: KQT72           ♥: 3  
 ♦: 75                 ♦: KJ963  
 ♣: KT9832          ♣: Q7

♠: 987  
 ♥: AJ964  
 ♦: QT964  
 ♣: -

Here the 2NT opening is ambiguous for NS but fully revealed for East who must have a feeling of pending disaster. North can mark time with a double showing values. This allows East off the hook since she can now get out in 3C (in an uncontested auction, a 3C response would be a strong relay forcing East to respond 4C initially with the actual hand).

The 3C bid silences South since it is "pass or correct" and West could still have spades and diamonds. When West passes, NS are at last in the picture but North is fixed since typically a double at this point would be for take-out.

North can try 3S at this point. South will probably raise and East will cash in to the tune of +300. The alternative is to pass but South will be tempted to compete with 3D leading to a negative score for NS. It is a pity that NS cannot punish EW in 3C.

Lest anyone thinks that RCO openings are guaranteed to deliver good results all the time, the following hands from the 9<sup>th</sup> round of 1998 SWPT might persuade you otherwise. Our team dropped 25 Imps in consecutive hands through the use of RCO openings.

On Board 4, our opponents (NS) held:

(South)	(North)
♠: AQ83	♠: 9
♥: AJT	♥: K64
♦: AKJ	♦: QT73
♣: Q82	♣: AJ973

I opened 2H in the West seat (majors or minors), North and East passed, South doubled and North heroically bid 3NT raised to 6NT by South. The QH opening lead by partner solved all problems for declarer. At the other table, EW did not intervene and NS found out that they held 30-31 HCP and no great suit fit and rested in 3NT.

On Board 5, the RCO opening got pinged for a useful penalty.

Board 5  
 NS Vul  
 Dealer N

♠: A65  
 ♥: -  
 ♦: K9864  
 ♣: JT974

♠: KQT7	♠: 43
♥: JT983	♥: AK4
♦: AQ2	♦: T75
♣: K	♣: Q8653

♠: J982  
 ♥: Q7652  
 ♦: J3  
 ♣: A2

At our table, we inched our way into 4H, which will make on a good day. South doubled this but I escaped for one off on a cross-ruff. At the other table, 2H was opened corrected to 3C by South. East had no difficulty passing West's take-out double for +500.

I don't consider that these examples are particularly useful in helping you to choose a system of two bids to add to your arsenal of bidding gadgetry. A more traditional 2NT for the minors on the last hand would also get you into trouble. My advice is to

choose a system that you and your partner feel comfortable with and invest some time in exploring the subtleties of sequences that will inevitably arise when you use the bids in the field of battle.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

## THE BRIDGE WORLD

A solid partnership understanding is essential to bridge success. Since 1968, tournament players have profited from Bridge World Standard, which represents the most-preferred bidding and defensive card play methods of North American experts. The system's agreements are determined by extensive polls of approximately 100 leading players; readers of *The Bridge World* magazine are also surveyed, and their choices are sometimes used when the expert vote is unclear. The votes clarify not only what is most popular but also where there is consensus, where controversy.

The monthly magazine, which includes articles, tutorials and quizzes about the system, recently concluded the fourth and most ambitious poll. The result, Bridge World Standard 2001, became official on January 1, 2002. The system, polls and votes are available on *The Bridge World's* web site at [www.bridgeworld.com](http://www.bridgeworld.com). The site and the magazine are gold mines for players who wish to sharpen skills or deepen their appreciation of the game. The Web site also offers many resources for beginners and improving players.

This deal, from the 1995 Spring Nationals, demonstrates the importance of good partnership.

♠: T843  
 ♥: 964  
 ♦: A8  
 ♣: AJT4

♠: QJ962      ♠: 7  
 ♥: 8732      ♥: KQJT5  
 ♦: 9532      ♦: T64  
 ♣: -          ♣: Q985

♠: AK5  
 ♥: A  
 ♦: KQJ7  
 ♣: K7632

SOUTH	NORTH
1 ♣	1 ♠
2 ♦	3 ♣
3 ♠	4 ♣
4 NT	5 ♥ (X)
6 ♣	

In Bridge World Standard, responder shows any four-card major ahead of raising opener's minor. Two diamonds was not only forcing (it was strong but droppable in old-fashioned bidding) but promised another bid below game; hence, North's three clubs was forcing. (Significantly, in the pre-Bridge World Standard days, during an event to choose America's representatives in the world championship, some leading pairs played a slam deal in a part-score because of a misunderstanding about this sequence.)

Of course, play is important too. After winning the heart lead, declarer should lead a low club, intending to finesse dummy's jack, virtually guaranteeing the contract. If the finesse wins, declarer can draw trumps. If it loses, South can later pull two more rounds of clubs, discard spades from North on diamonds, and ruff a spade in dummy. In practice, some Souths carelessly led the king of clubs at trick two. This was only a slight error, but

the cards were unforgiving; the bad trump break rendered the contract unmakeable after that start.

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♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

## HANDS FROM THE PAST - 1997 MIXED TEAMS

by Earl Dudley

Yesterday I reported on a deal containing a 10 card suit. Compared with that deal, Board 28 from looks positively tame. The North- South hands were:

♠: 32  
 ♥: A  
 ♦: AK  
 ♣: AJT98542

♠: KJT74  
 ♥: QT4  
 ♦: QJT  
 ♣: Q7

North gets to make the first move and will probably open 2C. The other choice of opening bid (1C) may elicit more information in the subsequent bidding but may also confuse partner – not a good move. South has lots of values when North opens 2C and will proceed slowly in the auction to give some encouragement.

With little information to go on, North must eventually choose the final contract. After the disappointment of Board 26 (see NOT NEWS 1), perhaps this is the time to be conservative and settle for 5C. A good decision but unlucky! East held AQ9 of spades and West the singleton KC. Who says that bridge is a game of skill?

### ARDECHE CAFE RESTAURANT

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## TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 16/1/02

# 646

**THE DIAMOND DISASTER  
OR  
DON'T DOUBLE YOUR  
OPPONENTS WHEN THEY  
ARE IN YOUR FAVOURITE  
CONTRACT**

by Lilli Allgood

Session 1  
Board 9  
Vul: EW  
Dir: N

♠: A  
♥: 8643  
♦: 75  
♣: KJ8764

♠: Q94      ♠: 52  
♥: K752      ♥: AT  
♦: K9863      ♦: AQJT2  
♣: T          ♣: AQ93

♠: KJT8763  
♥: QJ9  
♦: 4  
♣: 52

North	East	South	West
P	1D (1)	3S (2)	X (3)
P	4C (4)	P	P(5)
P (6)			

1. Better Minor
2. I haven't come all this way ...
3. I WANT to be in game! Bid something!
4. Do you prefer clubs or diamonds?
5. With a slight shove ...
6. What's going on??? Whoopee! Better pass.

And poor East went down 3 missing the stone-cold 5 diamonds.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

**THE WELCOME PAIRS**

by Richard Hills

A big field of 31.5 tables contested the opening event of the summer festival. I did not trouble the scorers, but this hand was an exception to my generally poor play for the evening:

Board 2:  
Vul: NS  
Dir: N

♠: KJ94  
♥: -  
♦: KJ976  
♣: AKJ4

♠: 873      ♠: QT65  
♥: AJ52      ♥: KT83  
♦: T832      ♦: A54  
♣: 93          ♣: 85

♠: A2  
♥: Q9764  
♦: Q  
♣: QT762

North: Niclas Jonsson  
South: Richard Hills

North	South
1♦	1♥
1♠	3NT

6C is the best contract, but hard to reach in a natural style (especially at match point pairs), given that 2C is popularly played as an artificial fourth suit.

West led the two of hearts against my 3NT contract. After the defence had won three heart tricks, West guessed unluckily to lead a fourth round. So I ran winners to reach the four card ending:

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

♠: KJ9  
♥: -  
♦: J  
♣: -

Immaterial      ♠: QT6  
♥: -  
♦: A  
♣: -

♠: A2  
♥: -  
♦: Q  
♣: 2

My play of the two of clubs, throwing dummy's diamond, squeezed East.

♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥

*The NOT NEWS will be keeping you all up to date on the latest appeals from the Summer Festival.*

**Appeals Committees**

**(Chairperson Ivy Dahler)**

**National Women's and 0-299ers Teams:**

V Cummings, P Evans, J Hoffman, S Lusk, D Moir, E Ramshaw, M Scudder, L Stern, B Travis, T Tully, L Vincent

**National Senior's Teams:**

R Crichton, B Evans, P Bucher, T Hancock, B Haughie, M Hughes, M Kent, R Klinger, N Moses, Q van Abbe

**Please Note:** If you wish to make an appeal against a director's ruling tell the director, who can advise you of the process. Appeals do not need a monetary deposit BUT, beware... appeals deemed to be frivolous may result in a reduction in the appellants' score.

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## COLUMN 8 (NOT)

For as long as I can remember, the performance of the air-conditioning in the at the Summer Festival of Bridge has proved to be a headache for our Congress organisers. John Scudder in his Welcome (NOT News 1) has indicated the special efforts that have been taken to counter the impact of the heatwave conditions that Canberra usually experiences at this time of the year.

I know that John and his hard working staff are doing their best to work with the management at the venues to make the conditions as comfortable as possible for participants.

However, it would come as no surprise that our first contribution to Column 8 this year deals with this topic.



Overheard on the floor of the NWT at the start of Round 1:

Kibitzer: "Sean, where do I sign up to become one of the directors at the Summer Festival Bridge?"

Sean: "Im sorry but it's too late for that. All positions have been filled"

Kibitzer: "Okay, but you now realise that I am now forced to kill you in order to get one of those lovely coats that all the directors are wearing"



Many of us are waiting patiently for the resumption of the "Mistakes I have made" series of articles by Neville Moses that were a highly regarded feature of 2001 NOT News. Martin Bloom has submitted this short article to explain that perhaps Neville has turned over a new leaf and accordingly has run out of material to write about. The hand was Hand 20 of Round 1 of the Seniors Teams.

Neville and Kinga produced the following bidding sequence:

Neville	Kinga
1S	2C
2D	3H (strong, 4+ support, heart shortage)
3S	4C
4NT (either A or K trumps)	5C (2 <sup>nd</sup> round control in clubs)
5NT (showing Q of trumps)	7D (seems reasonable – hope that diamonds break)

Martin says that he had to submit this article pointing out that for once DW\* had to be pleased with Neville.

For the record, the decision to bid the grand was worth only 3 IMPs since the opponents stopped in 3NT at the other table but it gained 1VP.

Can it be that Neville has eliminated all his mistakes in bridge?

(\* DW = Darling Wife)

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