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Monday January 23rd 2006

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Monday and Tuesday:

11 am 3 pm 8 pm

WELCOME TO THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS!

It's that time of year again! This exciting event begins today, with many strong entries coming from all over Australia; over a hundred teams will be competing at each of the two venues. It seems we have come a long way since the first National Open Teams event in 1973, which saw only thirty teams compete.

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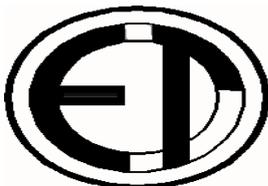
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TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

6. ERADICATE

Dealer South; EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 7
♥ 10 8 6 5 3
♦ K J 5 2
♣ Q 4

SOUTH

♠ A 6 3
♥ A J 9 7 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			

South appreciated the value of having three aces rather than several queens and bid the game after his partner's limit raise. How would you approach making ten tricks against West's lead of the jack of spades?

Even Homer Nods

Paul Marston has suggested that I institute an Australian branch of the "Even Homer Nods" award. This is presented annually at the New Zealand National Congress to the expert who contrives to do the dumbest thing. Paul is brave to suggest this as he, himself, is a previous nominee. Other trans-Tasman nominees include Bobby Richman (who decided that $3 + 1 = 5$ in an RKCB situation), Richard Jedrichowski (who was so delighted to catch his partner in a defensive error that he revoked) and Jason Pitt who removed himself from 4NTx to 6NTx, sensing a striped tailed ape. He made 10 tricks!

So come on you experts – Dob Your Partner In.

Swiss Rolls

The Swiss Pairs today saw lots of wild and woolly action. Jamie Ebury was an early Homer nominee for this piece of card reading in the auction

Dealer: S ♠ A K Q J 9 4 2
 ♥
Vul: All ♦ A K 8 5
 ♣ K 5

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

 ♠ 10 8 6 5 3
 ♥ A K 9 8 7 6
 ♦
 ♣ 8 3

Leigh Gold opened 2NT as South, showing either 5-5 in the minors or 6-5 in the majors. West passed and Jamie had a bright idea. Obviously, Leigh had the minors. He would bid 3S, Leigh would correct to 4C and then Jamie could keycard, bidding 7S if Leigh had a keycard which most likely would be the Ace of clubs.

Sadly, if Leigh had the majors, 3S was “Pass or correct”.

Jamie was not extended to make 3S.

Many would nominate Stephen Lester for his action on board 12 of the second round though I must admit to having a lot of sympathy for Stephen’s choice.

Still I suppose Stephen should open a new Homer category, dedicated to Walter the Walrus –The “But I Only Had 25, Partner” category

Dealer: W ♠ A K 4
 ♥ A K
Vul: NS ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ K Q 7 6

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

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

West opened 1C and Stephen was under the question. Eventually, he passed, reasoning that partner was unlikely to have an entry and that his only rational alternative was to shoot 3NT and he was likely to spend a lot of time leading away from his own hand.

As I say, I have some sympathy for this. Swap the Queen and Jack of spades and Stephen will be endplayed about 5 times. Switch the East and South hands and see how much you'd enjoy 3NT.

Still, does God really give you 25 counts to pass?

Mike Cornell (a previous N.Z. Homer winner and partner of 2 other winners – is this a coincidence?) put in, by his standards, a very low key effort when he left no fewer than 15 cards behind in the bidding box – a new meaning for insufficient bid?

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

Michael opened 1C and Ashley Bach responded 1D, showing 4 or more hearts. West leapt exuberantly to 4S and Michael bid.....2C!

The sheriff explained to Michael this silly old convention that we have whereby you must bid at a higher level than the previous bid. Sulking, Mike wouldn't do this and Ash, with his 12 count, facing an opening bid, couldn't even double.

Michael Courtney also drew my attention to this one as an example of the virtues of getting you hand off your chest as quickly as possible.

Teddy Horawicz opened 1C and Michael responded 1H. West doubled rather than bidding 4S. Teddy put in 2C and Michael shot 4H. Now West emerged with 4S but by this time N-S had good definition on each others hand and were not extended to double. Michael suggests that an immediate 4S bid would probably have led elsewhere than 4Sx.

Not all of Bach-Cornell's misadventures were negative. The opps had a System Coup on the layout below for a huge result for Ash and Mike.

Dealer: W

♠ K 9 6 5 2

Vul: EW

♥ A 8 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ J 10

♠ Q 7

♥ J 10 7 6 5 3

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ 9

♠ 10 8 3

♥ K

♦ A J

♣ K Q 7 5 4 3 2

♠ A J 4

♥ Q 9 4

♦ Q 9 5 2

♣ A 8 6

Mike opened 1S and East overcalled 3C – looks reasonable but systemically showed both (!) minors. Ash bid 4S and this ran back to East. He tried 5C and Ash doubled. West “corrected” to 5D and Mike doubled. East “corrected” to 6C and the sun set on 1400.

On the same board Bill Haughie had the chance to fulfil one of Terence Reese’s “small ambitions”. He failed.

Bill was playing 4S from North. The King of clubs was led to the Ace, 9 and 10. Bill decided to set up the 8 of clubs so he led the 6 towards his Jack. West popped in with the 7 of spades and continued with a heart. Bill let this go towards dummy’s Queen, so East’s King scored. East cashed the Ace of diamonds for book and came out the Queen of clubs. West ruffed with the Queen of spades and Bill took the trick with the King of trumps.

The trumps now looked like this

9 6 5 2

10 8 3

A J 4

Bill pushed out the 2 and East played the 3. Bill considered this, the evidence of West’s 2 spade cards and wimped out. He played the Jack and quietly went 1 down. In one of his books, Reese describes one of his small ambitions as being to win the first trick in trumps with a finesse of the 4 – and Bill let it pass by on the other side.

Jim Wallis walked into a spade suit Grosvenor in the second Swiss match, though it was his own sense of fun which enabled the Grosvenor.

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

Jim had grabbed the wheel in 2S from East. Gaining the lead he played a spade towards dummy and the Queen stood up. Coming off dummy with the 2, he saw North's Jack and thought, "Obviously with A J x, North would take the Queen, so South has the Ace. I won't bother covering the Jack and will watch South's Ace kill her partner's Jack"

Oops!

Meanwhile, in the "My God, You're A Pair Of Lucky Buggers" Department, we rejoin Mike Cornell and Ashley Bach.

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

North opened 1NT and Mike overcalled 2H showing 5 hearts and 4 of a minor. South gave this some thought and emerged with 3NT.

Ash led a small club with commendable speed and -100 for NS was inadequate compensation for the 1370 on offer in 6D.

This was a contract which Kieran Dyke and Lynn Lovelock reached against the fearsome opposition of Milan Djurovic and Wytold Chylewski.

Kieran opened 1D, Wytold showed a 2 suiter with 2NT Lynn splintered with 4C, Milan raised the ante to 5C and Kieran shot the making slam.

For Ash and Mike, the pain inflicted by them on the previous board was just salt in the wound of its predecessor.

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

Mike opened 1S and 2 passes ensued. North found a takeout double which South considered at length, while Ash considered how best to run. Finally, South opted for the 9 trick game. North made a sporting pass and Mike disturbed nothing. Ash's "fourth highest, longest and strongest" did nothing for declarer's equanimity when he saw dummy. 3 off was almost a relief.

Meanwhile, Marek Szymanowski was making game.

As East!

Marek opened 1S and Ryszard Jedrichowski responded 1NT. North tried a quiet 2C and Marek offered 2D. 3C from South saw Ryszard bid 5D. South led the Ace of clubs and switched to a spade. Marek took that and drew trumps. He then led a heart off table and, when North played low, put up the King – 11 tricks.

And then there was the player who was mindful of his ethical obligations. At the end of a competitive auction, he thought and then passed. Afterwards, he apologised to partner, saying that he didn't feel it would be ethical to bid after a slow pass earlier in the auction. He didn't want to be seen to be using unauthorised information which had come to him from a change of tempo.

And then it was pointed out that he was the one who had hesitated.

There was some good bridge played as well. First up we have Youth player, Gabby Feiler, with a remarkable killing lead.

Here's the auction and Gabby's hand, see if you can do as well as he did.

You hold

♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ K J 2 ♣ J 8 7

The auction

West	North	East	YOU
	2H	P	P
3C	P	3NT	X
end			

Gabby found.....the King of diamonds. Just look at the spread

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

Kieran Dyke had shot 3NT and he was right to the extent that on a heart lead he had 9 tricks.
On Gabby's choice, he didn't.

King of diamonds, Jack of diamonds and two more meant that the imps scale had Kieran by the particulars. So, in desperation, when North continued a heart at trick 5, he flew the King.
Just 5 shy.

And then a cute defence from Ryszard Jedrichowski and Marek Szymanowski

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

Ryszard passed and North opened 1C. South responded a heart and, over North's 2C bid 4H.

Ryszard led the Jack of diamonds to declarer's King and the Ace of trumps was cashed, pitching a spade from dummy. The 2 of hearts came next to the Jack, another spade pitch and Marek's Queen. Marek returned the Queen of spades. Declarer took the Ace and cashed the Queen of diamonds. Now a club to the 10 and Jack. The Ace of diamonds allowed declarer to pitch her spade loser and to leave



Declarer had lost only one trick. She played the Queen of clubs off table and the 7 from hand. Ryszard pitched a diamond rather than ruffing. Now when declarer played another club, Marek ruffed and Ryszard still had 2 boss trumps for one off.

If Ryszard ruffs the first club in the diagram position, then he is effectively endplayed and the defence will take 2 trump tricks not 3 and the contract will make.

Declarer berated herself for a couple of errors. As so often, the first generated the second. The spade pitches from dummy early in the hand had taken away an easy return to hand to continue playing trumps. Having locked herself in dummy, she was sufficiently upset not to overtake the Queen of clubs which would have left the defence without resource.

Serhat Ozenir from Melbourne found a nice squeeze in round 5

Dealer: E

Vul: NS

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ 2
♣ J 9 8 4

♠ A Q 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A 4 3
♣ K 6 5 3

♠ K 8 5 4
♥ A 6
♦ Q 10 9 7 5
♣ 10 7

♠ J 7
♥ K J 3 2
♦ K J 8 6
♣ A Q 2

Serhat was playing 3NT from South. A club was led to the Queen, the Ace was cashed and Serhat took the third round with dummy's King.

He cashed the Ace of diamonds and played a second diamond, taken by East's King. East played a third round and Serhat successfully finessed the 9. He cashed to more rounds of diamonds to produce :

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥
♦
♣ J

♠ A Q 3
♥ Q
♦
♣ 6

♠ K 8 5 4
♥ A
♦
♣

♠ J 7
♥ K J 3
♦
♣

And the Ace of hearts finished off West.

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

This contract seems to depend on holding your trump losers to one and relying on West having the queen of diamonds. If that was the only way to make four hearts then this problem wouldn't be in today's bulletin. Suppose the full deal is something like this:

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

After taking the first trick with dummy's king of spades, cross to hand with the ace of spades and lead a club. West will surely play low and dummy's queen will be taken by East with his king. As he cannot attack diamonds without losing a trick, he shifts to a trump. You take this with the ace, ruff your spade, eliminating the suit, and lead a second club.

When West takes this and shifts to a diamond, you counter by winning it with the ace then playing a trump to endplay East. The return of a black suit concedes a ruff-and-discard while the alternative is into to lead a diamond into dummy's K-J tenace. So, despite the queen of diamonds being wrong, the game can sometimes be made!

I hope you see the important of leading the first round of clubs from hand. If you lead it from dummy instead, West gains the lead twice in clubs and exits with a diamond each time – even if you call for the queen of clubs and East covers it for West can safely overtake on this layout – and this sets up the queen of diamond as the fourth defensive trick.

For similar reasons, it is vital to ruff your spade loser before playing the second club. If you do not, East can win the second round of clubs, cash his trump winner and exit with a spade. This would force you to take the diamond finesse. Of course it almost goes without saying that if you cash the ace of trumps before playing a club East can avoid this endplay.

Bill Haughie gave me this example of trump coup from round 7.

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

The contract was 4S from East and the 3 of diamonds was led to the Queen and Ace. The 5 of hearts towards dummy saw South fly the Ace to cash the King of diamonds and continue the suit to declarer's Jack.

Now a spade to the Ace and a spade back saw declarer's Jack score. The King of clubs was cashed, followed by a club to the 10 to produce

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

The King of hearts (on which declarer drops a club) and a heart ruff are followed by a club to dummy and the trump coup is complete.

The lead is in dummy, North has K 10 of trumps and East has Q 7.

Seniors' Teams Final	Total
E Chadwick, M Bloom, T Moss, D Zines	69
P Buchen, H Christie, D Lusk, A Markovics, J Newman	175



The Winning Team: (left to right) Henry Christie, John Newman, Peter Buchan, David Lusk and Andrew Markovics.

Women's Teams Final	Total
K Creet, S Bird, J Hoffman, N Church, J Thompson, J Collins	115
N Bashar, K Moses, H Snashall, S Murray-White	68



The Winning Team: (left to right) Karen Creet, Nola Church, Julia Hoffman, Sheila Bird, Jeanette Collins, Jenny Thompson.

Swiss Pairs Final

A Bach, M Cornell	171
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