

## 2012 Barrier Reef Teams by Richard Wallis

The 2012 BRC was held in Cairns from 8<sup>th</sup> June to the 11<sup>th</sup> June, and the Teams started on Saturday afternoon following completion of the Eric Parson's Pairs in the morning. The 48 teams contesting the Open Teams this year was slightly up on 2011, but the entry for the Restricted Teams was slightly down.

The standard in the Open was very high, in spite of competition from the VRC held in Melbourne at the same time, and while the eventual winners, (Nathan Van Jole, Andy Braithwaite, David Beachamp and Phil Gue) skipped away to a good lead with 1 match to play, there were quite a few teams vying for the minor placings in the final match, and even Van Jole could have been relegated to 4<sup>th</sup> with a very bad loss.

In a promoters dream, the final match-ups had team 1 (6<sup>th</sup>) v 3 (5<sup>th</sup>), team 2 (1<sup>st</sup>) v 4 (2<sup>nd</sup>) and team 28 (3<sup>rd</sup>) v team 19 (4<sup>th</sup>). The Van Jole team (#2) lost their only match 12-18, but still averaged just over 20 VPs per match to win by 4 VPs from team 28 (Fred Whittaker, Neil Stuckey, Barry Jones and Jenny Middleton) who won their last match 25-3 to average just under 20 VPs per match. Team 4 (Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent, Therese Tully, Pele Rankin and Paul Hooykaas) won their last match against the leaders 18-12, but with their rivals getting bigger wins, had to be content with equal 3<sup>rd</sup> with my team 3 (Richard Wallis, John Brockwell, Annette Maluish and Neville Francis).

As usual, a very enjoyable event, and I look forward to Mackay in 2013, still in June due to venue problems, but with the State Government talking about reverting to the Queen's Birthday holiday in June again, we do not know when we will be playing in 2014. If it could be moved away from the VRC, it could only get bigger.

<b>M 1</b> <b>Bd 2</b> <b>Dlr E</b> <b>Vul NS</b>	Q2 T8542 T853 KQ			Board 2 in the first match was a dangerous auction for EW, and I believe that West was lucky after bidding 3S with a void in partner's long suit and no guarantee of spade support, but getting the dummy shown.
AK8763 - 972 AJT8		J54 KQJ963 J 765		East did not feel inclined to raise to game, in spite of a singleton, 3-card spade support and a fair suit of his own, so maybe the West hand falls in with their criteria for bidding a new suit in such an auction.
	T9 A7 AKQ64 9432			South can lead a trump and hold East to 10 tricks in 4S, or possibly just 9 if declarer does not guess the clubs, but played by West, 4S is cold.
<b>W</b> 3S	<b>N</b> //	<b>E</b> 2H	<b>S</b> 3D	Obviously in response to John's overcall I led the D3, and declarer made 10 tricks for -170. At the other table, after a different auction, Neville and Annette also stopped in 3S, but made 11 tricks for 1 Imp.

<b>M 1</b> <b>Bd 8</b> <b>Dlr W</b> <b>Vul Nil</b>	A7432 43 6 AK762			On board 8 in the first match, West's 2H opening bid showed that suit and a minor, with 5-5 and less than an opening hand, and East's double asked for the minor suit.
J AJ875 QJ874 94		865 QT KT53 QJ83		I would like to have shown both of my suits, but since West could have clubs, I bid what was in front of me and John raised to game. East led the HQ, covered on the table, and West cashed the top hearts and led a 3 <sup>rd</sup> heart.
	KQT9 K962 A92 T5			Since any spade length is certain to be with East, I did not ruff, instead discarding a club, and since the H9 in dummy was high, East was forced to ruff and I then had no trouble taking the rest of the tricks for +420.
<b>W</b> 2H //	<b>N</b> 2S	<b>E</b> X!	<b>S</b> 4S	When the SJ dropped in the West hand, that looked like 1 Imp away, but at the other table after a similar start Annette and Neville stole the hand in 3D, which made exactly for +110, and 11 Imps after all.

<b>M 2</b>	AQ542			Board 22 in the second match was a case of not watching the bidding properly (we are Seniors after all), and East took full advantage of the mix-up and bad break with a double.
<b>Bd 22</b>	3			
<b>Dir E</b>	J984			
<b>Vul EW</b>	AQ2			
6		KJT8		John and I had agreed that a cue-bid after partner opens or overcalls shows at least a limit raise in partner's suit, and that is what John thought he was doing by bidding 2C!
T87		9652		
AKT62		Q7		Since West opened 1D, I read 2C as natural, and raised with what I thought was good support, in spite of John having previously passed.
KJ53		T84		John, realizing his mistake, corrected to 3S, but I went on to game based on my good fit for clubs.
	973			East told me something was wrong when he doubled the final contract, and after the lead of the DQ, John was able to fill me in on his 2C bid.
	AKQJ4			
	53			
	976			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	/	/	/	
1D	1S	X	2C!	I could not avoid the 5 obvious losers, and finished 2 down for -300, which was 9 Imps away compared to 2S just making at the other table.
2D	3C	/	3S	
/	4S	X		

<b>M 2</b>	JT97			On board 25 in the second match neither John nor I knew what West was up to, and neither of us risked a double of the final contract. After all, EW were vulnerable, so it was difficult to envisage West with so many losers.
<b>Bd 25</b>	T93			
<b>Dir N</b>	KQJ93			
<b>Vul EW</b>	4			
KQ432		86		When dummy went down I was amazed at the East hand for the 3C opening at adverse vulnerability, and also very disappointed at the 3-cards in hearts and the doubleton spade.
AKQ874		652		
-		52		Looking at all of the hands, 5H should be 2 off via the top cards in clubs and spades and the trump promotion via the 3 <sup>rd</sup> club, which is 5 Imps away as it was obvious that 5D was cold.
85		QJT963		The damage was lessened when declarer failed to lead any trumps before attempting to ruff a spade in dummy, and John made a trick with his HJ before executing the trump promotion for +300.
	A5			At the other table Neville knew that 5H would be too expensive, so subsided in 5D, making 11 for +400, but 3 Imps away.
	J			
	AT8764			
	AK72			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	/	3C	3D	
4H	5D	/	/	
5H	//			

<b>M 2</b>	KQJT9875			Board 28 in the second match was my worst hand of the tournament, which looks odd considering the layout and the final contract of 6SX.
<b>Bd 28</b>	87			Even at adverse vulnerability, I had no hesitation in bidding 4S over the 1H opening, but East ignored my bid and asked for Aces.
<b>Dir W</b>	-			
<b>Vul NS</b>	J53			
3		4		John doubled 4NT, to get in their way in case they had not discussed responding to 4NT after a double, and because he always intended to bid again.
AJT542		KQ963		
A82		KQ765		Over 6H, John took the winning position when he bid 6S, and was not surprised when West doubled. I am sure that he was expecting me to go down, but if 6H made, 6SX would be cheaper, and he was very pleasantly surprised when I ruffed the opening lead of the DK.
A87		Q9		
	A62			
	-			
	JT943			
	KT642			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	4S	4NT!	X	
1H	/	6H	6S	After ruffing with the S7 at trick 1, I ruffed a heart in dummy and led another diamond intending to ruff with the S8 and ruff another heart, but to my horror, I noticed the H8 on the table instead of the S8. One off instead of making cost us 7 Imps instead of gaining 17 when Neville and Annette were allowed to play in 6H at the other table.
5C				
X				

<b>M 3</b>	7			On board 5 in the third match West's 2C showed a 2-suiter including spades, and EW quickly got to 4S, with John on lead.
<b>Bd 5</b>	KJ985			This was not a good time to look at dummy by leading the CA, and John selected the HQ, East winning in hand and drawing 3 rounds of trumps before leading to the DT in dummy.
<b>Dlr N</b>	Q2		QT82	This was not optimum declarer play, and I won the DQ and cashed the top hearts, declarer being forced to ruff the 4 <sup>th</sup> heart on the table.
<b>Vul NS</b>	76532		A762 93 KT9	Now she could not make 10 tricks, and played 2 rounds of diamonds, ruffing in hand to lead a club, ruffing on the table.
	964			The final position is not clear, as the contract was recorded as 2 off, but it appears as if it is impossible for us to make 5 tricks, so either declarer was too generous, or the contract should have been only 1 off.
	Q			
	KJ85			
	AQJ84			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	/	/	1C	
2C	3C	3S	/	At the other table Neville and Annette stopped in 3S, but made no mistake in the play to record 10 tricks and +170 for 7 Imps.
4S				

<b>M 3</b>	T			On board 6 in the third match I had good shape and the vulnerability was in our favour, so I was determined to bid out my shape.
<b>Bd 6</b>	KJT32			I expected West to double 2C for takeout, and could then bid 2H to show both my suits early in the bidding, and was surprised when West bid 2S instead.
<b>Dlr E</b>	9		A987	Still, 3H now seemed automatic, and I expected that this showed my 6-5 shape, thus John would either double EW in their game contract, or bid one of my suits as a sacrifice.
<b>Vul EW</b>	AT9432		Q7 T73 Q875	To my surprise 3S by East was passed around to me, and I had no reason to bid any more.
	J654			West made the obvious 10 tricks for -170, and were hopeful of picking up a game swing.
	854			
	QJ94			
	KJ			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
		/	/	
1D	2C	/	/	At the other table Neville and Annette did get to 4S, and NS did sacrifice in 5C, doubled by Annette, and this went for +800, so we actually gained 12 Imps.
2S	3H	3S	//	

<b>M 3</b>	AJ			On board 13 in the third match I opened with the North hand because I had an easy rebid of 2C, and I had 2 Aces. I had a similar hand on board 9 in the same match, but that time with 5 clubs and 4 diamonds, so the easy rebid was not there and I passed.
<b>Bd 13</b>	J3			East led the H6, and I won on the table to play the CK and set up a cross-ruff. It could have been important to lose the CA early, as if EW switched to a trump, I could keep the likely stronger hand (West doubled) out of the lead by ducking a spade to East.
<b>Dlr N</b>	AJ754		K4	Thanks to the kind trump position and spade break, even an initial trump lead cannot stop 3D, and I was untroubled to make 9 tricks for +110.
<b>Vul All</b>	T972		Q9865 3 QJ863	At the other table NS got carried away with their 6-card spade suit and finished in 4SSX. Annette and Neville took full advantage of this by taking it 2 off for +500 and 12 Imps.
	T98732			
	A4			
	T982			
	K			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	1D	/	1S	
X	2C	2H	3D	
//				

<b>M 4</b>	AQ753			On board 15 in the fourth match we missed a very miss-able slam and even 4S makes on the friendly breaks, so the potential for a loss was there, but only if NS at the other table got overly optimistic.
<b>Bd 15</b>	AT8			
<b>Dlr S</b>	KT96			
<b>Vul NS</b>	J			East led the C4, and I won on the table and took the winning spade finesse, and cashed the SA. When the SK did not appear from West, I knew I could ruff a spade low on the table, especially when West played the SJ. It could be more difficult for me if West plays the SK under the SA, which is the card he is known to hold.
KJ4			T96	
Q742			K65	
842			Q7	
K93			QT842	
	82			When the spades broke, I could cash the top diamonds and run the spades for a certain 10 or 11 tricks.
	J93			At the fall of the DQ, another diamond to dummy drew the last outstanding trump, and I led the HT off the table. When West made it easy by covering, I could claim 12 tricks for +170.
	AJ53			
	A765			At the other table the contract was also 3DN, but declarer made a few wrong guesses and only ended up with 9 tricks for -110, so we gained a lucky 2 Imps.
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
/	1S	/	/	
/	2D	/	2C	
//			3D	

<b>M 4</b>	932			At our table in the fourth match, 3NT by East showed 13-15 with at least 3 spades, and West bid the obvious 4S.
<b>Bd 19</b>	K87			
<b>Dlr S</b>	T5			I led the DT, and declarer played low on the table and John encouraged with the D8.
<b>Vul EW</b>	AT984			Declarer got his lucky break in trumps, and put me in with the CA which enabled me to lead a diamond through dummy so we could cash our 2 tricks in that suit.
AT874			K65	
A4			QJ93	
Q72			K93	
J73			KQ6	
	QJ			When John exited with a heart, declarer could do nothing more than take the losing finesse, so we took 9 tricks for +100.
	T652			At the other table Neville also finished in 4S, and North also led the DT! However, Neville made 10 tricks for +620 and 12 Imps.
	AJ964			
	52			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	/		/	
1S	//	3NT!	/	
4S				Neville showed good technique with the diamond holding by putting up dummy's DK, and South had no good play. He actually won the DA and led back a diamond, but Neville ran this to the D9, found the same friendly trump break and then lost just a heart and a club.

<b>M 4</b>	KT87			Board 27 in the fourth match provided our most curious deal for some time. The contract was fairly innocuous, and John, thinking to cut down on ruffs, led the D4. Declarer won on the table with the DJ and led the H7.
<b>Bd 27</b>	QJ5			
<b>Dlr S</b>	32			
<b>Vul Nil</b>	A653			Now declarer ruffed hearts and spades until the hearts were good, but must have not counted the hearts because she ruffed a 4 <sup>th</sup> heart in dummy with the DA, and the last spade with the DT.
AQ63			-	
7			AT9863	
AJ75			KT986	
JT72			94	
	J9542			Now, having earlier discarded a club on the SA, she could have cashed the last trump and claimed 12 tricks, losing the last trick to the CA. However, she continued with another heart, and John ruffed in front of me with the DQ and led his top clubs, declarer ruffing my CA at trick 12 for her 10 <sup>th</sup> trick.
	K42			
	Q4			
	KQ8			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	/		/	
1C	/	1H	/	For the last trick, I had the only trump, the D3, so that was only 10 tricks for -130.
1S	/	3D	/	
2NT	/	3D	//	In another match EW got the bidding wrong and ended in 6DEX, but South thought that North's double of 6D asked for dummy's first bid suit, and the spade lead allowed 6DX to make.

<b>M 5</b>	Q			On board 2 in the fifth match I missed a golden opportunity to put East to the test and flatten the board instead of losing 13 Imps.
<b>Bd 2</b>	AKJT9543			When dummy went down 5H looked to be almost 100%, as if trumps behaved I could throw my club away on the SK, losing just a spade and a diamond. West won the SA at trick 1 and led the H7, and I was flabbergasted when the hearts turned out to be well placed, but un-finessable unless I had peeked.
<b>Dir E</b>	32			
<b>Vul NS</b>	JT			
AJ9872		T543		
Q87		2		
T8		AJ96		
82		K963		
	K6			Now is the time to start the thinking process again and look for a way to make 11 tricks after all, but I woodenly played a diamond and when East wisely flew up with the DA, I was one off.
	6			However, I had a cost nothing play, that assumed after the weak-jump in spades that East has the CK, and I could have put East to the test at trick 4.
	KQ754			
	AQ754			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
2S	4H	/	1D	
/	5H	4S	X	If I lead the CJ and East covers, I have only 1 discard, and must go down, so I lead the CT, and if East fails to cover, I can repeat the finesse and get 2 discards (SK first).
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<b>M 5</b>	AK63			On board 11 in the fifth match John was not sure if Qx in hearts was enough to suggest a half-stop by bidding 3NT over my 3S, having earlier denied a full stop, so he raised to the spade game.
<b>Bd 11</b>	J95			East led the HA and when dummy went down, 4S looked to have a few chances, but all of them relied on either the SQ or CK being well placed.
<b>Dir S</b>	J6			
<b>Vul Nil</b>	AQ53			
7542		Q8		
7643		AKT2		
T5		Q982		
KJ4		T87		
	JT9			I won the 3 <sup>rd</sup> heart in hand, discarding a club from the table, and went to dummy with the DA to take the club finesse, which won. Every one followed to the CA, so preparing for a cross-ruff, I went to dummy with the DK and led the D3 off the table, over-ruffing West's S2.
	Q8			Now I ruffed a club and West allowed me to ruff another diamond low, so I had 10 tricks assured by ruffing in dummy with the ST.
	AK743			East actually ruffed in front of dummy, otherwise I had 11 tricks, but +420 was worth 11 Imps when NS went 1 off in 3NT at the other table.
	962			Obviously NS can make 9 tricks looking at all 4 hands, but that is not how the game is played, and North took the losing spade finesse, losing 3 hearts, a spade and a club.
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
			/	
2H	1C	1H!	2D	
/	3H	X	/	
//	3S	/	4S	

<b>M 5</b>	6			On board 12 in the fifth match I felt that I was well and truly got at in the bidding by EW, but it turned out all right in the end.
<b>Bd 12</b>	KQT632			East's double was described by West as values, but how could I expect that West had passed with such poor hearts!
<b>Dir W</b>	K854			
<b>Vul NS</b>	93			
K95		QJ87		
54		AJ9		
T9632		A		
A62		KT874		
	AT432			East led the DA and not surprisingly, switched to the SQ after West discouraged diamonds. I won the SA and thought about passing the H8, but instead finessed the HT this time, putting off the heart decision until later. If I had played to the HK, 2HX is cold.
	87			East won the HJ and led a spade that I ruffed, then I led a diamond to dummy to lead hearts again, and to my surprise, East discarded! Now it seemed important to lead trumps, so the HK lost to the HA and a small club came back, won by West, who returned a club! The diamond ruff now lost, we scored +670 to go with the +150 for 1NT making 9 tricks for EW, and gained 13 Imps.
	QJ7			
	QJ5			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
/	2H	X	//	

<b>M 6</b>	AKT9852			<p>On board 17 in the sixth match I thought I was too good to open with 2S or 3S, so had a choice between 1S or 4S, and predictably chose the higher bid. I did this because if John had responded to a 1S opening, my next bid was likely to be 4S to describe this type of hand, so I skipped a level of the bidding.</p> <p>East had a look at dummy with the HA and led a trump to stop any club ruffs, and after West covered, I was hopeful of making 10 tricks or even 11 on a club switch, but after I had drawn trumps and led a heart, West cashed the top diamonds for 1 off.</p> <p>At the other table North somehow contrived to play in just 2S, which made exactly for -110, and we had lost 4 Imps.</p> <p>Unlucky to have the singleton CA opposite the singleton CK, but even if the CK had been protected, it was no good, and at least it prompted a spade switch from East.</p>
<b>Bd 17</b>	753		73	
<b>Dlr N</b>	T3		A6 KQ64 Q9542	
<b>Vul Nil</b>	A			
Q64				
K4				
A8				
JT8763				
	J			
	QJT982			
	J9752			
	K			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	4S	//		

<b>M 6</b>	T643			<p>Board 19 in the sixth match was a great disappointment. When dummy went down it looked like I just had to get 2 diamond ruffs with the small clubs in my hand and 5CX was cold.</p> <p>Accordingly I won the heart switch in hand and went to dummy to ruff a diamond, followed by a spade ruff and another diamond ruff and then I was home!</p> <p>I led a 3<sup>rd</sup> spade and discarded a heart loser from the table, but West won and led a trump, no problem as I was still in control, until East showed out.</p> <p>My 11<sup>th</sup> trick was going to be ruffing the final diamond on the table and drawing trumps with the CA and CQ, but that was not possible and I lost a 3<sup>rd</sup> trick for 1 off.</p> <p>The loss was compounded when we compared scores and we found that NS had a similar start, but South only bid 4C over the double, and that was the end of the auction, -130 and 6 Imps out.</p>
<b>Bd 19</b>	A872			
<b>Dlr S</b>	6		AQ82 KJ943 KJ54	
<b>Vul EW</b>	AK52		-	
K975				
QT				
A832				
J98				
	J			
	65			
	AT97			
	QT7643			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
/	1C	X	/	
/	/	X	5C	
			//	

<b>M 7</b>	KT9843			<p>West must have thought that all of his Christmas's has come at once on board 5 in the seventh match when I opened 2S (weak!) and his partner doubled for take-out.</p> <p>Dummy was a big disappointment to me, although there was an Ace and a King, until the HA got ruffed at trick 1 and I only had trumps left when the DK became good!</p> <p>The Devil made me open 2S with such a poor hand at adverse vulnerability, and I paid the full penalty for it. Try as I might, I could only make 3 trump tricks, which amounted to 5 off and -1400 to go with +430 from the other table in a 'normal' 3NT, and 14 Imps away.</p> <p>Luckily for our team this was the last board of the match and we were well ahead in the match, but still it stopped us getting a 25.</p>
<b>Bd 5</b>	J54			
<b>Dlr N</b>	5		72 KQT8 A83 AT42	
<b>Vul EW</b>	876			
AQJ65				
-				
Q972				
KQ53				
	-			
	A97632			
	KJT64			
	J9			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
	2S	X	//	

<b>M 7</b>	T			On board 6 in the seventh match I bid 2C over 1S by John intending to rebid 3C to limit my hand, believing my hand will take more tricks if clubs were trumps.
<b>Bd 6</b>	QJ3			John improvised with a 2D bid and when he showed a good suit with 3S, I confirmed a heart stop and singleton or void spade with 3NT. He then made a slam try with 4NT but I had nothing extra.
<b>Dlr E</b>	QT6			I won the HK on the table at trick 1 and was surprised when West took the CQ at trick 2 and led a heart back, East winning and returning the suit.
<b>Vul EW</b>	KJ8764			East had played the C9 at trick 2, so by winning the first trick I placed West with AT53 and went to dummy with the SA and finessed the C8, winning the trick. It seems that East was only giving count in clubs, though why that was necessary when West played the CA is beyond me.
3		J9654		Anyway the practice finesse worked and I had the rest of the tricks for +460. At the other table NS played in 4S and went 2 off so we gained 11 Imps.
T652		A987		
K7532		J4		
AT5		93		
	AKQ872			
	K4			
	A98			
	Q2			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
/	2C	/	1S	
/	3C	/	2D!	
/	3NT	/	3S	
//		/	4NT	

<b>M 7</b>	AJ5			On board 12 in the seventh match everybody was in the bidding and I had a good hand!
<b>Bd 12</b>	-			Of course I had shown my good hand by my jump to 3C over the take-out double by West, but when John made a free bid over East's 3H response, I placed him with a long suit and some worthwhile values, so I cue-bid 4H.
<b>Dlr W</b>	AQJ73			Now the bidding went a little hazy, as when asked, John said the 4H bid showed a 0454 good hand, and he gave preference to diamonds.
<b>Vul NS</b>	AQ853			If he had some support for diamonds there is even more reason to be in slam, so I clarified the position, whatever it was, with a jump to 6S.
96		82		When dummy went down John looked at the bidding pad again and realized that he had missed the 3H bid by East and the bidding then fell into place.
AQ952		KJT43		West led the D8, but by way of the Club finesse and careful play, John lost just the DK and made 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 Imps.
86		KT94		
KJ92		74		
	KQT743			
	876			
	52			
	T6			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
/	1D	/	1S	
X	3C	3H	3S	
/	4H	/	5D	
	6S	//		

<b>M 8</b>	J653			On board 16 in the eighth match West opened 1C with his 1516 shape, intending to bid out his shape, but when his partner bid 1H and John doubled for takeout, he redoubled, which I thought showed just 3-card support for hearts, although East expected 4-card support.
<b>Bd 16</b>	987			I had 4-card support for both of John's presumed suits, and took the opportunity over the redouble to show my spade suit and that was all the encouragement that John needed.
<b>Dlr W</b>	JT53			He then and there decided to keep bidding spades up to the 6-level, since by my free bid he now knew we had at most 1 trick in spades.
<b>Vul EW</b>	97			EW subsided faster than John expected, and East led the D7 to 5SX, which I assumed to be a singleton, since there were 2 other suits that West had shown.
T		42		EW cashed their 3 winners in clubs and hearts, and then East led another diamond, so it looked like -300 after all, but when West turned out to have the singleton diamond, it was -500 and 14 Imps since Annette and Neville had bid to the cold 6H.
AQJ64		KT53		
A		9764		
KJ8543		AQ6		
	AKQ987			
	2			
	KQ82			
	T2			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
1C	/	1H	X	
XX	1S	4H	4S	
5H	/	/	5S	
/	/	X	//	

<b>M 8</b> <b>Bd 17</b> <b>Dlr N</b> <b>Vul Nil</b>	QJ4 J8 KJ93 AJ84		On board 17 in the eighth match East's double was for penalties, and John could have bid a safe 2H, but instead chose to stick 1NTX as it was likely to be cold.  I got the system wrong and bid 2C, thinking it was natural and showed 2 suits each 4 cards in length, but John was expecting a 5-card club suit.  East doubled 2C for penalties, not read as such by West (he has got 4 clubs), so he bid 2D, and then East misplaced the outstanding points and bid 3NT.  John told him where the other points were by his penalty double, and led the CQ, although on the actual hand the H4 would have been better.
82 976 Q654 T752		AKT6 AK2 T72 K93	
	9753 QT543 A8 Q6		
<b>W</b>  / 2D //	<b>N</b> 1NT 2C /	<b>E</b> X X 3NT	<b>S</b> !/ / X
			The sight of dummy may have unsettled declarer as he lost a trick in the play trying to set up a diamond trick and went 4 off for +800. This compared with -110 at the other table for 2H making 8 tricks and we gained 12 Imps.

<b>M 8</b> <b>Bd 25</b> <b>Dlr N</b> <b>Vul EW</b>	KQJ96 432 JT2 KT		On board 25 in the eighth match East's strong 1NT silenced both John and I and John led the D5.  Declarer has 5 tricks by giving up a heart, and may come to another diamond trick, but declarer tried for a miracle by leading the CQ at trick 2, which I won to lead the SK, and declarer knew he was now in trouble.  Winning the SK at trick 4 declarer tried a small heart out of hand, but John rose with the HK and led his 3 <sup>rd</sup> spade for me to run 3 more tricks, after which I led the DJ, declarer making the mistake of ducking, and I continued the suit for John to take another 2 diamonds.  All this time declarer had to make a lot of discards in both hands, and when John cashed his last diamond, he had to choose between a heart and a diamond from dummy, chose wrong and John cashed the last 2 tricks with clubs, for 5 off and +500.
542 QJT8 6 J9763		A8 A976 KQ843 Q2	
	T73 K5 A975 A854		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b> 1NT	<b>S</b> //
			At the other table NS climbed to game in their 5-3 spade fit, but went 1 off after a diamond ruff for +50 and 11 Imps.

<b>M 8</b> <b>Bd 27</b> <b>Dlr S</b> <b>Vul Nil</b>	J54 Q765 AJT7 76		On board 27 in the eighth match I did not take into account the recent teachings at various Brisbane locations on Losing Trick Count.  I knew I had a moderate hand, but let the diamond honours persuade me to go onto game. East, still hurting after a few earlier set-backs for him, tried to get something back and told me of my error by doubling.  If I had looked at my hand again before bidding game and counted losers, I have 9! Partner's jump raise will normally have 6 losers, so we have a total of 15 losers, and game is not a good bet.  East led the S7 and EW took 2 spades and the DK before I was in again with the DT, and then I led a heart to dummy and after some thought put in the H9 and got the bad news. When the heart position was revealed, East commented that they had 3 tricks already and still had hearts to come.
AQ82 - Q64 JT9854		T76 KJT42 K832 3	
	K93 A983 95 AKQ2		
<b>W</b>  / /	<b>N</b> 1H 4H!	<b>E</b> / X	<b>S</b> 1C 3H //
			3 off was inevitable for -500 and 8 Imps away when Annette did not want to give the heart position away by doubling the same contract.