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Session Times

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10 am

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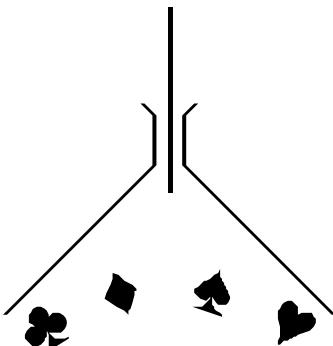
Bus Times

Thursday 18/1/07

Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:00	Hellenic Club
James Court	9:05	
University House	9:15	
Crowne Plaza	9:25	
Rydges Lakeside	9:30	
Hellenic Club	19:45	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites

Friday 19/1/07

Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:00	Hellenic Club
James Court	9:05	
University House	9:15	
Crowne Plaza	9:25	
Rydges Lakeside	9:30	
Hellenic Club	16:15	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites



TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

2. A SIMPLE PLAN

Dealer North. EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5 4 2

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 9 5 4 3 2

♥ -

♦ J 10 2

♣ A J 6

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	4 ♠

All pass

How do you plan to make ten tricks once West leads the king of hearts against your adventurous four-level pre-emptive opening in spades?



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Quelle Finesse

Round 1 of the Seniors' and Women's Teams was one for those who abjure the finesse.

Consider board 2.

♠QJ863	
♥AQT84	
♦82	
♣K	
♠T952	♠7
♥J73	♥K65
♦K	♦J543
♣QJ864	♣T9753
♠AK4	
♥92	
♦AQT976	
♣A2	

Dealer E, Vul NS

DeepFinesse has 12 tricks available to North in diamonds or to either of North or South in the majors and no trumps. If you bid any slam, then the diamond finesse would have to be avoided which probably requires a well-positioned mirror.

The mirror would have had to have still been in place on board 6

♠32	
♥KQ4	
♦J43	
♣JT987	
♠QJ9876	♠AT54
♥J9	♥AT7
♦K2	♦AT86
♣K65	♣A3
♠K	
♥86532	
♦Q975	
♣Q42	

Dealer E, Vul EW

Of course, Barry and Stephen had already finessed Bill and Ron out of their spade game in the auction.

Again that stiff King had to be dropped before West can make 6S.

It was a Queen which had to be located on 11, though once again, playing the obvious way would not have been a triumph.

♠KT75	
♥QT8	
♦432	
♣KQ7	
♠AQJ9643	♠
♥K6	♥97432
♦K86	♦AJT97
♣A	♣J53
♠82	
♥AJ5	
♦Q5	
♣T98642	

Dealer S, Vul Nil

At a more mundane level, a couple of hands I watched had finesse situations which proved critical in different ways.

♠JT7	
♥A6	
♦K8432	
♣A43	
♠A9543	♠KQ82
♥87	♥KT4
♦QJ765	♦A
♣J	♣T8762
♠6	
♥QJ9532	
♦T9	
♣KQ95	

Dealer W, Vul EW

Bill Haugie and Ron Klinger were West and East, respectively, against Stephen Thorne and Barry Spurrier. South won the auction at 3H. Bill led his singleton club, which declarer ran to hand to take the trump finesse. This was not a good idea, as Ron quickly demonstrated – King of hearts, Ace of diamonds, club to Bill's ruff and a diamond for Ron to ruff. The Ace of spades was still to come for one off.

Of course, Barry and Stephen had already finessed Bill and Ron out of their spade game in the auction.

Onto the next and a different finesse situation.

♠QT2	♠K74
♥62	♥K7
♦952	♦KT63
♣AQJ54	♣KT73
♠J9865	
♥AQ83	
♦J	
♣862	
♠A3	
♥JT954	
♦AQ874	
♣9	

Dealer N, Vul Nil

Ron and Bill had an unimpeded run to 2S.

The 6 of hearts was led which Bill took in hand with the Ace. He led the Jack of diamonds and, when North played low unconcernedly, Bill tried the King – without success. The 9 of clubs went to North's Ace and the club Queen was covered in dummy and ruffed by South.

South tried a crafty 4 of diamonds but Bill discarded his club loser and scored with dummy's 10. The 7 of clubs saw South pitch a diamond and Bill ruff in hand. Bill pushed out a small spade and North covered with the 10. This had the effect of protecting his honours from a finesse though there was a downline cost. The 10 drew dummy's King and South's Ace. The Queen of diamonds was ruffed by Bill with his 8 and North wanted the 10 of trumps back. He discarded and Bill crossed to dummy's heart King to play another club which North ruffed for the last defensive trick. Would Bill have got the trumps right without that 10? Who knows, but even if he had, North would still have come to a trump. If he hadn't then the defence would surely have triumphed.

Tim Bourke's Problem – SOLUTION

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

When this hand was originally played, declarer ruffed and played a trump to the king then another to the ace before he turned his attention to diamonds. West signalled to show he had an even number of diamonds, and East took advantage of this by not taking his ace of diamonds until the third round of the suit.

When East exited with a heart declarer ruffed but, as he had to play clubs from his own hand, he could not avoid losing two club tricks for a one trick set.

The way you side step this is to lay down the ace of spades at trick two and to play on diamonds at trick three. What can your opponents do? If East takes the ace of diamonds on the third round of the suit, you will reach dummy's diamond winner with the king of spades. All you will lose is a trump, a diamond and a club.

Suppose East takes the ace of diamonds on the first or second round of the suit and continues hearts. Then, your simplest way home on this layout is to ruff, cash dummy's king of trumps, ruff a heart and continue with a third round of trumps. After that you can cash all the diamond winners that are your due, because you still have at least one diamond left in hand.

Also, note that it would not profit East to shift to a low club after taking his ace of

diamonds on the first or second round. You will duck, forcing West to win the defence's club trick and then no continuation can worry you.

The Ultra Low Finesse (or History Repeats Itself)

Lilli Allgood

♠ K732	♠ A864
♥ 9752	♥ J4
♦ 76	♦ A54
♣ A65	♣ KJ54
♠ QJ4	♠ A1095
♥ 10	♥ J643
♦ A43	♦ KJ5
♣ QJ8742	♣ 103
♠ 86	♠ QJ75
♥ AKQ8	♥ 10832
♦ Q10982	♦ K862
♣ K9	♣ 3

The bidding :

W	N	E	S
		P	1D
2C	x	P	2H
end			

The 7 of clubs was led to the King, which enabled declarer to draw 2 rounds of trumps. The ♣9 was played to dummy's Ace. The ♦7 from dummy, ♦5 from East and the 2 and 3 from South and West! In all my bridge career, that was the lowest finesse that I have ever seen! The ♦6, Jack, Queen and Ace followed. East asking partner why the Ace wasn't taken the first time. West shamefacedly admitted to a lapse in concentration (it was getting late) and South made a well-earned 3♥.

History repeated on board 16

♠ 10	♠ K932
♥ K976	♥ AQ5
♦ 1097	♦ QJ3
♣ AQ987	♣ 1062

♠ A864	♠ K932
♥ J4	♥ AQ5
♦ A54	♦ QJ3
♣ KJ54	♣ 1062
♠ QJ75	♠ QJ75
♥ 10832	♥ 10832
♦ K862	♦ K862
♣ 3	♣ 3

Over West's 1♣, doubled by North (we haven't come all the way to Canberra just to pass), South (with fear and trepidation) bid 1♥ which was passed out.

The ♣4 was led, taken by dummy's Ace. The 10 of trumps was led off dummy and was greeted by the 3, 2 and 4 and the ultra-low finesse worked again – making 1♥

If The Suit Fits...

The importance of fit was stressed once again in the third round of the Seniors Teams. I watched Peter Fordham and Terry Brown of the Noble team in action against Paul Wyer and Bruce Neill. The first exhibit to catch the eye was this exploratory auction :

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	P

The hand?

♠KJ94	♠T7
♥K2	♥JT8
♦T73	♦AKQ96
♣A952	♣843
♠AQ	♠T7
♥9653	♥JT8
♦J8542	♦AKQ96
♣QJ	♣843
♠86532	♠T7
♥AQ74	♥JT8
♦	♦AKQ96
♣KT76	♣843

Dealer E, Vul NS

DeepFinesse has 2 slams available which might make the score-up somewhat embarrassing..."Which slam did you play on board 2?"

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Then Bruce found a nice hand go sour despite an acceptable fit.

♠654	♦64
♥K97	♣T7642
♠AKT7	♠Q932
♥Q3	♥AJT82
♦T72	♦J83
♣QJ85	♣9
♠J8	
♥654	
♦AKQ95	
♣AK3	

Dealer W, Vul ALL

Peter opened a weak no trump and Terry transferred. When 2S came back to Bruce, he doubled. No doubt, he was delighted when Paul bid clubs rather than spades though he was probably less impressed when Terry's takeout double was passed for penalties by Peter. -500 was not a triumph for the Neill team.

Then came board 8 and the Brown-Fordham steamroller missed a beat.

♠654	♦T9743	♣Q94
♥76		
♦AKQ	♠T872	♦AKJ8
♥KT5	♥A9832	
♦Q5		
♣76532		
♠J93		
♥QJ4		
♦62		
♣AKJT8		

Dealer W, Vul Nil

You must admit, the fit is magic. Peter opened 1NT and again Terry transferred. Over 2H (showing a maximum of 3 hearts, Terry tried 2S.

3 hearts and a better than minimum hand but Terry still couldn't see 12 tricks and gave up in game.

Then Bruce posed a Bidding Forum problem for his 3 opponents. The auction :

Peter	Paul	Terry	Bruce
3H	x		5H

OK, what's 5H?

- 1) Go with good trumps?
- 2) Go with spades under control (their implied suit)?
- 3) Give the opps a nasty guess?

The hand

♠J863	♦KQJT92
♥	♦
♣QT9	
♠A9742	♠KQT5
♥74	♥A
♦KT6	♦Q932
♣642	♣K853
♠	
♥8653	
♦AJ8754	
♣AJ7	

Dealer N, Vul ALL

12 tricks were not hard to arrange. Sadly, Paul had accepted the contract for 11.



THE BRIDGE SHOP

What's in a name? Anagram competition \$500 in prizes

Unscramble the following names. They're all well known bridge players, some from Australia, some from overseas. Drop your entry into the box at the Bridge Shop's stall at the Hellenic Club or in the scoring area at Rydges.

log snooker game	summer vigilance	lets net herpes
chewiest leper	he err discarding	deflation science
oyster for rent	crutch worries	no cash limit
a basic haggler	manual sport	rented leprosy
moron brain	risk doggie fine	homemade lentils
sneak beau in	hallowed friends	bachelors regimen
envy cute mind	upload carbon rope	(note this is correction to earlier printed entry forms)
sceptical mother	green scholar	
burglar stole	reoffends no girl	
oft require pot	sew armchair	

Entries close 5pm Thursday Jan 25.

**First correct entry drawn wins \$250. Next five correct entries win \$50.
Winners announced in NOT News Friday Jan 26 and contacted via phone or email.**

Name _____ Address _____ Post Code _____
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The Australian Bridge Teachers' Association

will hold a seminar in the Executive Room on the ground floor of Rydges this Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm (with a lunch break). All welcome. Speakers include Ron Klinger, John Newman, Lorraine Harkness and Nick Hughes. Just turn up or ring Nick

on 0414 601 175.

The AGM will be on Sunday morning at 9.30 am in the same room

Summer Festival

NON LIFE TEAMS Round 3 - 2007

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	18	Cariola	68	128
2	17	Croft	62	79
3	1	Plush	61	78
4	10	Wieczorek	59	106
5	20	Kieran	57	61
6	7	Dembo	57	59
7	19	Daglish	56	54
8	6	Gray	52	53
9	9	Christiaen	49	21
10	5	Straw	49	17
11	4	Whitmee	48	18
12	26	Crossman	48	16
13	15	Ferguson	47	18
14	22	Zuber	47	10
15	13	Glass	46	2
16	21	Hill	43	-5
17	11	Gilbert	43	-11
18	12	Land	41	-17
19	28	Mitchell	40	-24
20	8	Stoneman	39	-32
21	16	Gooley	37	-26
22	2	Callaway	37	-34
23	24	Scales	36	-43
24	30	Winter	36	-49
25	3	Gamble	35	-55
26	29	Hutchins	34	-54
27	27	Thatcher	32	-69
28	25	Parker	28	-91
29	14	Crossley	26	-93
30	23	Williams	22	-117

NOVICE TEAMS Round 3 - 2007

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	5	Dalziell	67	105
2	2	Jowett	61	83
3	8	Hollands	58	74
4	10	Foggo	58	65
5	6	Beer	58	64
6	1	Joseph	51	41
7	3	Donaldson	51	33
8	7	Miller	47	10
9	4	Higgins	47	9
10	13	Bednarz	45	1
11	18	Henderson	42	-15
12	9	Nehmy	40	-15
13	16	Sterling	36	-46
14	14	Carver	36	-48
15	11	Carr	32	-68
16	12	Fearnley	30	-70
17	15	Russell	24	-106
18	17	McAuliffe	22	-117

Summer Festival

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Round 3 - 2007

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	Noble	72	211
2	8	Taylor	70	138
3	16	Tencer	65	111
4	23	Yezerski	64	129
5	12	Klofa	64	90
6	3	Newman	62	108
7	18	Varadi	62	89
8	9	Hancock	61	114
9	6	Chadwick	60	90
10	4	Neill	58	95
11	15	Gaspar	57	62
12	70	Fallet	57	56
13	41	Allgood	56	53
14	20	Lee	55	71
15	7	Brockwell	55	50
16	1	Haughie	55	49
17	40	Hardie	52	52
18	24	Lindsay	52	37
19	72	Couzner	52	33
20	58	Moskow	52	31
21	62	Clifton	52	30
22	5	Ridgway	51	70
23	57	Dewhurst	51	33
24	43	Kefford	51	31
25	39	Drury	51	30
26	69	Fitzpatrick	51	26
27	10	Westwood	50	53
28	11	Dudley	50	30
29	30	Ivanyi	50	22
30	19	Halmos	49	23
31	80	Gassmann	49	22
32	63	Squire	49	21
33	17	Smee	49	20
34	36	Afflick	48	27

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Round 3 - 2007

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	3	Creet	65	124
2	2	Bourke	61	80
3	13	McCartney	59	71
4	6	Neale	56	60
5	35	Milner	56	55
6	7	Wilkinson	56	53
7	16	Pettigrew	56	52
8	10	Chadwick	55	48
9	11	Leibowitz	55	48
10	15	Collett	53	46
11	23	Wilner	53	42
12	1	Kaplan	53	37
13	18	Abbenbroek	52	28
14	14	Kempthorne	51	39
15	31	Zotti	50	37
16	30	Windmiller	49	19
17	8	Folkard	48	16
18	19	Ginsberg	48	14
19	4	Moses	45	2
20	12	Atkinson	44	-5
21	5	Del Piccolo	42	-12
22	22	Toohey	41	-22
23	9	Tucker	40	-17
24	26	Young	38	-35
25	29	Slaughter	37	-40
26	34	Macaulay	36	-39
27	27	Evans	36	-49
28	25	Ashton	35	-47
29	21	Boyce	35	-54
30	24	Yuill	33	-59
31	28	Obenchain	32	-61
32	32	Bennett	32	-62
33	33	Whigham	32	-67
34	17	Hunter	31	-68
35	20	Ryan	29	-79

Summer Festival**NATIONAL SENIORS
TEAMS Session 1**

Board	Score
1	180
2	560
3	-1130
4	-340
5	-170
6	-660
7	310
8	-50
9	460
10	30
11	-270
12	160
13	-30
14	460
15	-450
16	-40
17	10
18	30
19	-50
20	-640

Summer Festival**NATIONAL SENIORS
TEAMS Session 2**

Board	Score
1	-60
2	-190
3	650
4	-120
5	550
6	-470
7	-70
8	400
9	-100
10	130
11	380
12	40
13	-150
14	60
15	-420
16	420
17	-20
18	290
19	420
20	-20

Summer Festival**NATIONAL SENIORS
TEAMS Session 3**

Board	Score
1	-20
2	370
3	-190
4	-130
5	-390
6	230
7	-540
8	-480
9	30
10	-770
11	310
12	-130
13	780
14	-40
15	-160
16	450
17	-410
18	-370
19	410
20	50

Summer Festival

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 1

Board	Score
1	120
2	730
3	-1130
4	-300
5	-180
6	-620
7	10
8	20
9	470
10	-40
11	-410
12	100
13	30
14	350
15	-380
16	-10
17	20
18	30
19	80
20	-410

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 2

Board	Score
1	-90
2	-370
3	750
4	-110
5	390
6	-390
7	-40
8	290
9	-180
10	160
11	450
12	-10
13	-200
14	10
15	-350
16	420
17	40
18	200
19	300
20	-50

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 3

Board	Score
1	-30
2	340
3	-270
4	-190
5	-410
6	270
7	-360
8	-510
9	10
10	-1010
11	130
12	10
13	630
14	-40
15	-140
16	400
17	-410
18	-330
19	390
20	70