

National Congress 2018 Daily Bulletin 5

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An unusual feature of the New Zealand Pairs Final was the prominence of two married couples. Sam and Jo Simpson (left) and Ken and Kathy Yule were near the top all day. In my memory this is unique.

And on the subject of husband/wife partnerships. A husband was beaming after making a grand.

"We got a complete top – nobody else was even in a small slam let alone the grand". After congratulating him, he went on "of course, we had to have a couple of bidding misunderstandings to get there"!!



Congress Noticeboard

Session Times For Wednesday

Session 1: 9.30am Session 2: 2 pm

Two matches in session 1, three matches in session 2

Captain's Meeting for teams qualifying for round of 16 and (if necessary) Cormack Cup finalists: 8.30 a.m. on Thursday morning in Lady Chatterleys

Dine & Dance Reservations

Can be made at the desk - \$10 for registered players, \$45 for partial registrants, \$65 for non-registered and \$30 for caddies (must be accompanied by an adult). A really top notch function with the highlight the presentation of trophies to the winners of major events. Only 300 places available, first come first served. If you make a reservation but subsequently are unable to attend then PLEASE cancel your reservation. Last chance to collect your dinner tickets – noon Friday

Thursday's Events

Three events start tomorrow for players who do not qualify for the knock out stages. Entries for the NZ Intermediate Teams, the NZ Seniors teams and the open Point a Board Teams close at 9 am tomorrow These are NOT walk-ins – all these events require a significant amount of planning by the directors and scorers and it should not be too much to ask that players enter at the desk by the closing times above. If possible, you will find it MUCH more convenient to register for these events before leaving the hotel today.

Minibus Shuttle

The Congress is providing a FREE shuttle service from the Distinction to the airport on Sunday October 7th ONLY. Please indicate your details on the list which is on the whiteboard in the main hotel foyer. If your details are not there by **2pm on Saturday October 6**th, you must arrange and pay for your own shuttle. Shuttles on other days can be arranged through the hotel at your own expense

Alcohol

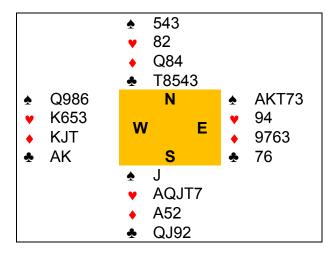
Privately purchased alcohol may not be drank in public areas of the hotel

First Round

This saw the Ackerley and Cormack teams face off. Jan Cormack (S) and Pam Livingstone opposed Graham Wakefield (W) and Mike Pemberton. In the other room, Chris Ackerley (S) and Douglas Russell played Jo (W) and Sam Simpson.

Board 15 saw the first significant swing.

West	North East		South
1NT	Р	2♥	1 ♥ x
2♠			

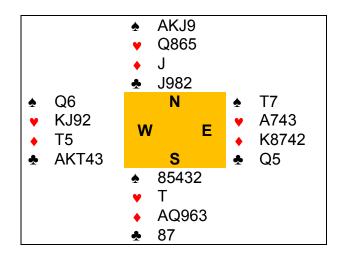


It's hard to criticise the bidding. Mike has no real reason to push any further but with the ♥A on side, Graham was not extended to make 10 tricks

Jo and Sam were more successful in the auction. After South opened 1♥, and West bid 1NT, East transferred and then made an aggressive trial bid with 3♦, which Jo happily accepted with good diamonds and 4 card Spade support.

After the ♥A lead, declarer drew trumps and conceded 2 Diamond tricks

So that was 6 imps to Cormack, which were, however wiped out on the next.



West	North	East	South
1♣	Р	1♥	Р
2♥			

The only question in the bidding is whether or not South should have a little non-vul adventure which would lead to making 9 tricks in spades but it certainly doesn't seem mandatory with that foul spade suit. Even with the bad trump split, Mike made 8 tricks in comfort.

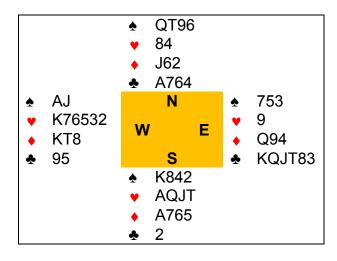
Jo and Sam were more aggressive

West	North	East	South
2♣	Р	2•	Χ
2♥	Р	3♥	Р
4♥			

After a 2C Precision bid EW reached an aggressive 4 ♥.

♠A and King and then a switch to the ◆J, winning, and there was still another diamond and a heart to lose, so -200 and Ackerley was ahead by 1 imp

Not a lot of action until board 22

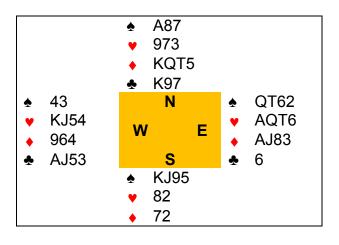


Not much to report in one room where Jan played 2♠ for an overtrick which looks like a nothing board. However,...

East passed, and Chris opened 1NT, 15-17!!

Jo bid 2♦ showing Hearts or the black suits. Douglas passed, looking forward to defending a black suit. What did he know! Sam bid 2♥, pass or correct, and this came back to Douglas. Well we might as well play in a black suit ourselves, he thought, so double for takeout. Chris had a black suit, but EW were Vul, one off would be OK, so he passed for penalties. As it happened Jo was unable to take even one club trick, and the defence took it 2 light for -500, a total vindication for the 1NT opening.

Then 3 swinging boards in succession: First board 26



♣ QT842

Sam and Jo had a quiet auction getting to an easy 2♥. The ♦K lead meant that after drawing trumps and a diamond to North's Queen, Douglas switched to the ♠A and a Spade to the Jack. This meant it needed a Club switch from Chris to hold it to 2 but he played another spade, so, making 3,

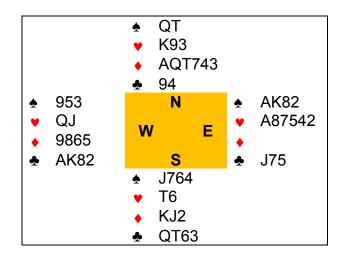
In the other room, Mike opened 1♦, Graham replied in hearts, Mike jumped to 3♥ and Graham bid game. The jump to three seems a little over-exuberant and so it proved. With two spade losers together with a diamond and a diamond ruff by South that was one off and that was 6 imps to Cormack

More good news for Cormack on board 27. What do you do holding

♠AK82 **♥** A87642 **♦ ♣**J75

after a pass from partner and a weak 1NT opening – show both majors or show long hearts and hope to get a chance to double and show spades?

Mike showed both majors and Graham chose spades, not surprisingly on:



Although Deepfinesse has this as a make, it certainly isn't obvious as to how. Graham toiled away manfully but slipped to one off. Let's see how Sam handles it.

After 2 passes, North opened a weak 2 in Diamonds. East bid 2♥, South bid 3 Diamonds, and West seeing no wasted cards in Diamonds in either hand, was prepared to bid 3♥. That was all East needed to bid 4.

5 Chances to make!!

The diamond lead was ruffed. A club to dummy to lead the ♥Q, (Maybe hoping for 10 9 doubleton offside?). Chance 1.

Anyway, that left a Heart loser and perhaps 2 Spades and a Club as well Sam gave it 4 more chances. He led a Club to the Jack but the Queen took that. Chance 2

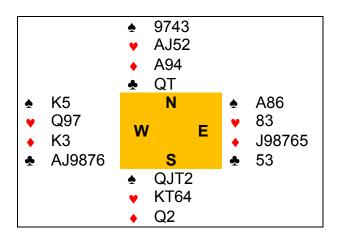
.The clubs did not break 3-3 so that didn't work either. Chance 3.

His next chance was a 3-3 break in Spades. No luck there. Chance 4.

Final chance, a doubleton honour in spades from QJT.

They were 4-2, but the 8S was a winner!!

And 7 more imps to Cormack And so to the last:



*	K42

Graham	Pam	Mike	Jan
1♣	Χ	1♦	2•
3♣	Р	Р	3♥

Graham led the •K which meant that Jan had no diamond losers and when she picked the heart position correctly that was 10 tricks.

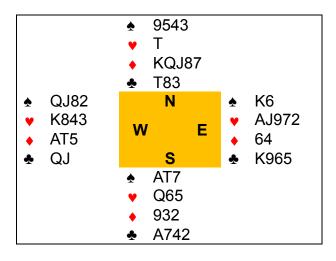
After a 2♣ opener, South played in 3NT, on a club lead, the 10 in dummy winning. Chris could see that even if he found the ♥Q AND if the ♦K is onside he still would not have 9 tricks. So at trick 2 he led a Spade from dummy, and it was Sam's last chance to make a name for himself. He must rise with the Ace and play his last club. Once he ducked the hand was over when Chris found the ♥Q. Making 3NT. Ackerley collected 10 imps and a narrow match victory.

The Second Round

Saw the Wyer Team play the Tan team. Paul Wyer N) and Michael Courtney opposed Tony Ren (W) and Kevin Hu, while Tania Lloyd (W) and Rose Don faced Eddy Tan (N) and Yiwei Qi.

It was a very tight match. After 9 boards neither team had had a lead of more than one imp. On the tenth board, Tan broke out to a 2 imp lead. So the match would come down to the last 4 boards.

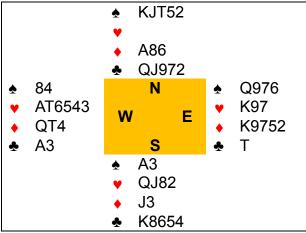
During the early interchanges board 6 was interesting.



A tricky little hand. 95 pairs bid to 4Hearts, 55 went light, and 40 pairs got 620+. The datum was -200. It definitely takes a Diamond lead to give you a chance to beat it, with a winner in each suit if they don't do a "Deep Finesse" in Hearts. However, 24 pairs went light even on the lead of a black Ace, which really should be easy with the Club 10 coming down in 3 rounds, or the spades breaking 4-3.

In this match both pairs comfortably reached 4Hearts, and both went down on the Diamond lead. No swing and still only 1 imp in it.

As the match came to the sharp end, board 11 landed.



The Stone Age bidders amongst us would have no problem reaching some contract in Clubs on a 5-5 fit, as 56 pairs did, at different levels, from 3 Clubs to 6 Clubs.

However South here opened 1NT, and the Multi 2D reared its head.

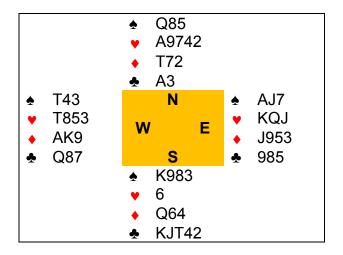
West	North	East	South
			1NT
2	2NT	3♥	Р
Р	3♠		

The lead was the 7H, and pressure was put on Rosie immediately when Yiwei played the 8H from dummy. After some thought she played the Ace, as most of us would.

Yiwei didn't try to ruff a Diamond, instead hoping for good news in the trump suit. Athough this failed, the defence was unable to muster more than 4 tricks in total, partially due to the play of the 8H at trick one.

Michael and Paul made short work of this. Michael opened 1♣ as dealer and Tony overcalled 1♥. Paul called a 4♥ splinter and Michael signed off in the club game. Tony led the ♥A, ruffed in dummy. Michael drew trumps and ruffed out the majors to score 12 tricks and claim 7 imps.

Then came 12, when the Tan team tried 1NT – twice. Unsurprisingly, they were only successful once



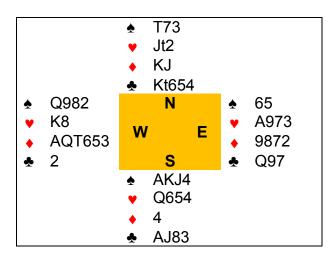
Two passes saw Kevin open 1♦ and Tony respond 1♥. Kevin closed proceedings in 1NT. The ♣4 was led, ducked in dummy to North;s Ace. There was little to the play after that as Kevin took his obvious 7 tricks

In the other room, once you start playing a system that allows you to open the North hand 1NT, it is pretty hard to play any kind of Stayman and transfers with the South hand.

The lead of a small Diamond, ducked, already a good play, now the suit is locked for both pairs. A switch to a small heart looks normal, you don't know that is Eddy's 5 card suit. 3 rounds of hearts are played until North takes his Ace. Of course you have to discard from dummy, and whatever you do, it is not good.

To cut a long story very short, once the Club finesse fails, they can take their Diamond tricks. 5 tricks taken, -200.

And so to board 13.



After 2 passes, Michael opened the South hand 1♠. Tony overcalled 2♦ and Paul raised to 2♠. 3♦ from Kevin saw Michael make an aggressive try with a 3♥ call. Paul wasn't interested and signed off in 3♠ - it didn't really mater,

they were already too high. Michael drifted quietly to one off.

Meanwhile, the auction in the other room was

West	North	East	South
	Р	Р	1♣
2♦	Р	Р	Х
Р	3♣		

A fairly straightforward auction, though if East had bid 3 Diamonds immediately after the 2 Diamond bid, the pressure would have been on. Nearly half the room played in Clubs, and nearly half played in Diamonds. Take your pick.

The lead of the Spade 2 allowed Yiwei to make an overtrick, +130.

A push on the last meant that Wyer had triumphed by 2 whole imps.



He's a gold grandmaster. He's been playing Precision for years. He's been playing with his partner for almost as long so, of course, there will be no system problems.

Admiring ♠ AQT76 ♥AJ ♦ JT7 ♣AK9, he proudly opened 1♣. Partner responded 1♦ (0-7) and he enquired again with 1♥. Partner offered 1♠ and his heart leapt. "What a great fit!" he thought and leapt exuberantly to 4♠. Sadly, partner's spade bid had not shown spades but had reduced his

range to 0-4. 4♠ did not play well going for a quiet – 300 and no matchpoints.

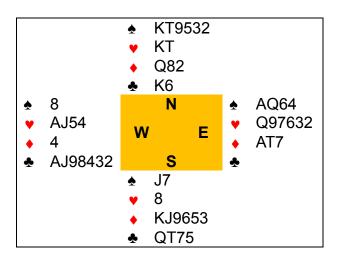
Mind you, this produced an average set as Grant Jarvis and Ian Berrington had gone for -800 on the previous. Nonetheless, there can be little doubt that Ian Clayton said



Round 4

Saw Ian (W) and Grant pitted against Peter Newell(N) and Martin Reid while Michael Ware (W) and Justin Mill opposed Ken (N) and Kathy Yule.

There were several boards of interest but Martin and Peter's system is so involved as to make many auctions unintelligible unless you are at the table to get full explanation. Therefore, we will concentrate on a few boards where system didn't really matter.

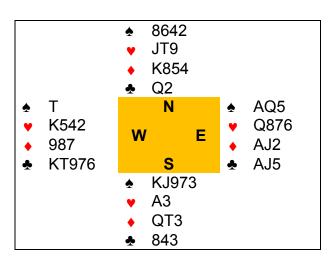


lan opened 1♣ and Peter put in 1♠ which Grant doubled. 2♦ from Martin saw lan call 3♥ which Grant raised to slam. Ian took the diamond lead and

ruffed a diamond. He finessed the ♠Q successfully, cashed the ♥A and claimed.

Justin and Michael also bid this quite good slam, although less than a quarter of the field did bid it, and 6 went light. Justin received a favourable lead round to his A Q of Spades, but an amount of planning is required. He tried to set up the Club suit and ran out of entries after taking the Heart finesse, and getting another Heart back. A better plan is to count your losers, and try and ruff them in dummy. After the lead there are only 3, so that would have succeeded. Just giving up a heart at the end.

Onto the next:



Peter opened 2♦ which undoubtedly meant something. Grant interposed 2NT which looks refreshingly natural and Martin closed proceedings in 3♠. It does appear that E-W could have done more though it's hard to say at exactly what point. 3♠ drifted to one off which looked like a great result for Martin and Peter.

And so it eventuated.

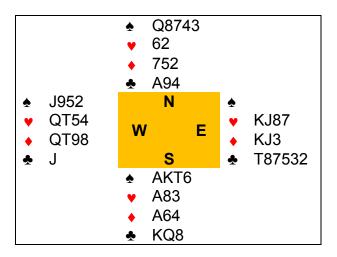
In the other room the auction was:

West	North	East	South
	Р	1♣	1♠
X	2♠	4♥	

Trusting partner is important. Obviously this double by West should show at least 4 hearts, (but it was Michael Ware.)

The friendly lead of the 7 Spades round to the AQ, meant a discard of a diamond from dummy, a spade ruff, a heart to the Q and Ace. A diamond switch was taken by the Ace, a heart to the King left one winning trump outstanding. Justin now decided to play for the ♣Q with length in the North hand, and as it was there, albeit doubleton, only another heart and a diamond were lost.

Making 4H, +620. And 11 imps in.



After 2 passes, Grant opened 3♣ and Martin closed 3NT. A heart lead might have made this awkward but, not unnaturally lan led a club and Martin had 9 tricks.

Meanwhile:

West	North	East	South
Р	Р	1♥	Χ
3♣	Х	4♥	4♠

This was a very reasonable contract. It takes a 4-0spade break to beat it, and 68 pairs did exactly that.

3NT looks a bit scary on a heart lead, and will go light if you duck the heart twice and they then find the diamond switch. However,19 pairs played and made 3NT, so this was an unlucky board for the Yules as their opps were one of the 19.

An Australian visitor is looking for a ride to Meremere on Saturday. If you can help, please contact Jenni Buckley on

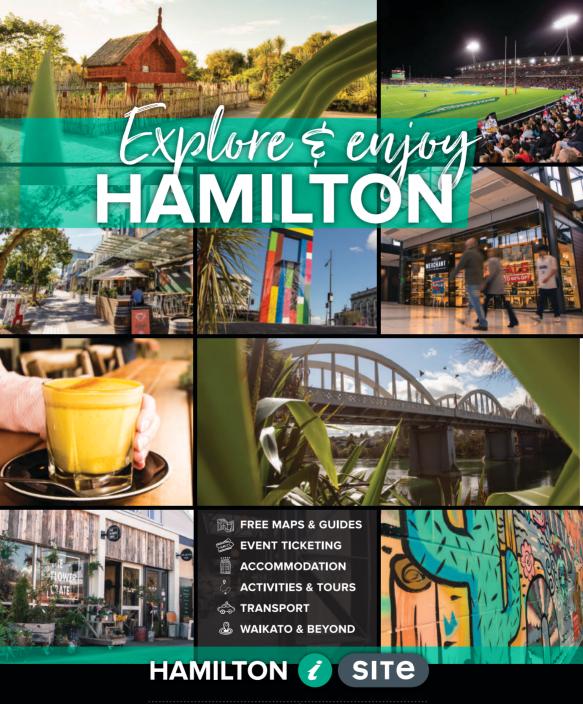
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Team	Imps	VPs	W-D-L	Next Opp.
CARTNER (81)	136	82.44	5-0-0	54
LIU (54)	117	76.42	5-0-0	81
CLAYTON (47)	121	74.74	4-0-1	44
REID (28)	103	73.37	4-0-1	75
LI (44)	104	72.27	4-0-1	47
NISBET (58)	89	72.1	4-0-1	41
BRAITHWAITE (75)	92	70.09	5-0-0	28
BECK (41)	109	69.65	4-0-1	58
WU (20)	86	69.61	4-0-1	32
LEI (32)	88	68.67	4-0-1	20
DAWSON (98)	92	66.87	4-0-1	26
GIBBONS (26)	94	66.38	3-0-2	98
BENHAM (34)	90	66.33	3-0-2	4
SPOONER (4)	103	66.25	3-0-2	34
MAYER (67)	80	66.11	3-0-2	27
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BOUTON (57)	61			16
JARVIS (16)	74			57
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				53
	41			93
	40			40
	63			68
				55
			3-0-2	71
				73
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BARON (105)	20			92
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TAN (9)				76
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	BOUGHEY (79)	6	52.08	3-0-2	90
	HANGARTNER (77)	5	51.64	2-0-3	49
	DICK (90)	3	51.46	#####	79
	SUTTON (35)	-15	51.23	2-0-3	2
	MCMAHON (2)	10	51.04	3-0-2	35
	PARKER (33)	8	50.62	2-0-3	46
	ZHU (46)	9	50.53	2-0-3	33
	ENGLAND (80)	-1	50.16	3-0-2	10
	MCDONALD (10)	-1	49.34	2-0-3	80
	HOPLEY (7)	-35	49.11	3-0-2	62
	OBERDRIES (62)	-2	48.97	2-0-3	7
57	INGLIS (66)	-3	48.81	2-0-3	108
	WILCOX (108)	-12	48.61	3-0-2	66
59	MORGAN (82)	-5	47.68	2-0-3	24
60	BACH (24)	-11	47.18	2-0-3	82
60=	BUZZARD (36)	-22	47.18	3-0-2	83
62	DORMER (83)	-33	47.13	3-0-2	36
63	HIGH (21)	-14	46.97	2-0-3	39
64	M MCGREGOR (39)	-23	46.71	3-0-2	21
65	MORRIS (59)	-8	46.62	2-0-3	14
66	ORSBORN (14)	-10	46.43	2-0-3	59
66=	MISHKIN (11)	-15	46.43	2-0-3	45
68	ANDREW (45)	-34	46.4	3-0-2	11
69	TIBBLE (96)	-11	46.35	2-0-3	97
70	CAMP (97)	28	46.21	2-0-3	96
71	SCHUMACHER (31)	-35	46.09	2-0-3	48
72	FLEISCHER (48)	-18	45.77	2-0-3	31
73	MACDONALD (69)	-17	45.29	2-0-3	85
74	HENTON (85)	-33	44.82	2-0-3	69
75	BOTT (51)	-31	44.12	2-0-3	60
76	ASKEW (60)	-38	44.11	#####	51
	JOHNSTONE (89)	-34	43.77	3-0-2	38
	HUMPHREY (38)	-27	43.52	2-0-3	89
79	YEOMANS (29)	-33	41.63	2-0-3	13
	MCCARTHY (13)	-35	41.47	#####	29
	CURNOW (63)	-49	41.25	2-0-3	103
	BUCKLEY (103)	-44	41.13	#####	63
	GOULD (61)	-34	40.86	2-0-3	25
	SMITH (25)	-50	39.49	#####	61
	MINCHIN (88)	-45	39.36	2-0-3	1
	COOPER (1)	-70	39.18	2-0-3	88
	JOHNSTON (18)	-53	38.95	2-0-3	30
	BIRSS (30)	-52	38.87	3-0-2	18
	MALTHUS (104)	-41	38.69	1-0-4	95
	WINTERS (95)	-46	38.66	1-0-4	104
	GREEN (70)	-49	38.04	1-0-4	86
	JARED (86)	-67	35.97	2-0-3	70
	HALL (64)	-53	35.73	1-0-4	52
	JORDAN (8)	-61	35.26	1-0-4	37
	RUSSELL (52)	-61	34.53	1-0-4	64
	DOWTHWAITE (37)	-79	33.75	2-0-3	8
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99	KNAP (5)
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104	RUDDELL (107)
105	VERHAEGH (12)
106	LUH (84)
107	BEER (99)
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-83	33.67	#####	6
-70	33.54	1-0-4	65
-91	31.98	2-0-3	102
-80	31.07	1-0-4	5
-110	30.25	1-0-4	22
-92	29.65	1-0-4	15
-104	27.82	1-0-4	107
-104	27.05	0-0-5	94
-140	26.62	1-0-4	84
-106	23.14	0-0-5	12
-127	21.19	0-0-5	78
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