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AND OUR STUNNING OVER-NINETIES!



Cynthia Matthews, Joan Carter, Maggie Sacks and Margaret Macartney
at Maggie's 90th birthday celebration at WABC (P.18)



Editorial

This second issue of Trumps Plus for 2009 follows another successful WABC June congress. Read all about it further on.

We welcome an excellent article from Jill Courtney for the first time in the new *Trumps Plus*; thank you Jill.

Also in this issue we congratulate Maggie Sacks on a very significant milestone on her bridge journey. After bridge on Saturday April 18, her friend and partner, Di Utting organised a champagne party to celebrate her 90th birthday. Congratulations, Maggie. In this issue Maggie provides a sparkling account of her early bridge life and other influences before and during World War 2; Jean Williams and Jocelyn Parry provide an additional tribute to Maggie.

Security in and around our club is a matter of ongoing concern to members and to the Management Committee. In the first two months in our new premises, in 2008, there were several break-ins to cars in the car park. The club, at that time, warned all members to be especially vigilant about this and to leave nothing visible in their cars that might tempt thieves. We had no further problems for over 12 months; regrettably, there have been two more break-ins in the past month. Rugby club members, also, have had car break-ins

In addition to the Security problem, the Management Committee is also concerned about the poor condition of the car park, and the lack of space, particularly when rugby clashes with bridge.

Members should be aware that the car park is public property, one of many that are controlled by Nedlands council. It is part of the Allen Park community precinct, which extends from Swanbourne beach, north to Swanbourne Army Barracks, east to West Coast highway and south to Clement St and Odern Cr. Apart from WABC, other community stakeholder organisations include Associates Rugby Club, Allen Park Tennis Club and Friends of Allen Park. Your committee is in regular contact with Council Staff and we are hopeful that remedial work on the car park will begin within 12 months. We particularly want marked bays and more disabled parking spots.

Members will appreciate that the increased activity and membership of the club has increased the workload of all committee members, staff, directors and volunteers. If you are able to assist in any small way on your regular bridge days, please make your self known to any staff or committee member.



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President's Report

There are a number of matters that I think are important to the club and its members and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about them.

Firstly I would like to clarify our current financial position and dispel some rumours circulating in the club rooms.

The keystone of our financial position is our investment fund. This is healthy because we had a substantial balance after the sale of our old freehold premises and the building and furnishing of our new lease- hold club rooms. The Management Committee have invested this "nest egg" in safe long term Commonwealth Bank deposits. We believe we need to maintain this strong capital reserve for future major maintenance costs.

These will increase in the future because of our coastal location, the 50% increase in membership and consequent heavy use of club facilities. For these reasons, it is essential that we maintain a strong capital reserve.

With this large increase in membership we have grown from a small club to a significant small business, which has led to increased demands on the Management Committee's resources.

The club's primary financial objective, determined with advice from Bill Chambers, our Auditor, is to operate from our current account. Most of these funds come from your dues and daily table money, and are used for the day to day expenses of the club. During the current financial year we have continued to complete the furnishing of the club-rooms and have added extras such as the water cooler, icemaker and additional acoustic buffers in the social

area. These one off capital items have been covered by cash flow.

There are many significant and regular items of expenditure from our cash flow.

Approximately 28% of our income is allocated to wages and cleaning. Cleaning includes all cleaning products, window cleaning, sanitary bins and Council rubbish removal. In addition 17% goes to Director's fees, 10% covers the purchase of biscuits and other supplies for the coffee stations and 3% goes to ABF and BAWA for capitation fees and master points.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

The balance is used to pay for utilities, IT, photocopier, insurance, stationery, postage, security alarm and fire brigade fees and many other miscellaneous costs. As an example of miscellaneous costs we purchase large quantities of playing cards and equipment such as the boards, bidding boxes and dealing machines each year, all needed to fulfil our objective, to "foster the game of bridge".

We lease a sophisticated photocopier which, apart from our heavy daily photocopying requirements, produces *Trumps Plus* and the annual Handbook, saving us enormous external printing costs.

Our bar, which is staffed by qualified club member volunteers, just covers costs. Most of this year's small profit has already been absorbed by bar staff training and glass replacements. Our objective here is to "provide amenities for the benefit and entertainment of the members", as set out in our constitution.

We aim to end each financial year with a small surplus for the upkeep of a maintenance fund.

I have provided the detail above to clarify some misconceptions.

You are invited to attend our AGM in September to hear a more detailed annual financial report.

We welcome the increase in membership and the subsequent increase in players to our daily sessions. To enable the smooth running of these very large sessions, we have co-opted helpers on Monday, Wednes-

day and Friday, our three busiest days. These helpers are able, when asked, to assist our very busy Directors, stock and man the coffee stations and help out in the office, plus a host of other duties which occur, and take about three to four hours each day. I am disappointed to hear criticism that these duties should be carried out by volunteers. It is unreasonable to expect club members to volunteer for these long and arduous duties on a regular basis.

We already have wonderful volunteers, generous with their time, who man our bar, oversee the library, assemble and publish *Trumps Plus*, put together duty rosters, find playing partners, organise the milk delivery, keep the book table stocked, help out at Congresses and Melbourne Cup day, serve on the Management and Tournament Committees, and a host of other chores. These volunteers contribute to the successful flow of all our club activities.

If you would like more information on any issue concerning WABC, please don't hesitate to ask me, any member of the Management Committee, or Sheenagh, our Managing Secretary, in the office.

Alison Rigg.

**All Contributions to
Trumps Plus are welcome.
Deadline for the
September issue is the
20th August.**



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

If you've not yet discovered WABC's very good bridge library it's time! As well as books on every aspect of the great game, we have some excellent bridge magazines and all can be borrowed. There's no borrowers card in them. Just write the title, issue (month and year), your name and the date into the Borrowers Book and when you return it, add the date again.

Probably the most widely known and useful magazine is *Australian Bridge*. It's a 'top of the list' source of current information for Aussie bridge players with a host of informative articles to browse and digest. The earliest issues have been bound so you get a lot of reading with one loan but there are many single issues available too. Our collection wasn't complete but Derek Pocock has kindly offered to donate his full set to WABC and that should soon be on the shelves.

If you've read a really valuable book from the library recently think about writing a review of it for TP. Sharing your findings with other members is much appreciated. Or if you would like a particular book added to the shelves let me know. Fiction book sales help us fund new library books.

Another thing, we have two copies of *Killing defence at bridge* by Hugh Kelsey. This was highly recommended by John Ashworth in his article in our March *Trumps Plus* for all who want to

improve their bridge. Two others on his list we once had but sadly they've gone missing: Mollo and Gardiner's, *Card Play technique* and S.J. Simon's *Why you lose at bridge*. We will also try to get hold of John's last recommendation *The expert game* by Terence Reese published in 1947 but still on his 'top ten' list. Are there any dusty unused copies of these hanging around your bookshelves that you'd be willing to donate to the library?

We do lose books as you can see, often I'm sure because people forget they've got them. Please help avoid this by **returning borrowed books within a month to the blue box**. If you want to keep them longer, bring them back to the library and renew them. To do this, ask a library helper or:

Find the borrowers card for your book in the green box (if you took it out in April it will be behind April, in alphabetical order of author's surname)

Fill in the card **again** with your name and new date of borrowing

Put the card back in the box behind the month you've borrowed in.

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FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

THE
WINNERS

FRIDAY: PAIRS

NORTH -SOUTH

- 1 Marjorie Thunder & June Browne
- 2 Shizue Futaesaku & Eddy Mandavy
- 3 Charlie Lim & Lily Lim

EAST-WEST

- 1 Hilary Yovich & Beata Bieganski
- 2 Annabelle Booth & Noelene Law
- 3 Claudine Charters & David Charters

SATURDAY: PAIRS

NORTH - SOUTH

- 1 Toby Manford & John Ashworth
- 2 Jeanne Hey & David Burn
- 3 Chris Bagley & Geoff Yeo

EAST-WEST

- 1 Fran Holman & Viv Wood
- 2 David Charters & Claudine Charters
- 3 Thilak Ranasinghe & Eddy Mandavy

SUNDAY: TEAMS

1. Sue and Richard Grenside, Maura and Rick Rhodes
2. John Ashworth, Toby Manford, John and Ruth Hansen
3. David Schokman, Pauline Hammond, Jan Blight and Patricia McNamara

SUNDAY: PRESIDENT'S PAIRS

- 1 Rhona Barton & Betty Huntley
- 2 Joy Gaunt & Margaret Sacks
- 3 Valerie Isle & Evelyn Tay

MONDAY: SWISS PAIRS

- 1 Jan Blight & Heather Williams
- 2 Tony Lusk & Thilak Ranasinghe
- 3 Wilner Faye & Jill Del Piccolo

FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

SWISS PAIRS WINNERS



FIRST:

Heather Williams & Jan Blight

SECOND

T.P. Ranasinghe & Tony Lusk

THIRD

Faye Wilner & Jill Del Piccolo

THE CONTESTANTS



FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS



**SUNDAY
TEAMS
with
Maura
Rhodes**



Only two weeks after the Western Seniors weekend, we were delighted to return to the marvellous WA clubrooms for their popular Foundation day Congress, which was a very well-organised, enjoyable event. The Friday afternoon tea, supplied by the members, is famous for its munificence and did not disappoint. I was proud when one visitor said what a pleasure it was to play in such lovely premises again.

We spent the Sunday of the holiday weekend playing in the Teams with our friends, Sue and Richard Grenside. It was the first time we had teamed with them and we were thrilled to be successful, just beating the esteemed Ashworth Team comprising of Toby Manford, John Ashworth, Ruth and John Hansen.

Different styles of bidding can produce quite remarkable outcomes. An example came from Round 4:

Board 30, Dir E, Vul Nil

	QT43 J87 T42 A43	
A852 Q94 A73 Q52		Void AKT62 985 JT876
	KJ976 53 KQJ6 K9	

OUR TABLE:

EAST	SOUTH (Maura)	WEST	NORTH (Rick)
P	1S	P	3C*
P	3S	P	P
P			

*3C was a Bergen raise showing 4 Spades and 6-9 HCP

FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

SUE AND RICHARD'S TABLE:

EAST (Sue)	SOUTH	WEST(Richard)	NORTH
P	1S	P	2S
2NT*	P	3C	3S
4C	P	P	P

*2NT showed at least 5-5 in two of the unbid suits; the 3C response was Pass or Correct.

Rick's Bergen raise described his hand exactly and I was happy to sign off in 3 Spades which made easily for a score of 140. Richard and Sue's unusual convention enabled them to find the making 4 Club contract which few others did. Their score of plus 130 added to our plus 140 gave us a pick-up of 7 Imps.

Our first event with Sue and Richard was a very enjoyable day and we have diarised this event for next year in order to defend our title. Look out, John!

Saturday Pairs



North South Winners:
Toby Manford and John Ashworth



Second: North South
Jeanne Hey & David Burn



Third: North South
Geoff Yeo and Chris Bagley

FRIDAY PAIRS

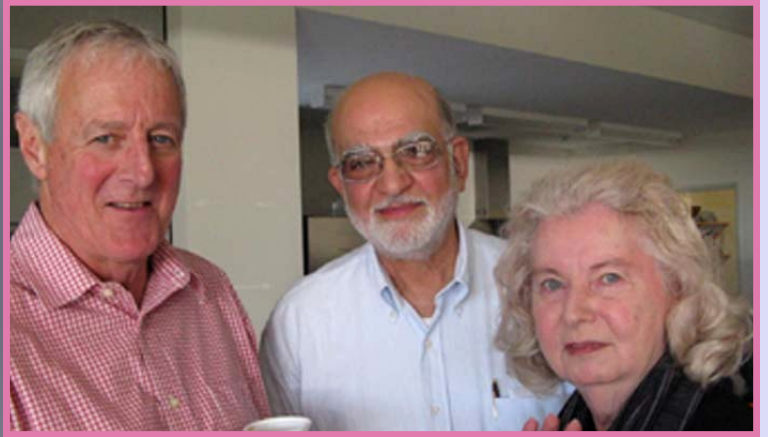


WINNERS : EAST –WEST:
Hilary Yovich & Beata Bieganski



FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS





Why didn't I bid the grand slam?



SLAM DUNK!

I travelled over to Surfers Paradise for this year's Gold Coast Congress, possibly the largest congress in Australia. In one huge room 246 teams played in the Open, and the Seniors', Restricted and Novice teams events also fitted in the same room. This year there was the bonus of the Yeh Bros Cup in Conrad Jupiter's Casino next door, sponsored by a Taiwanese billionaire who had managed to attract a Who's Who of world bridge.

I partnered Queenslander Errol Miller in the Restricted Pairs, and a couple of walk-in events to practise our scratch partnership. We had played together once before this, and the first walk-in gave us a lively start...

6 Hearts Doubled - Twice

How often do you get to play a doubled slam? How about two consecutive boards in the same contract - 6Hx?

Board 11 Dealer S Nil Vul	♠ Q J 10 5 3 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A Q 10 7 4 ♣ 3	
♠ 7 2 ♥ K 10 7 4 2 ♦ — ♣ K Q 9 8 5 2		♠ 6 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ 9 8 5 3 ♣ A J 10 4
	♠ A K 9 8 4 ♥ A 3 ♦ K J 6 2 ♣ 7 6	

I was West, and South naturally opened 1S, I came in with 2S Michaels, showing 5-5 in hearts and one of the minors. North jumped to 4S, and Errol raised to 5H, figuring that whichever minor I had he was looking at a double fit. Someone said the 5-level is for the opponents, but South

was having none of it and he pushed on to 5S. Errol went one better, upping the ante to 6H which was promptly doubled.

Deep Finesse says South makes 5S while North can be held to four (diamond ruff, club return and another diamond). East-West can be held to 4H if South finds the club lead in time - he can afford the AS first, but then he needs to fire a club through, take his ace of trumps on the first round and give the ruff. As it happened South tried to take away our ruffs by leading ace and another heart, and partner only had the spade ace to lose.

Either way, it made no difference to the match point score. Most pairs made 12 tricks N-S, and a couple were allowed to play in 5Hx making, so Errol's competitiveness had earned us 88%.

Then on the very next hand this happened:

Dealer W NS Vul	♠ J 7 6 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 9 5 3 2 ♣ 10 8	
♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ K 8 7 6 5 ♦ — ♣ K 7 6 5		♠ A Q 8 ♥ A Q 10 9 3 2 ♦ K J 7 ♣ 2
	♠ 4 ♥ J ♦ A 10 8 6 4 ♣ A Q J 9 4 3	

I restrained my urge to open light with this West hand, as it's too short of aces, quick tricks, points, anything an opening should have really. After partner opened 1H and South bid 2NT, I made up for my silence by jumping to 4H. We didn't have any agreements to investigate slam potential here, so Errol punted 6H thinking he might well find a void in my hand. South figured

AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS.....with Richard Fox

his hand was worth a double, and on leading his AD would have been disappointed to see the dummy. The contract is completely cold, with only the ace of clubs to lose.

Kibitzing the Champs

Just before my flight back, I kibitzed a bit of the Open Teams. Some of the world-class players from the Yeh Bros Cup had entered and I had a look at them in action. First I watched Norwegians Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, the current Bermuda Bowl holders. They seemed very pleasant for players at that level, and agreed to use bidding pads to make their opponents feel more comfortable, although it appeared they'd never used written bidding.

Their opponents were unsuspecting club players who hadn't even had time to count their winners before H-H conceded the remaining tricks. There was one hand where I saw Helgemo have a bit of a deep think about his defence to a skinny-looking 3NT bid on the strength of a good diamond fit. He may have decided that the lack of an overcall or negative double from his partner meant he didn't have much in the majors. Anyway, somehow out of the blue he hit on a club lead and before anyone could blink the contract was 3 down.

I also had a look at two top Italian pairs in action, drawn against each other. They obviously knew each other well, because the chaotic bidding and subsequent voluble Italian chatter was quite unorthodox. One of the defenders showed dummy his hand as his partner pondered a defence. Several hands didn't get played out at all - I assume the conversation was something like "OK, I'll draw trumps, take this finesse - who has the king? - and run the diamonds down, ruffing one good..." The Vugraph operators must have their work cut out when players do this.

I saw one crazy-looking bidding sequence that looked as if they thought they were in the casino next door. Lorenzo Lauria, North, opened a game forcing 2C, which his LHO doubled showing a club suit. Alfredo Versace, South, bid 3D which was a transfer to hearts, and the other opponent raised to 5C. Lauria paused, seemed to try to bid 5NT while asking his RHO a question, and changed to 6S. This ran round to West, who competed to 7C with a princely 5 points.

Lauria doubled, and they took the contract down three for +500 when there was +1430 available in the spade slam. Seems they didn't find the diamond ruff and declarer got the diamonds right, as some other pairs took 7Cx down four.

<i>Dealer N</i> <i>Vul NS</i>	♠ A K Q 10 9 7 5 2 ♥ A 5 ♦ A 10 ♣ 4	
♠ 8 6 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 8 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 5 2		♠ — ♥ J 8 7 4 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ A Q J 10 6
	♠ J 4 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 2 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 7 3	

When you see all the hands, it is clear that everyone knew exactly what they were doing in the bidding. Lauria judged correctly that 6 spades was making opposite a positive response. The Italian West player - sorry, don't know who he was - was also right to sacrifice, as there was no chance of defeating the slam and the vulnerability was favourable. He could afford up to 5 off and still show a profit, 6 off would break even. Doubling was the best Lauria could do at this point - 7NT has no chance and someone in the 246 tables tried it, going five down doubled for 1400.



WINE COUP

Teams of Four at WABC

By John Beddow



The Cast;
(loosely termed, 'the players'):

North: Bemused Partner
South: John Beddow
West: Worthy Opponent
East: Worthy Opponent

The Hand

	S J8 H 10953 D AQJ74 C 84	Dealer South. All Vul
S 9 H KQ8642 D 32 C A52		S — H — D K109865 C KQJ10973
	S KQ10765432 H J7 D --- C ---	

The Auction

South	West	North	East
Pass (1)	1H	Pass	2D
Pass (2)	2H	Pass	4C
4S (3)	5C	Pass (4)	Pass (5)
5S (6)	Pass	Pass (7)	6C (8)
Pass (9)	Pass	6S (10)	Pass
Pass	X (11)	Pass	Pass

- (1) Whoops, apparently South didn't see that. Too busy sampling the 2nd bottle maybe?
- (2) Still oblivious.
- (3) What have we got here? Hmm, gee whiz, lots of black cards, must be some sort of two suiter. Oh yes I see, 6 spades, 4

spades, 2 hearts, a club, and a white wine.

- (4) Mild astonishment.
- (5) Could this be the underbid of the century?
- (6) Just watch the strained attempt at bemused indifference on Partner's face when I pop in this little number. I'll just have a sip of wine first.
- (7) Bemused indifference.
- (8) Great. That maniac's just bounced me into a slam. I'll teach him.
- (9) Good grief what have I done? I think it's time to pass and put on a look of oriental inscrutability. Maybe if I stick my wine glass in front of my nose, no one will notice.



WINE COUP

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(10) I'll teach him trying to look unperturbed while trying to hide behind his wine glass. He probably doesn't realise he's drinking white today and it's so clear you can see through it, not like that red sump oil he usually swills.

(11) Does anyone know what's going on?

The Play

West led the AH, small from Dummy, JC from East showing interest in Clubs, small from South. Seeing East show out in H's, West then led the 2H for a ruff, signalling for a Club back. Alas it was not to be. A surprised South won with his JH, entered Dummy with the JS, cashed the AD for his Club discard, and claimed. 6S X for 1660.

At the other table the bidding was equally as wild, with East bidding on through a barrage of spade bids by South, to get to 6 Clubs. South did consider bidding 6 Spades as a sacrifice, but as he hadn't had as much wine as the other South, decided that although 6 Spades doubled would be a good sacrifice if 6 Clubs was a make, there was no guarantee that 6 Clubs would come home, so passed and left it up to North to make the final decision. 6 Clubs became the final contract and South duly led the Spade Ace. After ruffing the spade lead with a high club, thoughtfully preserving the 3 of Clubs, East took two rounds of trumps ending in the West hand. The AKQ hearts

was then played ditching diamonds, and the fourth heart ruffed high. East then got back to dummy with the 5 of clubs and dumped three more diamonds to end up as 6 Clubs plus one for 940 This resulted in a swing of 940 plus 1660 at the other table to add up to 2600, which translated into a massive 21 imp swing.

Who said: "Wine doesn't pay."



EXPERIENCE TEAMS BRIDGE

- Teams of 4 are run monthly from February to November between participating metropolitan WA Clubs alternating on a home and away basis during normal club sessions. There are two levels of competition, Open and Restricted. The Restricted is for players of *State Master ranking and below.
- There is no cost involved to the player other than petrol, for away matches, and providing a light supper for home matches. The club pays all entry fees, provides the venue and the Director. Members do not have to play every match as we prefer to give everyone interested the opportunity to play for their club.
- This is a Red Point competition and we encourage all members to take part.

BEYOND THE BASICS *with Peter Smith*

COUNTING IN DEFENCE



Declarer wins the ♠ King in hand and now plays a low diamond to dummy's queen, partner following with the six. What next?

Partner leads the ♠ K, you encourage with the ♠ 9 and then partner follows with ♠ Q, and another spade to your ace, which wins. What now?

Quiz 3. This time South reaches 4♥. Check the auction carefully.

SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 32

SOUTH	NORTH
1♠	2♦
2♥	2NT
3♥	4♥

You encourage with the ♣ 10 on partner's ♣

	♠ 9 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ K J 9 3 2 ♣ Q J 8 4	
♣ A	(YOU) ♠ 10 6 ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10 3	N W E S

A. Partner continues with the ♣ K and then plays the nine to give you a club ruff, declarer following in hand. What now?

Quiz 4. South becomes declarer in 4♥ again:

SOUTH	NORTH
1♥	2♣
2♦	4♥

	♠ J 10 4 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ K Q ♣ A Q 10 8 4	
♠ K	(YOU) ♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ K 7 2	N W E S

PETER SMITH'S

Classes for
Beginners
Intermediate
and Advanced
will be starting from
21 July.

Check club notice boards and
flyers for full details.

HAPPY 90TH MAGGIE



On Saturday the 18th April, a celebration was held at WABC for the 90th birthday of Maggie Sacks.

On the day, which was very well-attended there were three sections and the winners were:

1. NS Joan Carter & Margaret Macartney; EW Jo Sklarz & Rose Moore

1. NS Toby Manford & Susan Clements; EW Helen George & Carol Pocock

1. NS Betty Watson & Nigel Philip EW Rob & Rosemary Nurse.

Margaret played with Miriam O'Brien and came 3rd NS.

As well as Bridge, Maggie also enjoys her golf and life at Lake Karrinyup where she has been a member since 1961. She had many years on committee as secretary and acting Captain and is a great participant in club life--- hates to miss any celebration or club dinner. The luncheon provided for her by the short course ladies for her 90th was a testament to this-a great time

was had by all !!

For fifteen years and on a handicap of 12 Maggie was a formidable opponent and valued member of the pennant team. Among her many successes she won the club championship foursomes with May Lane in 1969.

When the long course became too difficult for Maggie she moved to the short course, which is a very demanding course just shorter, and continued to be successful. Last year at the age of 89 she won the very prestigious Members trophy and the Championship Foursomes with Jocelyn Parry.

Playing golf with Maggie always involves a few bets and it is not uncommon to have a bottle of Veuve Clicquot change hands at the end of the game. She is referred to by her friends as lean, mean, vegetarian, and lots of fun.

When asked to what she attributes her longevity she replied, "golf, bridge, and two glasses of whiskey every night before dinner." Well done Maggie it sounds a very attractive regime!!!!



Maggie's War

Dear Trumps Plus.

I started playing bridge in the Common Room at Edinburgh University. To supplement funds I got a holiday job teaching Greek to a 15 year old Eton boy who had asthma and was always being sent home to Scotland during term, thus missing a lot of school. My employer was Laura Ramsay, sister of Max Aitken, the Canadian newspaper baron, who subsequently became Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production and one of the architects of the Allied victory, so I got to know Uncle Max...

Dinner was at 8 – Laura's maid made slight alterations to her cast-off French couture, so I was suitably attired. Bridge was the order at 9.15. Guests came from nearby mansions, castles and estates. Laura was a very good player but her husband was not and indeed wanted nothing more than to go to his study after dinner for port and cigars. So "my son's little tutor" was called in to play at a shilling a hundred, a colossal stake in the mid-thirties. I was told my losses would be paid, and I could keep our joint winnings so naturally I made sure we won a lot! This went on for four or five vacations (I WAS EVEN ONCE TAKEN TO THE International Sportsman's Club in St. Moritz) but foolishly I killed the golden-egged goose by teaching young Alan golf at Galashiels in all weathers (red balls in the snow). This toughened him up so much that his asthma was all but cured and he didn't need any more coaching.

War broke out. I graduated and married my boy friend, a fellow student, who took a commission in the Royal Scots while I joined the Women's





Land Army. It was dreadful. Run by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (Ye Gods!) without organization, discipline, or sense. I deluged them with letters and ideas, and since my dad had always insisted on "he who pays the piper" I sent copies of everything to the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the Treasury.

After some six months, I got a telegram to report to the Treasury in London. I found myself in the company of Dame Evelyn Gwynne Vaughan of the WRNS, magnificent in navy; Joan Trefusis Forbes of the WAAF, so pretty in air force blue; solid and godly Jean Knox of the ATS in khaki; and me in my hideous green jumper, ill-fitting dungarees, ugly shoes and no cap! In came a great Treasury panjandrum who announced that his fellow officials could not cope with female wrangling and problems; and that I, who had the suitable degree and ideas, should coordinate women's service requirements and save the gentlemen of the Treasury from the horrors of undie allowances, Tampax issues and yes or no to French letters and Marie Stopes.

I kept everyone happy and got into no trouble till Xmas 1943 when I ruled that since Brussels sprouts were in short supply and very expensive, the troops should have turkey and cabbage for

Xmas dinner. I was summoned to the PRESENCE, asked if I wanted to lose the war by causing mutiny in the ranks and told to put things right P.D.Q.

At night, I was made leader of one of the Treasury Fire Squads. In my group were Sir Alan Barlow, a Permanent Under Secretary, and Dame Evelyn Sharp, the senior woman civil servant. Both loved bridge, but could not play together so I partnered Sir Alan V. Dame Evelyn and another through many long nights of blitz. Eventually the Treasury was bombed and some of the Home Guard killed. I opened my emergency orders and led my squad under the Air Ministry into the Downing Street underground shelter. In came Mr. C., in his siren suit and bare of feet. "Who are you people?" he growled. I told him the terrible news. All he said to me was, "Hrumph". He stalked off through a door at the back yelling..."Mary, bring me my slippers." Mary Churchill scampered into Daddy's den. Anyway, I once spoke with a very great man.

In 1945, my husband, who had become Col. James Ewart C.B.E., Monty's chief I.O. was killed in Germany. I wanted to get out of Britain. The Colonial Office, short of young men, had decided to try a couple of women. I applied and with referees



like Uncle Max, Sir Alan and Dame Evelyn I was soon on the short list. I attended the notorious weekend at the Country House in South England, failed all the maths tests but broke a couple of codes very speedily (thanks to years of Times crosswords). I was sure I'd be ok if my behavior passed muster. Instead of going to the village pub after dinner with the men candidates, I stayed and played bridge with the Chief Examiner versus his deputy. I limited my alcohol consumption to two scotches with a little tap water and no ice! I knew that wowsers were no use in the service, but neither were over-indulgers.

So it was, "Trinidad or Tanganyika, which would you prefer?"

In January, 1947 I sailed for the West Indies, little knowing that only a month or two before, my next life-partner had left Cape Town for the same destination.

Here endeth Part 1. Parts 2 and 3 are equally exciting and bridgey. But you will have to wait for those

Love Maggie



THE POWER OF THE UNUSUAL AT

BY JILL COURTNEY

None of us like confronting the odd or the unexpected when we play bridge or, perhaps, even more generally in our daily lives when it is less than welcome. So when eight or so unkempt late teens descended upon the WABC in the late 1970s, its gentle tranquility was initially somewhat disturbed. Their long hair, crumpled jeans and general ignorance of most bridge club etiquette, rules and procedure did not assist in their assimilation. So they were quite odd and certainly unexpected. In those days youth bridge promotion was an unknown concept, nor apparently a desirable one. Some of those names, however, will still be known to the WABC bridge community. They included Peter Rogers, Peter Reynolds, Michael Millward now WA's leading Professor of Oncology, Peter Simmons (sadly deceased) and Michael and Jill Courtney. We had all used our school holidays to teach ourselves bridge and our Aunt (Helen Saw) had said there were clubs you could play at and recommended the WABC, her alma mater.

The thing about youth bridge, apart from its characteristic uncouthness, is the lust for learning; the fearlessness both in bidding and play and the general enthusiasm. This was readily acknowledged and welcomed by Hans Rosendorff despite his senior age and also, in spite of other perhaps more questionable qualities, fostered by Leiv Bornecrantz. Despite our gaucheness and seemingly inappropriate presence, the WABC did in fact soon warm to the influx of young players. I hesitate to

name names since I will doubtless leave out some important ones but I particularly remember the kindness and assistance of Lyn Hughes, Vivienne Goldberg, Wendy Driscoll, Jeff Lathbury and, latterly Claire and John Lester.

But aaah, the halcyon days of youth eh? As I said they were and still are characterised by the fearlessness and chutzpah that maturity and wisdom can temper often make wiser over the years. But there is still no doubt that we all still hate it when opponents present us with difficult and unexpected problems at the table. Here are two such youthful-like examples.

HAND ONE

	xxxx xxx Jx Jxxx	<i>Dealer : South</i>
QJTxx xxx xxx Qx		AK AKQJT9x xx xx
	Tx - AKQTxx AKT9x	

The bidding proceeded as follows:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
			1D
pass	1H(!)	pass	5C
pass	pass	5H(!)	6C
pass	pass	X	pass
pass	XX	all pass.	

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Obviously the bidding requires some explanation. Psyches are unusual these days but are perfectly legal (unless there is a partnership awareness of their likelihood). North psyched (as many youths still do) to prevent the opposition finding its likely heart fit. East, flummoxed by the bid, was unsure of what to do (I would have bid four hearts myself or at least three) and so passed. South, looking at a response from partner and a potentially two loser hand bid five clubs. This was passed to East who, still clearly bemused and confused tried 5 hearts!! This was enough for South. Since clearly now there were no wasted heart values North's response must be based on spade points and consequently felt able to bid the six clubs. East, having an impression he must have at least two tricks finally doubled. North with the apparent ruthlessness of youth, felt South should have picked his psyche by now or at least shut up and made the famous retribution re-double. West, having listened to the auction and having three hearts herself should have diagnosed South's void and led a spade - but she did not. She led a heart. The rest is history. 6 Clubs xx plus one. (The rather ignorant tournament committee of the time placed a completely unwarranted play ban of six months on the winning pair due, one can only assume, to their regular bias, vengefulness and dysfunctionality proven, of course, by many of their subsequent inconsistent rulings on identical issues and their

other irrational judgements. But hey? Those were the old days n'est ce pas?).

HAND TWO

Pre-empts, like psyches are always annoying to contest against. That never changes. (See my article in December 2008 in Focus for greater explanation of my views.) Pre-empts come in different forms and shapes. They can be constructive or destructive and they should change depending on position and relative vulnerability. But there should always be a method to their madness. But back to youthful exuberance. First hand, vulnerable against not; you hold:

-
A
AKQJT984
AT9x

There are many openings for this hand. One diamond, two clubs, five diamonds even three no trumps if you are crazy. But with all its potential and only one major suit card and the vulnerability favourable for the opponents, you really want to get as high as possible as fast as possible before they find their game or sacrifice. Accordingly it was opened six diamonds. A spot with great potential for making and certainly one over which opponents will find it hard to establish a useful sacrifice, or as it turns out, a good lead.

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THE COMPLETE HAND:

(from last year's WABC Congress.)

	KQxx Xxx 532 Xxx	
Axxx xxxxx - KQJx		xxxxx KQJx 76 xx
	- A AKQJT984 AT98	

When West decided to try to cash the Ace of Spades the hand was over - making six (two clubs going on the fortunate 5 of diamonds entry to dummy). So accept that that youthful energy can be effective. So can all unexpected and misleading actions as long as they are well-considered with specific intent and more likely to give the opponents problems rather than your poor benighted partner. But do we lose such impulses as age wearies us and the years offend? I like to think not. See how effective these last two examples proved to be. In fact they actually took place in the last couple of years, both times at my table and one of them in fact at a WABC Congress.

In the first Ted Horawicz was, of course, the psycher and I the six club bidder on the inference of the three heart underbid. (I personally don't believe in psyches and do them extremely rarely and never against weaker opponents against whom you should figure to prevail by conventional means - but each to his own.) Clearly, as my bid-

ding demonstrated I had no inkling at any point of Ted's psyche until the dummy emerged and revealed his creative (if offbeat) actions.

As you may have suspected I was the six diamond bidder who received the Ace of spades lead. Many would have opted for the king of clubs lead and I would then not have succeeded, but note that even six of a major (especially hearts) is a good sacrifice against five diamonds and virtually impossible to bid over a six diamond opening. So a successful result was at least highly viable. Better of course if partner's spade values had been in clubs. But when you pre-empt you take those chances. Anyway, what can I say? Some people never grow up. And maybe nor should they, at least when it comes to throwing some spanners into a staid bridge auction.

But since I don't really normally contribute to the WABC *Trumps Plus*, let me conclude by saying thanks to the membership of the WABC for welcoming us those years ago, teaching us and starting us all off. As they can see from my introduction they fostered some fine players (author excepted of course) and started a good precedent for fostering young players, albeit accidentally. It may be a strange thing to say, but I think that Hans Rosendorff was truly the one to be congratulated on that score. He was never a conventional man but a true bridge aficionado and a great bridge promoter.

NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS

APRIL—JUNE 2009

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CLUB

APRIL

Anne Hay
Julie Keamy
Sylvia Hindle
Christa Mazzucchelli
Des Warner
Fred Rieben
Roger Boyd
Robin Lacey
Monique Atlas
Julian Frayne
Judith Toey
Paulette Savage
Barbara Bruce
John Ferris
Carol Dawson
Lorraine Harford
Stephanie Knott
Jen LeMessurier
Kim Magann
Lily Braddock
Sue Lendich
Clare Werren
Martin Jones
Tonia Leishman
Jo Trinh
Kerry Barr

MAY

Marg Scahill
Susan Erickson
Helen Hellsten
Margaret Hogg
Chris Webber
Sue Phillips
John Phillips
David Sheffield

JUNE (NOMINATIONS RECEIVED)

Heather Boyd
Graham Boyd
Joan Knowles
Helen Frankland
Susanne Gammon

DON'T BE SHY!

WABC is lucky to have a willing band of helpers who contribute to the life of the club in a number of different ways – including managing the garden, serving at the bar, putting out the milk and biscuits, organising the library, watering the plants on the courtyard, helping the directors to distribute boards, and generally tidying up. Many thanks to you all!

BUT

We can always do with more help, especially from our younger and newer members, so that we have continuity in the future. An easy way to start would be to sort out cups and holders and clean up in the Social Area when you can see it needs it. Another way to help would be to put your name forward to help out at our popular Foundation Day, Novice Pairs and Christmas Congresses – it's actually good fun and a great way to meet up with other members!

‘Old Tricks’

or Choosing the Right Discard

John Ashworth.

These two hands are from Old Tricks by Travis White, first published in 1934 by Bridge World Inc and reprinted in 1978 paperback by GBC Press, Nevada under the auspices of Mel Glover (USA) and Tim Burke (ACT).

In this deal, declarer failed to make five clubs because he did not know how to kill two birds with one stone. He would have made six if he had held the Ace of hearts in addition to his actual holding; but a skilful Declarer would have made six as the cards lay, *without* the Ace of hearts.

	S KJ9 H 653 D AQ98 Q 97	
S 8632 H AQJ10 7 D 32 C 63		S 10754 H 94 D K7654 C 52
	S AQ H K82 D J10 C AKJ1084	

East and West were game in [playing Rubber bridge and vulnerable] and didn't bid. North dealt and bid a diamond and after three rounds of bidding, South played the hand at five clubs. It will be noted that North cannot make game in no trump against a heart opening. South can, but the clubs will yield a higher score. Clubs was therefore the best bid – if South knew how to play it.

West opened the deuce of spades. South took out the trumps, discarded a heart on Dummy's third spade, and then tried the diamond finesse. It lost, and a heart lead through the King set the bid one trick. South offered his con-

dolences to North: "Partner, if either the King of diamonds or the Ace of hearts had been right ..."

It was the player who was wrong, however; not the cards. I think he was hypnotized by the size of his diamonds. He should have discarded a diamond on the third spade and then led Dummy's Ace of diamonds, following with the Queen. East of course would not play the king whether he held it or not, and South would now discard a heart. If West had the King of diamonds he could take that trick and one heart, if he led the suit at once; and one heart trick was all he could take regardless of who had the Ace. If West led any suit but hearts he would get no more tricks at all. On the other hand, if East had the King of diamonds the Queen would hold; Dummy would then lead the nine, and East could do whatever he thought fit. His King would be trumped whenever he played it, Dummy would regain the led with a trump, and South would get a second heart discard, thereby making six. South would have made his contract by this line of play no matter who held the Ace of hearts and the King of diamonds.

	S 87 H QJ9652 D QJ10 C 64	
S KJ53 H 10 D 9864 C Q873		S 10 642 H 83 D 72 C AJ1093
	S AQ9 H AK74 D AK53 C K3	

WABC CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON QUALIFYING FOR THE GNRP REGIONAL FINAL TO BE HELD AT WABC ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER at 10.00am

Tuesday heat:

1. ROSEMARY ENRIGHT & ROSEMARY REAR
2. CLAUDINE & DAVID CHARTERS

Friday heat:

1. CHRIS BAGLEY & PEPE SCHWEGLER
2. SHEENAGH YOUNG & KIM PATERSON

Wednesday Evening heat :

1. CLIVE & INGA HUNT
2. RICHARD FOX & TONY BRAND

Thursday heat

1. LYNNE ERRINGTON & MELANIE SHEFFIELD
2. LINDA WATSON & ROBIN DRAPER



*****IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY PLEASE INFORM SHEENAGH ASAP AS YOUR PLACE WILL NEED TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE NEXT QUALIFYING PAIR.**



THE RUEFUL RABBIT REPORTS ON THE WABC GARDENS

Several new trees have been planted recently – two peppermints and two casuarinas. These will be great for our summer shade and will help to keep our burrows cool.

Thirty smaller shrubs have also been added – native hop bushes (a favourite of rabbits!), eremophilas, verticordias and more grevilleas.

A line of shrubs has been planted along the fence-line to give future screening. The mulch is proving extremely effective as a rabbit deterrent – “terrible on our tender little paws!”

We continue to watch for new flowers throughout the garden – the ground cover, Hibbertia (buttercups), various grevilleas, and a large, golden banksia blossom. All look great and we’ll endeavour not to eat too many of these!

Club Name Badges are available for \$15. Please order through Sheenagh Young in the office. We have over 850 members now and they make learning new names a whole lot easier.

Ron Klinger

[courtesy of www.ronklingerbridge.com]

THE OLD MASTER PLAYS BRIDGE

The Old Master found himself in a doubled partscore on these cards :

Dealer East : Nil vulnerable

WEST	EAST
<i>Old Master</i>	
♠K Q 10 8 2	♠7
♥9	♥Q J 10 3
♦A 8	♦K 10 9 6
♣K 9 7 5 3	♣Q J 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Old Master</i>	<i>Norman</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Sam</i>
		Pass	2♥(1)
2♠	Double	All pass	

(1) *Two suiter, 5+ hearts and a 4+ minor*

The group had been experimenting with the latest fad, weak two-suited openings. After Sam opened 2♥, the Old Master overcalled 2♠ and North's penalty double ended the auction.

North led the ♥4 and the Old Master saw that 3♣ would have been an easier task. He played low from dummy and South won with the king. South switched to the ♠3 and the Old Master's king was taken by North who shifted to the ♦Q, won by dummy's king. The ♥Q was led, covered by the ace and ruffed with the ♠2 as North followed with the ♥7.

How would you continue the play?

Solution on page 32

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watch the Club notice board for in-
formation on how to book a spot.**

MEET HELEN GEORGE



No wonder that Helen George is a Life Member and Patron of WABC!

She is a gracious, sincere and friendly club member- one who loves being involved in its day-to-day life and sets a fine example to younger members to come forward and join in. Moreover, she has been very closely involved with the Club since its transition from the West Australian Bridge Association to the West Australian Bridge Club in 1974.

Helen was on the Council of WABA and then continued on the WABC Committee for 16 years, for most of this time as Secretary. She has vivid memories of being a two-fingered typist, preparing and collating copy for "Trumps Plus" and typing up minutes, agendas and travellers on waxed sheets for duplication on a Gestetner machine. Her husband and helpmate, Mike, ran the machine which behaved very erratically and as Helen said rather plaintively – "What would we have given then for a modern photocopier!"

Helen was brought up on a farm in the Chapman Valley, north-east of Geraldton and in early days was educated at home by correspondence with her mother. Later, she boarded in Geraldton and went on to train as a primary school teacher. It was at Teachers' Col-

lege that she met Mike, a mature-age student who'd been farming at Arrino near Three Springs. They married in 1961 and taught together at Denmark on the south coast, then later, on two aboriginal missions at Cundeelee (north of Zanthus) and Mogumber, and then in Harvey before returning to Perth.

Mike had played auction bridge all his life, starting off with his two brothers playing three-handed "cut-throat" as it was then called! When they were first married Mike had a gang of bridge buddies who played regularly and Helen's job was to make the coffee. She decided that it would be more fun to play and so Mike taught her Auction Bridge.

In 1970, Helen and Mike took a year off teaching to go travelling and returned to Australia on the "Iberia". Here they were given the chance to learn Contract Bridge, got completely hooked, and started playing club bridge. They moved on from Goren and have very successfully played a basic ACOL system ever since. Helen enjoys bridge because "it is something we can do together which we enjoy, it's a great mind-game and hopefully staves off Alzheimers."

With their friends, Carol and Derek Pockock, they have played as an unchanged team in the BAWA League Teams competition since it was started in 1975 – winning enough times to keep their annual "free" subscription to "Australian Bridge" valid until 2017.

Although, Helen's main involvement in bridge is with WABC – she became a Life Member in 1990 and Joint-Patron with John Ashworth in 1996 – she and

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Mike have also supported national and international competitions held in WA. They hosted a team from Macao for the Far-Eastern Championship and were on the hospitality desk almost every day during the ANC Congress in Fremantle last year.

Helen's other interests include travel which has seen her "Sail the Andes" in Patagonia, chat to the moais on Easter Island, enter the Arctic pack ice north of Spitzbergen, visit the longhouses in Borneo, fish for piranha up the backwaters of the Amazon and being hauled most unceremoniously from the raging white water when shooting the Pagsanjan rapids in the Philippines.

One of the biggest changes in the WA bridge scene Helen commented on was the change from WABA and the formation of BAWA and WABC in 1974. She recalls some very robust but healthy discussion at the time, but feels that this has led to the development of a very successful club in WABC .

Jenny Davy

Meet old club members: GUESS WHO?



Pictured with her brother, the little girl on the left is a well-known figure at WABC. Put your entries in.

**All Contributions to
Trumps Plus are
welcome. Deadline for
the September issue is
the 20th August.**

DID YOU GUESS....

Last issue's little Indian was none other than John Ashworth and one clever person took off the scratchie!

Put your entry for this month in the box outside the playing area. The first correct entry drawn out at the end of the first week will receive a "scratchie". Good luck!



SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

THE OLD MASTER PLAYS BRIDGE

Solution to the problem posed on page 29

After ruffing the heart, the Old Master cashed the ♦A and led a low club. North took the ace and exited with a club, won in dummy. The Old Master discarded a club on the ♣J and now had taken one heart, two diamond, one club and a heart ruff.

This was the complete deal :

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

After eight tricks, the Old Master had ♠Q-10-8 left plus two clubs, while North had just five spades. The Old Master now played a club which North had to ruff. The low spade exit was won by the Old Master's 8. The next club exit was again ruffed by North who had to lead into the Old Master's ♠Q-10 to give the Old Master eight tricks. 2♠ doubled and made.

"So why did you double?" asked David.

"But I had A-J six times in trumps."

"So, did you beat the contract?"

"No."

"How often have you defeated the Old Master?"

"Rarely."

"And how often have you beaten the Old Master in a doubled contract?"

"Even more rarely."

"I would say less than once in 200,000 times. You could have triplets sooner."

SOLUTIONS TO SIMPLE COUNTING IN DEFENCE QUIZ P. 16

Quiz 1

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

When partner leads the queen of a suit it would often be best to win the ace and return the suit, to clear declarer's king. However that plan can't possibly work here.

After analysing the lead and looking at dummy, we should count declarer's tricks: one spade, at least one heart, and six diamond tricks, as we can see that even if declarer lacks the ♦ K the finesse is working. That means at least eight top tricks. If declarer happens to have the ace of clubs that would make nine tricks and the contract couldn't be defeated. Therefore our only hope is to find our defensive tricks in clubs. If you said you'd win the ♠ Ace and switch to a club, well done. However there's a bit extra as you

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must switch to the ten (or queen) rather than a low one. As you can see below, a low club switch will allow South to play low and then the king can no longer be attacked. To defeat the contract you need partner's clubs to be headed by the ace-jack at least:

Quiz 2

This is another case of not blindly returning

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

partner's lead. The "obvious" suit for declarer to be establishing is dummy's clubs, yet the diamonds have been played instead. Why? Because the clubs must already be established – in other words declarer has the ace. This is a valid inference whenever declarer hasn't tackled a strong suit in dummy.

So again we count declarer's tricks: 3 spades (based on partner's lead of the jack), surely the king of diamonds (otherwise the diamond play makes no sense), and five club tricks for a total of nine. It's also worth counting the points that we know of in declarer's hand: the ♠ K-Q, the ♦ K and the ♣ A make a total of twelve. Therefore the contract can be defeated if we now switch to the seven of hearts to partner's ace and receive a heart return. Will partner understand what's going on? After all, the seven of hearts doesn't exactly look like a low one, promising an honour. Two things about that. Firstly, partner should also be switched on to the club situation so should see the urgency. Secondly, you could have returned a spade yourself if you thought that best and no doubt you would have discouraged on partner's opening spade lead, playing the four. Therefore hearts are the only real hope. Sometimes the seven or even the eight

can be fourth highest, so this possibility must be allowed for depending on the context. Note also that you can't afford to return any heart but the seven as that would give the opponents a trick.

***The hand for Quiz 3 is based on a hand from Eddie Kantar's 'Defensive Bridge Complete'.*

Quiz 3

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

You were given the hint to check the bidding carefully here. South opened 1♠ and then re-bid hearts twice, showing 5-5. Added to those ten cards South has followed suit to three rounds of clubs. Therefore declarer can't have any diamonds. If you missed this and tried to cash the ♦ A you have handed declarer the contract. Did you instead choose to return a spade, based on partner's suit preference signal of the nine of clubs? Again, declarer will now make. Rather than robotically following partner's signal you can work out all by yourself that a trump return must be best. Since both declarer and partner are known to have spade length and strength, South will need to ruff spades. By leading a trump you will allow just two spade ruffs in dummy and spoil declarer's easy cross-ruff from here. Notice also that it's an optical illusion that declarer has a discard on the ♣ Q, since this can only happen if trumps have been drawn. That won't be happening here otherwise declarer would still be left with a spade loser.

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Quiz 4

It should be easy to work out that partner doesn't have the ♦ A, since South can hardly have an opening bid without that card. And of course you won't be getting a club trick, as declarer has at most one, after having promised at least 5-4 in hearts and diamonds, and having now shown up with three spades. Therefore we must focus on trumps, especially the cases where partner doesn't have a natural trick. After considering all that the best defence is to return the last spade, hoping to promote a trump winner for partner. Notice that partner will never otherwise make the queen in this layout::

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

Solutions to the Tim Seres "déjà vu" problems from p. 27

Deal 1

In 6S, TPS smoothly ducked the opening lead of the diamond Q. West delighted at the apparent success of his choice, continued diamonds. South was now able to ruff out the club suit after disposing of his third club on dummy's diamond king. That effort was reported by Arthur Waterman in the fifties.

Kelsey in *The Tricky Game* (aka *Deceptive Plays in Bridge*) describes Tim as 'One of the top players in the world and one of the great masters of deception'. He gives this very similar Seres effort.

Deal 2

Similarly, West tried the SQ against 6H. That held of course so a second spade was played. Oh dear! Declarer discarded a diamond then established that suit by ruffing.

Two deals, or one deal differently recalled? Seres says both deals are correct and occurred in 1953 and 1964 respectively.

Copied with thanks from *Play cards with Tim Seres* by
Michael Courtney

From Monday 15th June
All supervised sessions
Will be:
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JUNE

8	Monday	12.30pm	Club Novice Pairs Championship 1/2
13	Saturday	1.30pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1/3
15	Monday	12.30pm	Club Novice Pairs Championship 2/2
20	Saturday	1.30pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2/3
27	Saturday	1.30pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3/3
28	Sunday	10.00am	WABC Novice Pairs Congress

JULY

1	Wednesday	7.30pm	Charles Pearce Cup
8	Wednesday	7.30pm	Charles Pearce Cup
10	Friday	1.00pm	Club Daytime Pairs Championship 1/2
15	Wednesday	7.30pm	Charles Pearce Cup
17	Friday	1.00pm	Club Daytime Pairs Championship 2/2
22	Wednesday	7.30pm	Charles Pearce Cup
29	Wednesday	7.30pm	Charles Pearce Cup

AUGUST

5	Wednesday	11.30am	Open Red Point Wednesday
12	Wednesday	7.30pm	Club Evening Pairs Championship 1/2
19	Wednesday	7.30pm	Club Evening Pairs Championship 2/2
25	Tuesday	1.00pm	Open Red Point Tuesday





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Monday (P)	12.30 – 3.15	With Peter Smith	Except Public Holidays.
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- *These sessions are supervised – you may ask for help during play.*
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Monday am	9.15 – 12.00	With Mal Clark	Small & friendly. Not held on Public Holidays.
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Tuesday	1.00 – 4.30	Bill Kemp	The premier session.
Wednesday	11..30 – 3.00	Peter Smith	Advice given by Peter – after the session.
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