

## Swiss Pairs for the Harold Poster Cup

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11.00 am	Discuss it with an Expert
12.30 pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , Session 4 (4 matches)
8.00 pm	<b>Open Pairs</b> and <b>Open Teams</b>

# New Laws – Changes Guide for Players

## 7C

You should shuffle your cards after the hand before returning them to the board.

## 16B3

You are still required to agree a hesitation, for example, when it happens and the TD should be summoned if there is any disagreement. The new laws state that the best time to claim actual damage is at the end of the hand (e.g. rather than on sight of dummy).

## 20F3

You are now allowed to ask about the meaning of an individual call in the opponents' auction. But it shouldn't be done in such a way as to suggest a call or play to partner such as "does that 2H bid show hearts?" – perhaps indicating that the questioner holds hearts.

## 20G1

Sometimes players ask questions because they do not think their partner has understood. It is illegal to do so.

## 40B2(b)/41B/C

There is a short period between the final pass and the first card being faced, when questions are asked. This is now called the Clarification Period. Members of the declaring side may consult their own system cards during this time to make sure nothing has been mis-explained, for example.

## 41D

When you put the dummy down you must display it with the lowest-ranking cards nearer declarer.

## 61B2b

Dummy cannot ask a defender whether he has revoked. (In 1997 it was in 42B1, and still is, but it is repeated here). However, he can still ask declarer.

## 61B3

Defenders are allowed to ask each other whether they have revoked. This returns to a situation outlawed in 1987. So when one defender asks the other 'having no spades, partner?' there are two possible answers.

No, I don't or Yes, I do.

If the answer is 'no', play carries on.

If the answer is 'yes' the TD will need to be summoned. The TD will rule that the card played in error become a major penalty card and be left face up on the table; the offender substitutes a legal card in place of the revoke card. Cards played after the attempt to revoke may be changed. The major penalty card is then subject to the usual rule.

## 65B3

Players are now allowed to point out that a quitted trick card is pointing the wrong way. Declarer can do this at any time; dummy or defenders can do it only until the lead is made to the following trick.

## 72

It's now official – the chief object while playing is to obtain a higher score than other contestants!

## Trivia Quiz 2 Quotations

Who was responsible for the following quotations?

1. By desiring little, a poor man makes himself rich.
2. I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.
3. Wise men talk because they have something to say, fools because they have to say something.
4. It's a recession when your neighbour loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours.
5. On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.
6. The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at or repair.
7. There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.
8. A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.
9. I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
10. I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business, but I was in the top one.

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# The Swiss Pairs

The first session of the Swiss Pairs for the Harold Poster Cup featured some relatively quiet boards, but there were still some deals of interest. Ned Paul reported these first two.

## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ A 10 8 5 ♣ Q 2	♠ 5 2 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ QJ9732 ♣ 8 4	♠ A Q ♥ 10 8 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A K J 9 7 3	♠ J 9 7 4 3 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ 10 6 5
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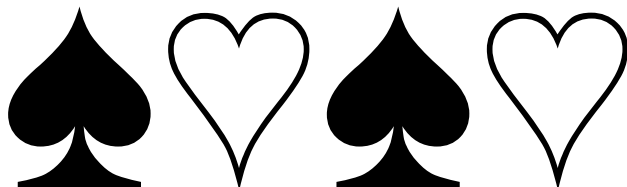
West	North	East	South
<i>Pinchbeck</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Schogger</i>
–	–	–	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In response to a weak no trump opening bid, James Taylor, East, showed a game-forcing hand with longer clubs than hearts and West, Sarah Pinchbeck, decided, perhaps unsoundly, that 4♥ would be a good place to play.

Taylor won the spade lead and ducked a heart to the nine and jack. Ned Paul switched to the queen of diamonds but declarer won in dummy and led another heart, again ducked. The king of diamonds was ruffed and declarer played a third heart to the ace. When he opened his eyes, declarer found that the trumps had broken three-three and that he had the rest of the tricks.

Even an initial diamond lead does not damage the Moysian fit. Declarer simply takes diamond ruffs in his own hand and can get to dummy with the ♣Q to draw the third round of trumps.

Unfortunately, there is no reward for elegance at Pairs – eleven tricks were also available in the mundane 3NT.



## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 8 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 10 7 5 3 ♣ 8 3 2	♠ Q J 6 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 10 6 5 4	♠ 5 3 ♥ A Q J 6 5 4 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> ♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q J 9 ♣ K Q J 7		N		W		E		S	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Pinchbeck</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Schogger</i>
–	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	INT	All Pass	

With a balanced 10-count facing a take-out double, INT seemed appropriate. Harold Schogger did well to pass INT so it became the final contract. East led the queen of hearts and continued with a second round when that held the trick. As declarer, I felt justified in taking the spade finesse as, if it works, there are seven tricks. Alas, the finesse lost and West wasted no time in shooting a club through – two down.

At another table, Stuart Nelson was declarer in the perhaps more normal contract of 3NT. Here you need club tricks as well as spades, so, pursuing accurate technique, Stu attacked clubs before spades. East won and cashed out but declarer had six tricks, the maximum that could be salvaged from the wreckage.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A J 10 8 ♥ A J 7 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ Q 9 8	♠ 9 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ 9 ♦ K 5 ♣ J 10 5 2	♠ K 7 ♥ 10 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ A 7 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> ♠ Q ♥ K Q 5 ♦ A Q J 10 4 3 2 ♣ K 4		N		W		E		S	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Hirszoicz</i>	<i>Winter</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Richard Winter offers this next exhibit. Richard and Phil Godfrey had to find a hot defence to have any hope of scoring a decent number of matchpoints on this deal.

The 1♦ opening was Precision. When Stuart Strachan

quite rightly competed with 3♥ over 3♦, Paul Hirsziwicz made an aggressive raise to game, ending the auction.

Winter began with the bare queen of spades to declarer's king and Hirsziwicz played the ♥2. Winter considered the position and realised that, to defeat 4♥, his partner would need to have an entry. The ♦K was the most likely possibility and at teams the obvious defence is to underlead the ♦A with that in mind. But at match-points this could be disastrous should partner not hold the king.

Winter split the hearts and, on the second heart, Godfrey played the wake-up card of the nine of spades. Playing reverse attitude, the ♦5 would have worked just as well. Winter duly won the second heart and underled to the ♦K, leading the ten as suit preference just to be sure. Godfrey won the ♦K and gave his partner a spade ruff. Winter next exited passively and waited for his club trick for a well-defended down one.

The second session saw some livelier deals.

**Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.**

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Senior</i>		<i>Bennett</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Denis Bennett and I had a normal auction to the obvious game, against which West led the ten of clubs. Denis won the bare ace and played a spade to the king, then the ♠10. West chose to win the second spade and switch to his singleton diamond for the ten and king.

Had Denis known that diamonds were four-one, he could have played the ♣Q now while he still had good communications, but if diamonds were coming in he didn't want to throw one of dummy's winners away, while a heart discard was not at all secure.

So Denis cashed the ♦Q and, when West pitched a club, continued with the ♣Q to East's king, throwing a diamond from dummy. When a low heart came back, Denis guessed right by playing low and West won the ace. But Denis had the rest for ten tricks and +630.

The defenders could both have done better. The key is to keep declarer out of his hand so that he cannot cash the jack of clubs. On the heart switch, West needed to duck and let dummy's jack win. but East could also have saved the day, by switching to the ♥Q instead of a low card. After queen, king and ace, dummy makes the ♥J, but East has a diamond winner at the end and again there are only nine tricks.

**Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.**

♠ – ♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 5 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 10 9 6 2 ♥ – ♦ A Q 5 3 ♣ K 10 6 ♠ K 7 4 3 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ 8 2 ♠ Q 8 5 ♥ K 10 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ J 9 7 3
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At my table West opened 4♥ in third seat and I made the automatic 4♠ overcall. That went back around to West and he bid a fifth heart. Now I doubled, to show a good 4♠ bid with defence and let partner decide what to do. That ended the auction.

I led the ace of spades and declarer ruffed. He played ace then queen of hearts to South's king and South switched to the ♦2 for the king and ace. Knowing that I had the contract beaten so long as I came to a club trick, I exited passively with a spade to dummy. declarer took the losing club finesse and that was one down for +100.

Elsewhere, Nevena Senior was in 5♥ undoubled. She too ruffed the lead of the ace of spades and played ace of hearts. when she saw the bad news, she exited with the king of diamonds. North won the ace and switched to a low club and that was 11 tricks and a lot of matchpoints.

Of course, declarer can always make 11 tricks in hearts, but he has to decide to play for the actual heart position. He ruffs the spade lead and plays ace and a low club, ruffs a club in dummy and takes the heart finesse – easy when you can see all 52 cards.

**Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.**

♠ 6 4 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 2 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ K 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K Q 7 5 2 ♥ A ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 2 ♠ J 9 8 ♥ J 4 ♦ J 10 6 3 ♣ Q 9 5 3 ♠ A 10 3 ♥ Q 8 5 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A 10 4
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	Senior	—	Bennett
2♥	4♠	All Pass	INT

One No Trump was 12-14 and, over West's natural overcall, 4♠ was a slightly agricultural way to end the auction. East led the jack of hearts to the bare ace and I played a diamond to the queen and king. Back came a diamond to the ace. Now I tried a club to the jack and king. Back came a club, though it didn't matter. Having won the club, I played ace and another spade to the king, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart back to hand. The queen of spades drew the remaining trump and the last spade squeezed West in the minors. Nothing very complicated, with the bidding and early play marking West with any long minors that were about; 11 tricks.

And to follow a simple squeeze, a simple endplay:

**Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.**

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

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♠ A 7 6 5					
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♣ 10 7 3					

West	North	East	South
—	Senior	I♥	Bennett
Pass	I♣	Pass	Dble
All Pass	INT		3NT

East led the ♥Q. Declarer won with the king and played king, queen and a third spade to dummy's ace, East

pitching a diamond. Now a diamond to the jack followed by three more rounds of diamonds, East throwing a heart and a club, set the scene for the endplay. Declarer simply played ace and another heart and had to make the ♣K at the end for a valuable overtrick.

## Trivia Quiz 2

### Solutions

1. Democritus
2. George Burns
3. Plato
4. Harry S. Truman
5. George Orwell
6. Douglas Adams
7. Benjamin Disraeli
8. Oscar Wilde
9. Mark Twain
10. Brian Clough

### Discuss it with an Expert

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