

## Quotations from the USA

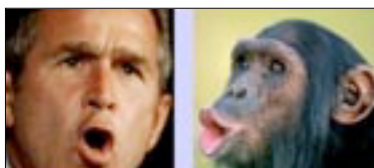
Question: If you could live forever, would you and why? Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever," -- Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," -- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign.

"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"  
-- A congressional candidate in Texas.

"It's no exaggeration to say that the undecided could go one way or another" -- George W. Bush.

"If we let the loggers go in and cut down all the trees we wouldn't have a problem with forest fires." -- George W. Bush.



News Letter

# Taieri Bridge Club

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## Tournament news

Our tournament in aid of the Cancer Society on 8 August attracted a field of 27 tables. Congratulations to the winners Philip Gillen and Diane Daley.

Two weeks later our Graded Pairs tournament, won by Derek Tingle and John Wolken in a field of 20 tables, was another success.

Both tournaments featured the home cooking, and other trimmings for which Taieri is so well known.

Another item of tournament news, this time not about a Taieri tournament: at the recent Oamaru intermediate tournament 5 out of the 6 winners were from Taieri. Several other Taieri players also played in this tournament and a good time was had by all.

## Two run of the mill hands

You are East, accustomed to indifferent hands, when one day you pick up

A 8; ♥ A K Q 9; ♦ A K Q 7; A K 9

This hand occurred at the recent Swiss pairs tournament at Otago. Despite a series of discouraging noises from your partner you drive to 6NT, receive the J♦ lead, and see

♠ Q 9 7 4

♠ A 8

♥ J 6

♥ A K Q 9

♦ 9 5 3

♦ A K Q 7

♣ J T 7 4

♣ A K 9

Despite your rock-crusher, this will not be an easy contract. What is your best chance? *See page 6*

The hand opposite occurred in a teams competition, also at Otago, a few days earlier. At one table East-West reached the normal 4♠ and lost two aces only. At the other table the contract was also 4♠. Flat board you say? Except that there the contract was doubled *and declared by North-South!* The auction had been a true upright male fowl. South was the dealer:

S	W	N	E
1NT <sup>1</sup>	p2	2♣ <sup>3</sup>	2♠ <sup>4</sup>
3♥ <sup>5</sup>	Dbl <sup>6</sup>	4♣ <sup>7</sup>	p
4♠ <sup>8</sup>	Dbl <sup>9</sup>	p10	p10
p10			

## The Dealmaster program

If you have played at one of the recent Taieri tournaments you will have noticed that the hand records now contain an intriguing extra detail for each of the hands: the various successful contracts for each side in suits and no trumps. This is one of the features offered by our new dealing program Dealmaster.

It's interesting to compare the number of tricks you managed to make compared to what Dealmaster says. Often these are different and it's not always evident why. Dealmaster assumes that the declarer and both defenders can see all the hands. For example, with

♠ A K Q 2; ♥ A K Q 2; ♦ Q J; ♣ 4 3 2

opposite

♠ J 6 5 4; ♥ T 9; ♦ A K 3 2; ♣ A 6 5

It's perfectly true that West can take all 13 tricks in no-trumps as would be claimed by Dealmaster if the J♥ was on-side because you pick up 4 heart tricks by playing the 10♥ and running it if not covered. But, in practice, you may have received a club lead and your only stopper has been driven out. Unless you are in 7NT you would be mad to take this line since you have a safe play for 12 tricks (if it lost your contract would go down a bundle).

## Rock crusher solution (page 2)

You have 10 top winners and an 11th can be established by giving up a club to the queen of clubs. It's possible that diamonds are 3-3 so that would provide a 12th trick. Matters are complicated by your having only one entry to dummy and the order in which you try things is critical. For instance, it's best not to try three rounds of diamonds first; because, if they don't break and you subsequently give up a trick, an opponent might win and cash a winning diamond.

Try a spade to the queen first. If the king is taken on your left you can win the return in hand, play the A♠, and test diamonds. If they break you are home; otherwise cross to dummy with the J♥, cash the Q♠ and try running the J♣. If the queen of spades is taken at trick two by the king on your right you must hope that diamonds are 3-3 and that the club finesse is working.

The slam is not a brilliant contract but by combining your chances you make it better than 50%. Chances of success are raised in practice because the opponents might misdefend (for example, if they had led a club at trick one you would feel much more comfortable).

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

- 1 12-14 HCP
- 2 Not quite enough for a penalty double
- 3 Planning to rebid 3♣ after partner's response to Stayman showing a weak hand with clubs
- 4 Natural overcall
- 5 The opposition have bid spades so my partner must have hearts; I have 5 of them.
- 6 I don't think they'll make this
- 7 Rescue to my long club suit
- 8 Partner has asked for aces; I'll show two
- 9 I sense a wheel has come off their bidding
- 10 What on earth is going on?

The result was down 8.

### An inconvenient interruption

It was after dinner and Randy and Voluptua were sitting cosily on the sofa in Aunt Frieda's lounge going over the hands from the Taieri graded tournament. Frieda was away with Gordon in Sydney and Voluptua was house-sitting. Feeling that Voluptua was in relaxed mood Randy was edging hopefully closer thinking that his luck might at last be in. "Didn't I play this hand well" said Voluptua indicating

♠ A K 3 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 8 7 6  
♣ T 9 8 5

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ 4 3  
♦ A 3 2  
♣ K 7 4 3 2

♠ 9 7 6  
♥ T 9 2  
♦ Q J T 5 4  
♣ J 6

♠ Q J T  
♥ A K Q J 7 6  
♦ K 9  
♣ A Q

In point of fact, Voluptua was right although Randy was not in any mood to argue. Voluptua, South, was in 6♥ doubled by West who lead a trump. Voluptua sensed from the confident double that the A♦ and K♣ were poorly placed and had been resigned to defeat. Postponing that evil

moment for as long as possible she played off all her hearts and spades (discarding the 9♦ on the fourth spade) and came down to this three card ending

	♠	
	♥	
	♦ 8	
	♣ T 9	
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦ A ?		♦ Q J
♣ K ?		♣ J
	♠	
	♥	
	♦ K	
	♣ A Q	

An expert would probably know whether West held ♦ A 3; ♣ K (in which case Voluptua must play the A♣) or ♦ A; ♣ K 7 (in which case she must play the ♦K and end play West). However Voluptua was completely unaware of these subtleties and just got it right by chance. Randy was full of effusive congratulations and five rather pleasant and intimate minutes then passed. But just then the phone rang. It was Frieda. "We've arrived at the airport; can you pick us up". "Yes, Aunt Frieda" said Voluptua "we're just coming". Thought Randy: "Chance would be a fine thing".