

NOT News4

Saturday January 21st 2006

Session Times for Saturday

Seniors Teams Stage 2 (Rydges)

10am 12 noon 3 pm 5 pm 7.30 pm

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR SESSION 4

Womens Teams Semi-Final (Rydges)

10 am 12.15 pm 3 pm 5.15pm

Walk-Ins (Rydges)

11 am 3 pm 7.30 pm

Seniors, Women's, Men's, Mixed & Novice Pairs (NCC)

11 am 3 pm 7.30 pm

Session Times for Sunday

Swiss Pairs (NCC)

11am 2 pm 7.30 pm

Women's and Seniors' Finals (Rydges)

10 am 1 pm 3.30 pm 6 pm

Walk Ins (Rydges)

1.30 pm 7.30 pm

Bus Schedule

Before Each Session

The Summer Festival Bus leaves James Court Apartments approximately 1 ½ hours before each session and 40 minutes 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.

The ABF gratefully acknowledges the support of



Tim Bourke's Problem

3. TRIFLING

Dealer South; Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 7 6 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q 9
♥ A J 10
♦ A Q 3
♣ K 7 3 2

| West | North | East | South | |
|----------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| | | | 2 NT | |
| Pass | 3 ♦ | | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 NT* | Pass | 6 ♥ | |
| All pass | | | | |

* *Natural, not Blackwood.*

After the transfer response of three diamonds, North's four notrump indicated a hand with a five-card heart suit and around eleven points – a much better treatment than using the bid as Blackwood. How do plan the play when West leads a trump and East follows?

What Are The Odds?

Len Dixon points to one oddity when he asks for the odds that a 20 board session does not contain one hand on which North-South can make game or better (at least according to DeepFinesse). Session 7 in the Seniors was one such. East-West could make game on 7 boards with a choice of 2 or 3 games on 4 of them.

Slightly more unusual is the one that Bill Haughie brought to my attention.

You are playing a freely bid 5D contract which the opponents have doubled. Trumps take a total of 8 tricks. Of these, what was declarer's share?

The action occurred in round 7 of the Seniors on this layout

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

East passed and South opened 3H. West opted for 4H. He must have been absolutely delighted, even if not surprised, when his partner selected 5D. North was not too stressed to find the double.

The defence began with the 2 top hearts, on the second of which North pitched a club. A third heart saw dummy discard a spade and North ruff. (1 diamond to the defence.) North exited a spade to declarer's 10. Declarer attempted to cross to dummy with a club but North ruffed. (2 d's to the defence). The Queen of spades lost to table's Ace but an attempt to ruff a spade back to hand saw South over-ruff. (3d t t d). South played a club for North to ruff (4 d t t d). The position now was

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

East had no losers outside trumps but there he had 2 more, North being effectively endplayed in trumps. – diamond score : declarer 2, defence 6.

It Ain't Always So!

By Lilli Allgood

We were always told, "When the opponents steal your contract, DOUBLE THEM!"

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

The bidding :

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| P | 1S | P | 1C |
| P | 3C | 3D ¹ | 2C |
| 4D | 5C | P | 4C |
| 5D ² | P | P | P |
| | | | X ³ |

¹ A voice from the background – maybe lead indicating

² A sacrifice (?)

³ When the opponents steal.....

and, with the singletons on each side, 5Dx makes

We were always told, "When they're in your favourite contract, DON'T double"

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

The bidding :

| | | | |
|------|----------------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 1H | P ¹ | 1S | P |
| 2H | P ² | end | |

¹Definitely

²They're not going to make this but if I double, they may escape.

Matching DeepFinesse In Defence

By Peter Buchen

A hand from the Seniors Round 7

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Dealer: W | ♠ A 10 7 3 2 | | |
| | ♥ J | | |
| Vul: All | ♦ 9 6 3 2 | | |
| | ♣ K 9 7 | | |
| ♠ K 6 4 | | ♠ Q J 9 | |
| ♥ Q 7 3 | | ♥ 10 8 4 2 | |
| ♦ A K Q | | ♦ J 10 | |
| ♣ J 10 4 3 | | ♣ 8 6 5 2 | |
| | ♠ 8 5 | | |
| | ♥ A K 9 6 5 | | |
| | ♦ 8 7 5 4 | | |
| | ♣ A Q | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| J Newman | L Kalmin | P Buchen | E Urbach |
| 1NT | P | P | X ¹ |
| P | 2C ² | P | 2H |
| End | | | |

¹Single suiter

²Forced

The defence began ♦K, 2, 10, 4 and Newman switched to a low spade with devastating effect. This knocked out the entry to the King of clubs before declarer could unblock. Down 1 for -100 and 5 imps away.

How did Newman know to switch?

My ♦10, intended as low encouraging, was interpreted as a suit preference for spades. After all, declarer had shown a single suiter, so should not have 4 diamonds. Hence I must have at least 3 diamonds.

Easy game – DeepFinesse would be proud.

Deception Point

By Peter Buchen

The Senior Teams, Round 7, Board 8, saw this layout

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Dealer : W | ♠ K 5 | | |
| | ♥ A K 7 | | |
| Vul : Nil | ♦ A K 6 5 | | |
| | ♣ Q 7 6 4 | | |
| ♠ A J 10 4 3 | | ♠ 7 6 | |
| ♥ J 10 9 | | ♥ 5 2 | |
| ♦ 10 9 | | ♦ Q J 7 3 | |
| ♣ J 10 9 | | ♣ A K 8 5 2 | |
| | ♠ Q 9 8 2 | | |
| | ♥ Q 8 6 4 3 | | |
| | ♦ 8 4 2 | | |
| | ♣ 3 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| P | 1D | 2C | X |
| P | 3NT | end | |

Adam Rutnowski found himself in the precarious 3NT contract. The good news was that he was given a trick on the lead of a low club. How should he proceed? Many players would run 5 hearts, hoping for a defensive error. As the cards lie that should fail.

Adam found the imaginative Deception of cashing the Ace, King of hearts and then playing the King of spades. Thinking that declarer was trying to create an entry to dummy for the hearts, West ducked!. One spade, one club, 2 diamonds and 5 hearts made 9 tricks.

This really shouldn't have worked but if East had the spade Ace, as was likely on the bidding, Adam's play may well have worked even in more illustrious company.

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On the left, Non Life Winners : Greg and Devika Carter, Jan Clyner and Alsiter Murray

On the right, Novice winners : Elaine Leach, Tony Jowett, Jane Kidd and Krystyn Homik

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

Superficially, it appears that you need a successful finesse in both spades and diamonds. However, there is an extra chance when the full deal is:

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

After drawing trumps, you should cash the king, ace and queen of clubs. When the clubs are 3-3, you can make certain of the contract by leading a spade, covering East's card. This endplays West, forcing him to lead into one of your tenaces.

If you draw trumps and cash the clubs ending in hand, you can no longer make the contract here as there are not enough entries to extract a twelfth trick. If East had one of the kings you could survive only by guessing which king he held, a dubious prospect at best.

When East has four or more clubs you can adopt the same approach in spades, covering the card that East plays. Again this endplays West allows you to make the contract when West began with a hand such as ♠ K542 ♥985 ♦ J875 ♣ 106. While you will need the diamond finesse, you can take advantage of East holding either the king of spades or both the jack and ten of spades.

However, when West has four clubs you need both the spade and diamond kings to be onside. This means you should finesse the queen of spades on the first round of the suit. A point to appreciate is that if you play the nine of spades on the first round you will fail when West began with ♠ J52 ♥985 ♦ J87 ♣ 10865. He will take the nine of spades with the jack and play his ten of clubs. After ruffing this in dummy you will no longer have the entries to finesse both queens.

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◆

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◆

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Fresh seasonal fruit

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Saturday

Minestrone soup
Bakers presentation of farmhouse white, wholemeal and sourdough rolls
Chicken schnitzel and chips
Cauliflower mornay
Trio of summer salads
Chocolate mudcake
Fresh fruit platter

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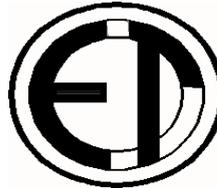
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Shop 4, Franklin St, Manuka Arcade, Manuka, ACT

Kieran and Jim were tickled by the fact that the 4-4 spade fit goes down in game while 3NT is a make despite the defence holding 10 hearts.

Personally, I don't know why they're surprised. It says in all the best Bidding Forums that Qx is a good no trump holding for declarer. (Mind you in this case, it works as dummy, too)

Back to Paul's second offering.

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

After Phil Markey had passed as dealer, Hugh Grosvenor opened 2C. Andrew Mill tried 2D and Paul doubled. Phil redoubled and this ran round to Paul who shot the 9 tricker. Back to Andrew and he found the 4D save – only 1 off against the cold game.

Still, Paul and Hugh did enough to come through and win the "Last Train".

Who's The Recorder?

Bobby Richman didn't know whether to laugh or cry over this one

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

South opened a weak no trump and Bobby shot 4S. North anguished for a while before passing. South then found a double. Bobby started looking for the recorder and found that he was sitting South!

Ah well, get on with the game. One heart to lose, one diamond and one spade. Can't afford to lose a second spade and South has doubled. Cross to the Ace of clubs and finesse against South's A 10 x x of trumps.

Oops!

Youth Championships

The Australian Youth Championships have just concluded and the results include :

National Youth Selection – Stage 1

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1 | G Feiler(NSW) - J Williams(SA) | 1528 |
| 2 | J Howard – P Hollands (Both Vic) | 1419 |
| 3 | A Newman – N Rodwell (Both NSW) | 1393 |
| 4 | G Ware – M Porter (Both ACT) | 1365 |
| 5 | M Doecke – N Griffiths (Both ACT) | 1335 |

Gabby Feiler and Justin Williams qualify for the Australian Youth Team and are added to the Open Team of Ron Klinger, Bruce Neill, Magnus Moren and Neville Francis for the Commonwealth Games Tournament.

The other 4 pairs play off for the remaining two places in the Youth Team.

Australian Youth Teams

- 1 P Hollands-J Howard, A Newman-N Rodwell
- 2 G Feiler-J Williams, G Ware-M Porter

Australian Youth Pairs

- 1 G Ware – M Porter
- 2 M Doecke – N Griffiths
- 3 G Feiler – J Williams

Best U20 Pair (7th overall)

Adam Edgtton (aged 14) and Nabil Edgtton (aged 13)

Some of the Youth players asked me especially to acknowledge Paul Lavings who provides books as prizes for the Youth Championships. Paul's stock can be accessed through www.postfree..cc

Gabby Feiler gave me this hand which was played by Leigh Matheson of the Sydney University Bridge Club.

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

Leigh declared 4 hearts from South on the lead of the Ace of diamonds. At trick 2, the Queen of clubs ran to Leigh's Ace and he played a trump to dummy's Ace, getting the bad news.

The 10 of spades followed taken by the Ace in the closed hand and Leigh ruffed a diamond in dummy. The marked heart finesse was taken next and the diamond King was cashed. The spade King followed to bring about

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ Q ♥ ♦ 6 ♣ J 10 6</p> | <p>♠ 8 6 ♥ ♦ ♣ 9 5 4</p> <p>♠ J ♥ K Q 10 ♦ ♣ 7</p> | <p>♠ ♥ J 8 7 ♦ Q ♣ K</p> |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|

The King of trumps was cashed and then the Jack of spades to West's Queen, East pitching the Queen of diamonds. A club to East's King left the trump endplay to bring home the contract.

THE AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Tuesday 24th – A discussion forum led by Laurie
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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**

LAST TRAIN FINAL

| Place | Name | Score |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | <u>H Grosvenor, P Marston</u> | 152 |
| 2 | <u>J Ebery, D Weston</u> | 147 |
| 3 | <u>P Rogers, A Clark</u> | 146 |
| 4 | <u>J Roberts, S Hinge</u> | 137 |
| 5 | <u>M Chen, W Zhang</u> | 137 |
| 6 | <u>E Barnes, A De Livera</u> | 137 |
| 7 | <u>A Mill, P Markey</u> | 135 |
| 8 | <u>M Abraham, D Geromboux</u> | 132 |
| 9 | <u>S Konig, J Wallis</u> | 132 |
| 10 | <u>N Giura, N Hughes</u> | 130 |
| 11 | <u>S Burgess, D Jagelman</u> | 130 |
| 12 | <u>B Richman, S Tishler</u> | 129 |
| 13 | <u>D Morgan, J Stark</u> | 129 |
| 14 | <u>T Leibowitz, A Bach</u> | 129 |
| 15 | <u>R Sebesfi, F Curtis</u> | 128 |
| 16 | <u>B Howe, N Ewart</u> | 127 |
| 17 | <u>A Peake, M Green</u> | 127 |
| 18 | <u>P McGrath, W Smith</u> | 122 |
| 19 | <u>K Morrison, K Crowe-Mai</u> | 122 |
| 20 | <u>T Antoff, A Simpson</u> | 121 |

WOMENS

| Place | Name | Score |
|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Creet | 168 |
| 2 | Neale | 168 |
| 3 | Kaplan | 167 |
| 4 | Bashar | 163 |
| 5 | Courtney | 161 |
| 6 | Bourke | 160 |
| 7 | Molloy | 159 |
| 8 | Greenfeld | 151 |
| 9 | Travis | 150 |
| 10 | Mace | 149 |
| 11 | Yuill | 147 |
| 12 | Evans | 147 |
| 13 | Zotti | 145 |
| 14 | Watts | 145 |
| 15 | Thomson | 144 |
| 16 | Kahler | 143 |
| 17 | Lowry | 140 |
| 18 | Maltby | 140 |
| 19 | Darley | 139 |
| 20 | Mott | 138 |

SENIORS

| Place | Name | Score |
|-------|------------|-------|
| 1 | Neill | 193 |
| 2 | Chadwick | 183 |
| 3 | Varadi | 167 |
| 4 | Gallus | 166 |
| 5 | Buchen | 163 |
| 6 | Van Abbe | 163 |
| 7 | Puskas | 162 |
| 8 | Krochmalik | 161 |
| 9 | Jackman | 161 |
| 10 | Hutton | 160 |
| 11 | Noble | 159 |
| 12 | Kalmin | 158 |
| 13 | Griffiths | 156 |
| 14 | Afflick | 155 |
| 15 | Bock | 155 |
| 16 | Wyer | 154 |
| 17 | Edwards | 154 |
| 18 | Dudley | 152 |
| 19 | McLean | 150 |
| 20 | Elson | 150 |

NON LIFE FINAL

| Place | Name | Score |
|-------|------------|-------|
| 1 | Carter | 165 |
| 2 | Zuber | 145 |
| 3 | McAlary | 136 |
| 4 | Reitzer | 134 |
| 5 | Christiaen | 133 |
| 6 | Woodward | 133 |
| 7 | Gilbert | 132 |
| 8 | Cariola | 130 |
| 9 | Moss | 127 |
| 10 | Croft | 127 |
| 11 | Gooley | 124 |
| 12 | Crompton | 121 |
| 13 | Collier | 121 |
| 14 | Houghton | 116 |
| 15 | Boxall | 115 |
| 16 | Day | 115 |
| 17 | Kieran | 115 |
| 18 | Smart | 115 |
| 19 | Slaughter | 114 |
| 20 | Starr | 110 |

NOVICE FINAL

| Place | Name | Score |
|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Jowett | 154 |
| 2 | Dalziell | 148 |
| 3 | Lam | 141 |
| 4 | Leckie | 132 |
| 5 | Parker | 132 |
| 6 | Allen | 130 |
| 7 | Phelan | 130 |
| 8 | Muir | 126 |
| 9 | Williams | 123 |
| 10 | Higgins | 120 |
| 11 | Mitchell | 120 |
| 12 | Breden | 119 |
| 13 | Schultz | 114 |
| 14 | Donaldson | 112 |
| 15 | Collins | 110 |
| 16 | Bertuna | 110 |
| 17 | Carr | 107 |
| 18 | Swanson | 105 |
| 19 | Brown | 104 |
| 20 | Ng | 96 |



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