

Defending On The Last Train

Some hands on the first day of the Last Train event reinforce the importance of accurate defence. Jim Wallis points to the defence on this board from round 1 which his opponents almost found.

Dealer: E	♠ A K 8 7 6 5 2	
	♥ K 8 5	
Vul: NS	♦ 5	
	♣ A 4	
♠ J 9 3		♠ Q 10
♥ J 10 9 7		♥
♦ Q 8 6		♦ A K J 10 4
♣ J 10 5		♣ Q 9 7 6 3 2
	♠ 4	
	♥ A Q 6 4 3 2	
	♦ 9 7 3 2	
	♣ K 8	

Jim and Siggy Konig took the dive in 5C, doubled needless to say. To maximise return the defence needed to tread a fairly thin tightrope. A spade was led to the Ace and the King cashed. North now switched to his singleton diamond, taken by declarer with the Ace. A club was led and South did well to let this run to North's Ace. A third spade was played enabling South to score his King of trumps but then the defence fell from grace by attempting to cash the Ace of hearts. If the Ace is going to score, it can hardly run away but the precipitate attempt to cash saw the diamond ruff wither on the vine.

Jim made an excellent, and very unusual, bidding decision on a board in the third stanza.

Jim held

♠ A 3 ♥ A 10 9 7 6 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ Q 6 2

After a pass from rho, he opened 1H. Iho passed and Siggy jumped to 3C showing 6 to 9 points and 4+ hearts. 10 tricks looked a long way a way so Jim tried the effect of 3NT.

The effect was very gratifying on this layout

Dealer: E	♠ Q J 4	
	♥ K J 8 3	
Vul: EW	♦ Q 6 4	
	♣ 10 8 7	
♠ K 6 2		♠ 10 9 8 7 5
♥ 5 4		♥ Q
♦ K 8 7 3		♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A 9 4 3		♣ K J 5
	♠ A 3	
	♥ A 10 9 7 6 2	
	♦ A 2	
	♣ Q 6 2	

Try beating 3NT and when you give up try making 4H. How many of us can say that we have successfully abjured a 6-4 major fit to play 3NT?

Back to defending and two boards from one match which saw each team score more than they might have.

Dealer: S	♠ J 7 2	
	♥ 3	
Vul: EW	♦ 10 8 5 3 2	
	♣ A J 9 2	
♠ A K 9 6		♠ Q 4
♥ A 10 7 6 5		♥ Q J 9 4 2
♦ K J		♦ A 9 6 4
♣ K 5		♣ 8 4
	♠ 10 8 5 3	
	♥ K 8	
	♦ Q 7	
	♣ Q 10 7 6 3	

Paul Marston, West, opened 1C and North made an artificial double. Hugh Grosvenor redoubled and South bid 1H, asking. Paul doubled and North bid 1S ostensibly showing a 3 suiter with heart shortage. Hugh tried 2H but South was there with a leap to 3S which Hugh hit.

The defence was remorseless. Hugh led a small spade to Paul's King and Paul played a small spade back to Hugh's Queen. The Queen of hearts followed, collecting the King and Ace. Paul cashed the King of spades and declarer's "3 suiter" was looking somewhat two dimensional. Paul continued a heart to Hugh's Jack and Hugh cashed the Ace of diamonds. A diamond continuation picked up the Queen and King. Paul exited the 6 of hearts to Hugh's Jack and dummy's last trump. The Queen of clubs was covered by the King and Ace and declarer played the Jack of clubs for Paul to put in a defensive claim for 1400.

The second board from this match sees a wee declarer lapse produce a trump promotion for the defence.

Dealer: W	♠ Q 7 2	
	♥ J 7 4 3	
Vul: Nil	♦ Q 6 4 2	
	♣ J 9	
♠ K J 10 6 4		♠ A 9 8
♥ K 2		♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ A		♦ K 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 10 8 6 5 4		♣
	♠ 5 3	
	♥ A 6 5	
	♦ J 3	
	♣ A K Q 7 3 2	

For systemic reasons, Hugh was playing 4S from the West seat. The Ace of clubs was led and ruffed. A heart was led towards dummy, South ducked and

the King scored. A second club ruff came next and Hugh went back to dummy with a diamond to enable another club ruff with his Ace of trumps. He now cashed the King of diamonds and had a wee whoops – he pitched a club. The position was

Dealer: W	♠ Q 7 2	
	♥ J 7 4	
Vul: Nil	♦ Q	
	♣	
♠ K J 10 6 4		♠
♥ 2		♥ Q 10 9
♦		♦ 10 9 8
♣ 10		♣
	♠ 5 3	
	♥ A 6	
	♦	
	♣ K Q 7	

Hugh continued a diamond, ruffed by South and over-ruffed in dummy. The King of spades was followed by the Jack to North's Queen. North played a heart to South's Ace and the King of clubs scored followed by a trump promotion for North's 7 when South continued clubs.

Hugh was very quick to acknowledge that a heart pitch instead of a club leads to success.

Back to Jim and Siggy for a lead problem .

You hold

♠ 3 2 ♥ J 10 7 6 2 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ 8 5

The opponents' auction unfolds :

1C (any 12+)	2C (Game force)
2D (any 17+)	3C (suit)
3D (suit)	3S (suit)
4D	4NT (RKC)
5S (2 keycards + Queen of diamonds)	6NT

This runs round to partner who doubles.

And it's your lead.

Dealer: N	♠ A 7 4	
	♥ K Q	
Vul: EW	♦ A Q J 9 4 2	
	♣ Q 9	
♠ 3 2		♠ 9 8 6 5
♥ J 10 7 6 2		♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 8 7 6		♦ K 5 3
♣ 8 5		♣ A 6 3
	♠ K Q J 10	
	♥ A 4 3	
	♦	
	♣ K J 10 7 4 2	

If you found the diamond, congratulations. In a pristine Lightner world, this seems right. Diamonds is dummy's first bid SUIT but nowadays all sorts of experts have all sorts of interpretations.

TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

3. DAME FORTUNE

Dealer North; EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ -
 ♥ K 9 7 2
 ♦ K 9 8 2
 ♣ A K 7 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 9 6 5 3
 ♥ -
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ 10 6

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	4 ♠

All pass

West leads the three of hearts after this unremarkable auction. How do you propose to make ten tricks when spades are 3-2 but the queen of trumps has not appeared?

As Ye Sew...

Stephen Burgess has a simple approach to system. If you play with him, you play his way. As he, himself, says, "I'm too arrogant to play anybody else's way."

In match 4 of the Last Train Stephen had some very rare doubts about his own methods. One of his demands is that partners open a weak 2 on a 5 card suit with 8 to 11 points, *and it doesn't matter where those points are*. The suit can be 6 5 4 3 2!

Stephen was contemplating ♠ 10 8 ♥ Q J 10 5 3 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ 7 5 4. His cup was initially filled by partner, Di Jagelman, opening a Burgess 2S. A takeout double saw Stephen pass and the cup promptly overflowed when this was passed out by a hungry looking East.

Stephen just **knew** that ,vul against not, this was 1400 country. He sat back to watch the carnage.

Dealer: E	♠ 10 8	
	♥ Q J 10 5 3	
Vul: NS	♦ 5 4 2	
	♣ 7 5 4	
♠ Q		♠ A K 4 3 2
♥ A 9		♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ A K Q 10 8		♦ J 7 6
♣ K 9 6 3 2		♣ 10
	♠ J 9 7 6 5	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ 9 3	
	♣ A Q J 8	

West began with the Ace, King and a third diamond. Di ruffed that and led a small spade to West's Queen. West continued a club to Di's Queen and she played a trump to the 10 AND Ace. East exited a heart, with DI playing the King for West to take his Ace. West played yet another diamond which Di ruffed to bring about

Dealer: E	♠	
	♥ Q J 10	
Vul: NS	♦	
	♣ 7 5	
♠		♠ K 4 3
♥ 9		♥ 8 7
♦		♦
♣ K 9 6 3		♣
	♠ J	
	♥ 2	
	♦	
	♣ A J 8	

Now a heart to the Queen and two more rounds of hearts saw DI create a perfect *en passant* situation to score her Jack of trumps and get out for 500.

DINING AT RYDGES

BG SKYLINE

Seafood Buffet

Thursday, Friday and Saturday night
\$34.00 per person
(normal price \$48.00 per person)

King prawns
Morton Bay bugs
Fresh Australian oysters
Fresh cracked crab
Smoked Rainbow trout
Tasmanian Atlantic salmon
Fresh nori
Green lipped mussels with aged sherry salsa
Lakeside antipasto with premium selection of smoked meats
Marinated baby octopus sweet chilli calamari
Hokkien noodle and soy chicken salad
Balsamic roasted vegetable salad

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A selection of roast meats and sauces
Seafood pasta
Butter chicken

◆

Rich assorted gateaux's and tortes
Fresh fruit pavlova
Warm white chocolate bread and butter pudding
Selection of Australian cheese
Fresh seasonal fruit

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Summer vegetable soup
Bakers presentation of farmhouse white, wholemeal and sourdough rolls
Lemon baked barramundi
Caramelised onion and potato fondue
Summer vegetable medley
Trio of summer salads
Lemon citrus cheesecake
Fresh fruit platter

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Bridge Banquet \$27.50 per person (min of 4 people)

Fishcake with lime cucumber fish sauce dip
Roasted duck pancakes
Sesame spiced mushrooms

Oven baked ocean trout with cinnamon infused soy dressing
Spicy shantung style lamb
Chairman's red curry chicken
Stir-fried beef with peppercorns

Coffee or tea
Glass of house wine each

Mr Robert Herr comes to Canberra every year to play in the Congress. His birthday is January 19th. This year, his birthday present was winning a prize in the Warm-up Pairs.

Congratulations!

Johanna Hunter

THE AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 9:30am 22nd January
(downstairs Rydges)**

Everyone welcome whether a member teacher or not!

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PENNY'S BLANKET RAFFLE

**is being drawn on Friday 27th January at 1:30pm. All
proceeds are going to cancer research.**

**Tickets are available at the book stall at Rydges and
the Convention Centre.**

**Let's make a significant donation from the Bridge
community!**

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Australian Bridge Directors Association

**Tuesday 24th – A discussion forum led by Laurie
Kelso with international input from Arie Geursen of
Auckland – Senior Director at Rydges for the SWPT
and a regular contributor to the director's bulletin**

9 am in the Executive Room, Rydges

Wednesday 25th- AGM

9 am in the Executive Room, Rydges

**Datums
Womens
Session4**

Board	Score
1	-110
2	-280
3	270
4	-30
5	-110
6	-890
7	-680
8	180
9	160
10	110
11	10
12	-470
13	430
14	40
15	10
16	90
17	-220
18	-300
19	-90
20	60

Session5

Board	Score
1	260
2	30
3	-300
4	20
5	410
6	20
7	-1510
8	-160
9	-510
10	-310
11	60
12	90
13	260
14	-60
15	90
16	120
17	60
18	-390
19	-250
20	-330

Session6

Board	Score
1	-400
2	530
3	-110
4	-80
5	650
6	-360
7	520
8	340
9	510
10	-1230
11	110
12	1040
13	230
14	-120
15	330
16	60
17	-190
18	80
19	-580
20	-500

**Seniors
Session4**

Board	Score
1	-50
2	-190
3	250
4	-60
5	-110
6	-680
7	-800
8	90
9	-20
10	240
11	40
12	-460
13	620
14	110
15	30
16	150
17	-230
18	-120
19	-110
20	90

Session5

Board	Score
1	130
2	100
3	-450
4	10
5	440
6	110
7	-1510
8	-100
9	-610
10	-150
11	70
12	320
13	170
14	-60
15	120
16	120
17	100
18	-430
19	-100
20	-220

Session6

Board	Score
1	-450
2	640
3	-100
4	-110
5	650
6	-420
7	590
8	380
9	630
10	-1220
11	390
12	1200
13	380
14	-60
15	270
16	130
17	-360
18	30
19	-640
20	-620

**Last
Train
Session1**

Board	Score
1	-420
2	240
3	450
4	-1450
5	-70
6	-40
7	660
8	150
9	70
10	-90
11	410
12	-270
13	140
14	10
15	40
16	120

Session2

Board	Score
1	40
2	-110
3	-1070
4	500
5	370
6	180
7	-140
8	-290
9	-550
10	-620
11	350
12	-290
13	60
14	40
15	-70
16	-110

Session3

Board	Score
1	40
2	510
3	-670
4	360
5	-330
6	-620
7	-50
8	-330
9	220
10	-180
11	60
12	370
13	-160
14	400
15	60
16	190

Session4

Board	Score
1	-190
2	-330
3	-430
4	-60
5	-450
6	-200
7	80
8	440
9	720
10	430
11	40
12	-420
13	140
14	180
15	-140
16	-10

Women's Teams Progress After 6 Rounds

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Kaplan	129	202
2	Creet	119	155
3	Travis	117	148
4	Bourke	110	103
5	Neale	110	96
6	Molloy	108	88
7	Greenfeld	106	75
8	Mott	104	75
9	Free	103	83
10	Evans	102	60
11	Yuill	100	53
12	Bashar	99	38
13	Thomson	98	67
14	Carmichael	97	38
15	Broad	96	34
16	Darley	96	31
17	Hardie	95	52
18	Lowry	95	37
19	Bloom	95	34
20	Mace	95	33

Senior Teams Progress After 6 Rounds

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Krochmalik	123	254
2	Neill	121	157
3	Chadwick	120	166
4	Halmos	119	150
5	Varadi	118	167
6	Buchen	114	140
7	Kalmin	111	128
8	Jackman	111	121
9	Van Abbe	111	106
10	Noble	111	103
11	Elson	109	135
12	Hutton	108	129
13	Puskas	108	119
14	Bock	108	91
15	McLean	107	139
16	Griffiths	106	85
17	Chrapot	105	82
18	Gallus	104	121
19	Wyer	104	81
20	Soutter	103	70

Non-Life Teams Progress After 6

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Carter	118	132
2	Christiaen	108	108
3	Moss	106	103
4	McAlary	106	92
5	Woodward	106	76
6	Kieran	102	53
7	Gilbert	100	64
8	Reitzer	100	54
9	Zuber	99	76
10	Boxall	96	38
11	Cariola	94	11
12	Slaughter	91	2
13	Houghton	90	7
14	Collier	90	0
15	Crompton	89	-3
16	White	86	-23
17	Croft	86	-26
18	Gooley	85	-22
19	Smart	80	-65
20	Starr	77	-29

Novice Teams Progress After 6 Rounds

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Dalziell	121	265
2	Leckie	108	96
3	Lam	107	84
4	Jowett	104	64
5	Williams	98	42
6	Allen	97	35
7	Muir	95	28
8	Schultz	94	72
9	Mitchell	94	17
10	Higgins	93	10
11	Parker	92	2
12	Carr	90	-21
13	Brown	88	-4
14	Phelan	86	-16
15	Collins	85	-27
16	Breden	82	-39
17	Donaldson	82	-42
18	Swanson	80	-53
19	Bertuna	76	-71
20	Joseph	71	-103

Last Train Pairs Progress After 4 Rounds

Place	Name	Score
1	E Barnes, A De Livera	84
2	A Mill, P Markey	80
3	N Giura, N Hughes	78
4	M Abraham, D Geromboux	74
5	T Antoff, A Simpson	73
6	K Morrison, K Crowe-Mai	73
7	A Peake, M Green	72
8	M Chen, W Zhang	70
9	J Ebery, D Weston	68
10	H Grosvenor, P Marston	68
11	P Wilsmore, J De Ravin	66
12	D Yovich, T Ranasinghe	65
13	S Konig, J Wallis	64
14	P McGrath, W Smith	63
15	T Leibowitz, A Bach	63
16	B Howe, N Ewart	62
17	D Stern, R Grynberg	62
18	R Sebesfi, F Curtis	61
19	T Strong, J Magee	60
20	J Roberts, S Hinge	60

