

Post -Qualifying in the New Zealand Teams.

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STOUT (12)		STOUT (12)	
HAWKINS (9)			
BECK (10)	BECK (10)		

Congress Noticeboard

Session Times for Saturday

Session 1 : 9.30 am

Session 2 : 1.45 pm

Presentation Dinner

The function starts at 7pm in the Hotel Dining Room . Please redeem your drinks ticket at the bar

Prizewinners –

PAB, Senior and Intermediate Teams prizes can be collected from the desk after 10 am

One hour after play finishes prizes for all Swiss events can be collected from Seminar 3

Final Bulletin

There will be a bulletin on Saturday evening. This will be a web-only bulletin, there will be no paper copy.



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NZ Bridge Congress Survey

We are always looking for ways to improve our National Congress and this year we invite you, the New Zealand (and wider) bridge community to answer this short survey and tell us what you think and what you want.

The survey is also anonymous. We do not ask you for your name or any other personally identifiable information.

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Please go to the NZB website and click on the survey link to participate in this survey. Tell all your bridge friends also, as we want feedback from as many players as possible. Those participating in this survey do not have to be regular Congress players.

The deadline for responses is Midnight on Friday 12th October.

The Start Of The Semis

The semi-finals of the NZ Teams saw Reid pitted against Jacob and Spooner playing Stout.

For Spooner, Nico Ranson (W) AND John McMahon played Pauline Gumby (N) and Warren Lazer while Andrew Spooner (S) and Matt Smith opposed Graeme Stout (W) and Jeff Miller.

Stout had a carryover advantage of 0.31 imps so, whatever was going to happen, the result was not going to be a tie.

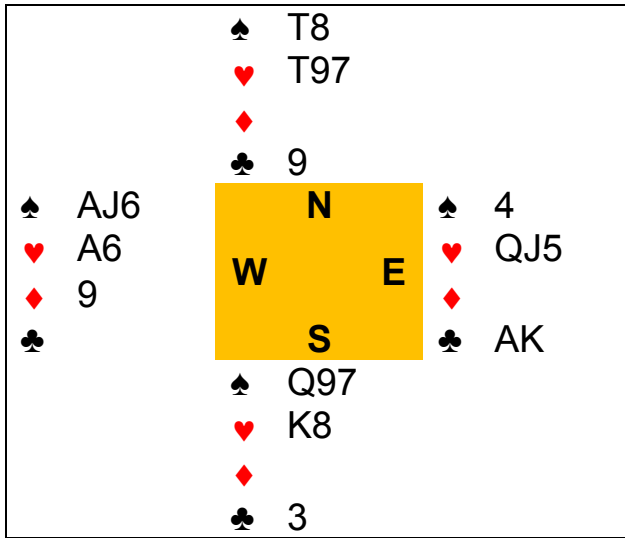
Spooner picked a couple of imps to take the lead and then board 3 arrived.

		♠ T83	
		♥ T97	
		♦ KQ63	
		♣ T92	
♠ AJ65		N	♠ K4
♥ A6	W		♥ QJ52
♦ A9542		E	♦ JT8
♣ J7		S	♣ AK65
		♠ Q972	
		♥ K843	
		♦ 7	
		♣ Q843	

Warren opened the South cards 2♦ to show a weak hand with at least 4-4 in the majors. Nico overcalled 2NT and John raised to game. A heart was led to the Ace and Nico led a small diamond taken by Pauline with the Queen. Pauline switched to the ♣10 and Nico rose with dummy's Ace. He then played ♦J and saw Warren discard a club. He ducked and so did Pauline. He continued diamond and this time Pauline took her King. She switched to a heart to the Queen, King and Nico's duck. Nico could now claim his 9 tricks.

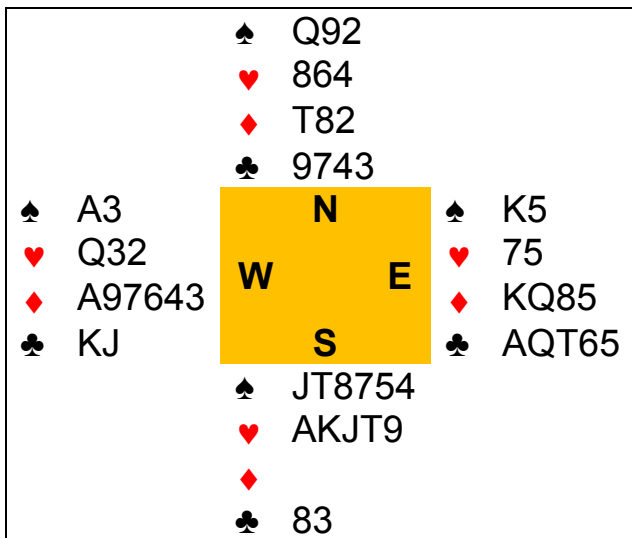
In the other room, The bidding was straightforward with Jeff ending up in a normal 3NT. The lead of the 2 spades was run round to the K, and Jeff started to set up the diamonds. The J was allowed to hold but the 10 was taken by the Q. Matt switched to 10 clubs and after some thought this was ducked to the Q. No problem so far. But Andrew returned a club, and now it was decision time. After a long time Jeff ducked the J, leaving the lead in dummy. Ace of diamonds and a diamond left Matt on lead and after due

consideration, (I fell asleep twice) exited with the S8 to the dummy AJ6 in this end position



After cashing the last diamond, Jeff could have prevailed by continuing ♠A and a second spade. South would now have to concede either by accessing dummy's clubs or by providing the opportunity to take the heart finesse. However, in the heat of battle, Jeff missed this line and went one off. 12 imps to Spooner.

Board 7 had some points of interest.



Warren opened the South hand 2♦ to show both majors, weak. Nico

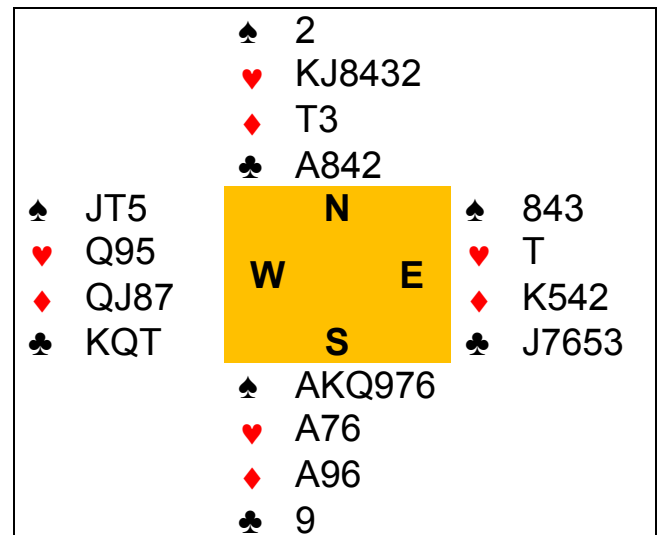
overcalled 3♦ and John raised to game.

Pauline was probably always going to lead a major but she guessed wrong, leading a spade which enabled Nico to wrap up 13 tricks,

Jeff and Graeme played it from the other side. South opened 1♠ and Graeme passed, mentioning quietly to the editor that he was getting very conservative in his old age. (this didn't last long). East bid 2♣, South bid 2♥, and Graeme who had passed with an opening bid thought it was worth at least 1 bid, and chose the forcing 2♠. A quick 2NT and 3NT ended the auction.

The lead was the Ace hearts followed by a small heart. Jeff rose with the Q, and when that won breathed deeply and claimed the rest. Phew!

At this stage, Spooner led by 11 and a bit imps.



Warren and Pauline's auction never really got off the ground

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♠
X	2♥	P	4♥

Pauline ruffed a club on table and successfully negotiated the heart position and quickly claimed all 13.

The auction was short, (and sweet) in the other room. West opened 1♦, North bid a weak 2♥, and Andrew didn't muck about and bid 6♠. That might have been uncomfortable on a diamond lead, needing to get the hearts right. However on the K clubs lead, once the spades broke the heart finesse was for the overtrick, making 13.

For the record the same finesse was required in the 4 board playoff yesterday, with the same heart 10 being played, and the Lei team got it wrong. (There are no hand records for the playoff, the hands were dealt)

Board 10 was the first real ray of light for Stout.

	♠ A7		
	♥ K974		
	♦ 9643		
	♣ 984		
♠ KT65	N	♠ QJ92	
♥ A862	W	♥ Q3	
♦ QJT8	E	♦ A52	
♣ 6	S	♣ QJT2	
	♠ 843		
	♥ JT5		
	♦ K7		
	♣ AK753		

Nico and John found their way to 2♠ by West. Pauline and Warren were able to organise a diamond ruff for South 9 tricks were quickly collected. All very ho hum. However...

Andrew was not in his old age, unlike Graeme, so happily overcalled 2♣ with the South hand. Graeme made a take out double as we all would, and Matt bid a very delicate 3♣. Jeff passed thinking he had some defence to 3♣, and when Graeme doubled again, (his hand had got better?), now most of us might bid 3♠ with trepidation, but Jeff was made of sterner stuff when the opposition was vulnerable. He passed!

The ♦Q was led and the Ace won. A small club to the Ace, Ace of spades and a spade. A club and a spade ruff, and now Andrew having seen the bad club break could now play a small heart away from the King to ensure only 2 light. Would you rise with the Queen? If not, 1 light.

Instead Andrew ruffed a diamond to hand, hoping for the ♥Q to be on his left. Bad news and now they drew the last trump, 3 light -800. So much for part score hands.

12 imps for Stout and two flat boards followed to leave the Spooner team 10 and a bit ahead.

Self-Congratulating Too Soon

Colin Carryer

A very interesting board we played in the second match in the point a board teams tonight - hand 24

	♠ J53		
	♥ AKT863		
	♦ A5		
	♣ T4		
♠ K98742	N	♠ Q	
♥ J9743	W	♥ QJ9754	
♦ 82	E	♦ 86	
♣ 82	S	♣ AQ76	
	♠ AT6		
	♥ 2		
	♦ KQT2		
	♣ KJ953		

	♠ 5		
	♥ T863		
	♦		
	♣		
♠ K97	N	♠ QJ9	
♥ J9	W	♥ QJ9	
♦	E	♦ AQ	
♣	S	♣ AQ	
	♠ T		
	♥ QT		
	♦		
	♣ KJ		

The auction

West	North	East	South
P	1♥	P	2♣
X	2♥	P	3♦
P	3NT	X	

The play.....

Lead 8 of Diamonds taken by the Ace. Not great prospects I thought because obviously the suits are breaking badly so something good has to happen in the Club suit to start with so I ran the ♣10 of clubs - winning and then playing another club to the 9 which also held - things are now looking up!! With the initial double coming from West I expected both missing spade honours with West so lead a low spade from dummy and losing to the Queen on my left who now exited with his 2nd diamond to the King in dummy. I now played to my ♥A, cashing the King (East threw 2 spades on these cards) and then played ♠A to produce:

I exited with my last spade, giving East his 3 spade tricks but then he had to lead from ♦J9 into dummy's Q10

Very happy chappy but then look at the hand records and see I should have made 4!!

An Unusual Beer Card

Wayne Burrows

	♠ JT		
	♥ AJ6		
	♦ JT865		
	♣ 973		
♠ Q962	N	♠ K85	
♥ K2	W	♥ T953	
♦ AK43	E	♦ Q87	
♣ KQ6	S	♣ AT8	
	♠ A754		
	♥ Q874		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J542		

West	North	East	South
1NT	P	2♣	P
2♠	P	2NT	P
3NT			

The ♦5 was led, I played the 7 from dummy and the trick was completed by the 2 and the 3.

Me- “There isn’t a prize for winning the beer card at trick one is there?”

Mike Smith – “Yes, it’s a case of beer if you make your contract.”

Me – “No pressure then”

I played a club to dummy’s King and a spade back to the 10, King and Ace. I noted that 10 as it gave me two options in spades but the drop option risked losing two spades and three hearts if the ♥A was offside and the ♠10 was singleton. A heart came through and North’s Jack scored. The ♥A was cashed, dropping my King but it is all over now. I had two entries to dummy to establish and cash the ♥9. One spade, one heart, four diamonds and three clubs – making 3NT for all the beer.

Don’t Give Up On 4th Highest

Stephen Burgess gave me these two which I will give you as problems.

You are defending 4♠. Your heart holding is 632

From the auction you know that partner has 5 hearts and declarer 3. Partner leads a 4th highest 5 and dummy’s hearts are 87. Declarer wins the trick with the Ace. Nobody has done anything strange.

1) What is the exact distribution of the heart suit – every pip?

	♠	762				
	♥	J8				
	♦	A2				
	♣	Q98653				
♠	AQ84		N	♠	J53	
♥	AK942		W	E	♥	Q765
♦	85				♦	QJT94
♣	42			S	♣	T
	♠	KT9				
	♥	T3				
	♦	K763				
	♣	AKJ7				

2) As South you are defending 4♥. What is your lead to defeat the contract?

1) Partner must hold the 4 as it’s the only fifth card he can hold – you can see all the smaller ones, Declarer has the Ace, we’ve seen it. Assume that he hasn’t got the King but then he would have 2 of the 9, 10, Jack and Queen and wouldn’t have won with the Ace. Assume he doesn’t have the Queen then he would have one of the Jack, 10 and 9 and would have won with it. Therefore, declarer has AKQ and partner JT954.

2) You must lead the club 7 Partner will win (not guaranteed if you lead the Jack) and then returns a spade. Declarer can draw trumps but, when he plays a diamond to set up dummy’s tricks, partner steps in with the Ace and plays another spade, establishing your

spade trick before declarer has dislodged your ♦K.

The Coin Has Two Sides

Chris Ackerley and Douglas Russell enjoy those silly moments which can occur, particularly at the end of a Congress week when people are getting tired. They really enjoyed this one.

West was admiring

♠ 4 ♥ 632 ♦ AKJ973 ♣ 872

He opened a weak 2♦, two passes followed before South doubled. Nobody could think of anywhere to go.

The ♥K was played, all following, then the ♥Q – same effect. North now crossed to South's ♥J. That worthy (not a word I ever thought to use of Chris and Douglas) cashed the Ace and King of clubs. A third club was ruffed by North who exited a spade to dummy's Ace. Declarer ruffed a spade in hand and laid down the ace of trumps – which got ruffed!

The layout:

	♠	Q6		
	♥	KQ8		
	♦	AQT642		
	♣	43		
♠	4		N	♠
♥	A632		W	E
♦	KJ973			
♣	872		S	♣
	♠	KT95		♠
	♥	J97		♥
	♦			♦
	♣	AKJT96		♣
				♠
				AJ8732
				♥
				T54
				♦
				85
				♣
				Q5

Yes, West had Rueful Rabbited and had seconded the ♥A to the diamond suit. His luck, however, was more akin to the Unlucky Armenian.

A bidding problem for you:
You hold:

♠ J62 ♥ 76 ♦ A87642 ♣ 94

Partner opens 1♣ and a pass follows. Your call?

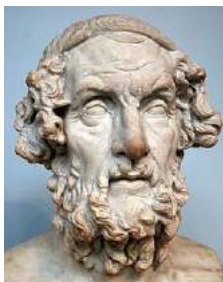
Our particular South opted to pass. A trifle conservative you may well feel but certainly defensible.

Unless, of course, you happen to be playing Precision.

To make matters worse, partner had almost enough to open a P club with half his hand and open another P club with the other half – just a little matter of 28 hcp. For those adopting Tom Jacob's ZARS methods, I make this come to 50 ZARS with 26 enough to open. The hand was played successfully in small slam 23 times and in grand 17 while

Chris Ackerley did extremely well to make an over in 1♣.

What really upsets your editor is that it was point a board so it was just a loss of one. God I wish it had been teams, vulnerable! However, your editor is less upset by the fact that we have a classical visitor:



As Douglas Russell says



Reading The Runes

Liam Milne was most impressed by the way in which opponent, Andi Boughey, interpreted the available information on this one

	♠	AJ9874			
	♥	QJ			
	♦	K432			
	♣	J			
♠			N		♠ Q5
♥	A54		W	E	♥ T7632
♦	QT986				♦ A7
♣	AQT82		S		♣ K643
	♠	K7632			
	♥	K98			
	♦	J5			
	♣	975			

The auction was

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	X	3♦
4♣	4♠	5♣	

And Andi declared 5♣. The ♥Q was led to Andi's Ace and she cashed 2 rounds of trumps. Then, with a little sideways smile, she pushed out the Queen of diamonds.

Liam points out the ruses that she was reading:

- 1) On the lead of the ♥Q the suit was very probably blocked – if North had QJ tight then South couldn't overtake the Jack without setting up dummy's 10. If North had QJx, then South couldn't play a third heart because he didn't have one.
- 2) It was unlikely that Liam (N) had the ♠AK as if he had he would very probably have led one.
- 3) Liam as the first overcaller very probably had the ♦K.

Liam ducked the ♦Q but to no effect as Andi happily ran it to make her contract and win the

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And she can collect a bottle of our sponsors superb product from Seminar 1

Mixed Feelings

It was with some regret that I noticed the departure of the Spooner team at the end of the NZ Teams semi-finals. I knew none of these guys before this week but having watched them several times as they progressed I was immensely impressed by their demeanour at the table. I was even more impressed by the number of opposing players who commented to me about what sporting and courteous players they were.

Even facing the disappointment of their exit from the Teams, they still managed to produce a couple of hands for the bulletin (hopefully between beers). Firstly from the Teams quarters

	♠	K9852		
	♥	Q94		
	♦	Q842		
	♣	8		
♠	AQJT6	N	♠	74
♥	AK8	W	♥	J62
♦	95	E	♦	AJT73
♣	K52	S	♣	JT9
	♠	3		
	♥	T753		
	♦	K6		
	♣	AQ7643		

East was to play 3NTx and the ♥4 was led. Dummy's Jack scored and declarer played a spade to the Queen and King. North exited the ♥Q to declarer's Ace and the ♠A was cashed while South discarded an encouraging ♣3. Declarer then led the ♦9 and North hopped with the Queen, in front of dummy's AJ. Declarer ducked and North continued a heart to the King. Declarer cashed his two spade tricks,

throwing a club from dummy before playing a diamond to the Jack and (a surprising) King. South cashed the ♥10 and ♣A before exiting the ♣Q to declarer's King. Declarer's remaining ♣5 was beaten by South's 7 for 3NT to go 2 down

The second hand will have to wait till tomorrow as space and time are running out tonight. As a capricious GOM I'm going to give 2

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PLAY OF THE DAY AWARDS

This one to the Spooner team for reminding us that you can be a damn good bridge player and still be a gentleman (or lady as the case may be)

If a member of the team would call at Seminar 1, they can pick up a bottle of our sponsor's superb product.

NZ Intermediate Teams

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	Grant (18)	124	87.38	4-0-2
2	Yan (1)	97	82.99	5-0-1
3	Ren (5)	95	79.64	4-0-2
4	Smith (9)	58	77.42	5-0-1
5	Dick (7)	71	76.57	4-0-2
6	Rex (13)	102	74.49	4-0-2
7	Lynch (4)	55	73.65	4-0-2
8	Bush (15)	55	73.05	3-0-3
9	Jackson (2)	44	71.36	4-0-2
10	Baker (12)	17	66.35	4-0-2
11	Griffin (10)	31	66.33	3-0-3
12	Herbert (28)	-6	65.54	5-0-1
13	Thornton (24)	15	63.44	3-0-3
14	Powell (19)	22	61.54	3-0-3
15	Phillips (29)	12	59.84	3-0-3
16	Pilalis (6)	1	57.81	3-0-3
17	Darvell (25)	-22	57.51	4-0-2
18	Howard (11)	-6	56.94	2-0-4
19	Mann (16)	15	53.33	2-0-4
20	Bailie (27)	-71	52.01	2-0-4
21	Rigter (20)	-29	51.9	2-0-4
22	Watson (14)	-25	51.71	3-0-3
23	Chung (8)	-40	51.31	2-0-4
24	Ball (21)	-32	51.26	2-0-4
25	Clarke (30)	-46	48.44	2-0-4
26	Imlach (26)	-62	47.13	3-0-3
27	Jolly (17)	-60	42.81	1-0-5
28	Eccles (3)	-109	37.12	2-0-4
29	Millington (22)	-162	31.05	1-0-5
30	Horner (23)	-144	27.08	1-0-5

NZ Seniors Teams

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	Watt (27)	147	96.61	6-0-0
2	Clayton (3)	110	79.88	4-0-2
3	Wood (21)	86	78.24	5-0-1
4	McArthur (20)	70	77.25	4-0-2
5	Buckley (25)	57	74.99	4-0-2
6	Braithwaite (28)	49	74.08	4-0-2
7	Waldvogel (12)	49	72.52	4-0-2
8	Robb (26)	48	71.25	4-0-2
9	Brookes (14)	41	70.91	4-0-2






10	Healy (2)	30	68.61	4-0-2
11	Currie (34)	36	67.75	3-0-3
12	Fermor (24)	41	67.27	3-0-3
13	Chang (30)	26	66.16	3-0-3
14	Gardiner (17)	21	64.21	3-0-3
15	Sutton (22)	7	62.96	4-0-2
16	McRae (6)	-12	62.17	4-0-2
17	Edelstein (19)	9	61.73	3-0-3
18	Hansen (23)	-5	59.97	4-0-2
19	Buckland (5)	16	59.34	2-0-4
20	Henwood (10)	-14	57.76	3-0-3
21	Goodman (33)	-7	55.98	3-0-3
22	Bunnell (16)	-39	54.03	3-0-3
23	Gray (9)	-38	50.76	3-0-3
24	Hill (32)	-34	50.65	2-0-4
25	Dormer (31)	-42	50.06	2-0-4
26	Smith (7)	-37	49.77	2-0-4
27	Lange (11)	-33	49.34	1-0-5
28	McCarthy (15)	-34	47.7	1-0-5
29	Oyston (13)	-56	45.55	2-0-4
30	Dent (1)	-97	44.73	3-0-3
31	Macdonald (18)	-68	41.97	1-0-5
32	Yeomans (8)	-104	41.5	2-0-4
33	Burns (29)	-114	34.13	2-0-4
34	Cassels (4)	-109	30.17	0-0-6

NZ Point A Board Teams

Place	Team	Points
	1 Wang (47)	91
	2 Curry (11)	90
	3 Temple (39)	86
	4 Ruddell (18)	84
4=	Riddell (41)	84
	6 Patterson (19)	83
	7 Li (38)	81
	8 Gill (24)	80
8=	Beck (49)	80
	10 Wallis (25)	79
10=	Morrison (40)	79
10=	Masters (46)	79
	13 D'arcy (7)	78
13=	Johnston (43)	78
	15 Carson (26)	77
	16 Atkinson (1)	76
16=	Batchelor (14)	76
	18 Jiang (48)	75

	19 Skipper (42)	74
	20 Ramsey (10)	73
20=	Dick (12)	73
20=	Carrier (13)	73
20=	Jared (15)	73
20=	Russell (33)	73
20=	Tislevoll (37)	73
	26 Tibble (5)	72
26=	Sheridan (22)	72
26=	Perfect (34)	72
26=	Chen (45)	72
26=	Boughey (50)	72
	31 Davidson (8)	71
31=	Debbie Cooper (9)	71
31=	Lo (21)	71
31=	Wilcox (29)	71
	35 O'shaughness (6)	70
	36 Young (35)	69
	37 Thirtle (32)	68
	38 Janisz (3)	67
38=	Beale (28)	67
	40 Revell (17)	66
40=	Fallon (36)	66
	42 Hsu (44)	65
	43 Duncan (4)	61
43=	Maggie Stratford	61
	45 Cardno (20)	57
45=	Black (27)	57
	47 Hopley (2)	56
47=	Cooper (30)	56
	49 Malthus (31)	54
	50 Curnow (16)	50

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