



NOT News

Wednesday January 18th 2006

Welcome

Welcome to the 2006 Summer Festival of Bridge – my first as Convener. I am sure that all those players returning to another Summer Festival will have a great time catching up with old friends that they each year only at this event. For all first time players at the Summer Festival, enjoy the atmosphere and bridge of the greatest bridge event in Australia. If we can make the occasion better for you, please speak to myself or one of the Summer Festival secretaries and we will endeavour to assist. Happy Bridging

Sean Mullamphy

Session Times – Wednesday

11 am 3 pm 8 pm

Session Times – Thursday

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Last Train Session Times – Thursday

11am 1 pm 4 pm 6 pm

Festival Desks

N.C.C. – Festival Secretary : Pam Fein
Rydges – Festival Secretary : Sue Waters

The desks are open at 10am, 2 pm and 7.30pm each day. Ask at the desks if you wish to enter a weekend pairs event or if you need a partner for a pairs event.

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Tim Bourke's Problem

1. EVASION

Dealer East; EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 3
♥ K 10 9
♦ K 9 7
♣ A Q 9 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 10 9 8 5
♥ 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K J 8

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | 1 ♥ | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All pass | |

West leads the three of hearts. You try the nine but East takes this with the jack and shifts to a club, West following. How do you plan the play?

EATING AT RYDGES

Lunch

Mario's Pantry

Open daily from 10.30am on the first floor.

Cahoots Political Gallery and Bar

Open from 11.30am see daily blackboard lunch specials.

Dinner

Open everyday Bobby McGee's Buffet

from 5.30pm - located on the ground floor.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday night Seafood Buffet

BG Skyline Restaurant, located on the 15th floor. Open from 5.00pm

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night A la carte menu

BG Skyline Restaurant, located on the 15th floor.

BOBBY MCGEE'S BUFFET

\$15 pp – bookings dial 2496

Wednesday

Pumpkin soup

Bakers presentation of farmhouse white, wholemeal and sourdough rolls

Sourdough and sage stuffed leg of lamb

Scallop potatoes

Broccoli almondine

Trio of summer salads

Pavlova with wild berry compote

Fresh fruit platter

Bus Schedule

Before Each session

The Summer Festival Bus Leaves James Court Apartments approximately
1 ½ Hours before each session and 40minutes before each session
It leaves West Row 5 minutes later

Buses rotate between Rydges and the NCC every 10 minutes beginning 1 hour 20
minutes before each session

End Of Session

Buses begin leaving the venues after 2 hours of session time and rotate every 10 minutes

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

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

As you have five tricks in clubs, you need only another five from the trump suit. If you allow West to gain the lead he will surely shift to a diamond. Consequently, you should safety play the trump suit at trick three by leading the ten of trumps and running it. As long as clubs are 3-2, it will not matter if East takes the ten of trumps with the jack for he cannot attack diamonds without surrendering a trick and on any other return you would still make ten tricks in the black suits.

On the layout shown the suggested play gains more directly for, after the ten of trumps wins the trick, you can draw trumps without loss and score an overtrick.

If you missed this safety play, the best chance then is to give West his trump trick and hope that he doesn't find a diamond shift. When he does, the ten of diamonds will see you finish two down while a low diamond lets you escape with nine tricks.

Grosvenor Returns

Having an empty page to fill, I asked Stephen Burgess for a previously unpublished hand. Stephen was mindful of the imminent return of Hugh Grosvenor and gave me this little gem of a Grosvenor Coup.

The locus was Surfers circa 2000. Stephen sat South and saw the following auction unwind

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1H | 2D | 4S |
| 5D | 5S | x | |

West led a diamond and Stephen assessed

♠ A 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ 8 3
♣ J 6

♠ Q 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 2
♣ 3

Hmmmm, not too good : 2 diamonds and a club to lose.

Stephen played low from both hands as East took the Ace of diamonds. The club Ace followed. Pause for thought and the King of clubs came next! Stephen was back in the game!

Just for a joke , he pushed out the Queen of trumps. West was unimpressed and played the Jack. Stephen promptly put up dummy's Ace to drop East's King and Claire Lester (kibitzing SouthWest and pouring wine for Stephen) promptly fell off her chair with laughter. Just see why:

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

Welcome back Hugh (and your eponymous coup, which has never actually been away)