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Tuesday, January 23

Session Times

Tuesday & Wednesday

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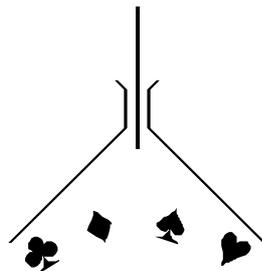
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Bus Times

Tuesday 23/1/07 - Thursday 25/1/06

Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:10	Hellenic Club
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*The Summer Festival
Of Bridge*

Tim Bourke's Problem

7. ORDER PLEASE

Dealer South. NS Vul.

NORTH

♠ K J 8 4 3

♥ A K

♦ A 6 3

♣ Q J 7

SOUTH

♠ A Q 7 5

♥ J 7 4

♦ K J 5 2

♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
			1 NT ¹
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
All pass			

1. 15 to 17

After this transfer and the choice-of-slam bid of five notrumps, West leads the ten of hearts to dummy's king, East playing the five. Once both opponent follow to the first round of trumps, what is the best plan for gathering twelve tricks?



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Nowhere To Run, Nowhere To Hide

Jane Skipper, New Zealand

The New Zealand Youth squad has been in Canberra for a week already, playing pairs, teams and a test match against Australian Youth players.

Their first taste of Australian Open bridge was the Swiss Pairs on Sunday. In match 7, Daniel and David Skipper, of the NZ Youth squad, found that their opponents don't hold back with their weak 2 suited opening bids.

<p>♠K ♥AQ102 ♦AQJ1042 ♣97</p>	<p>♠J7654 ♥85 ♦K8753 ♣2</p>	<p>♠Q109832 ♥K6 ♦6 ♣AKQ5</p>
	<p>♠A ♥J9743 ♦9 ♣J108643</p>	

Dealer N, Vul NIL

The auction :

W	N	E	S
Daniel		David	
	2S ¹	/	/
x	/	/ ²	3C
/	/	x ³	/
/	3D	/	/
x ⁴	/	/	3H
x ⁵	end		

- 1 – Weak 5,5 spades and another
- 2 – This is going down
- 3 – This too
- 4 – Better & better
- 5 – Director! I've run out of double cards!

South played 3H doubled and, when the smoke cleared, the penalty was 1400. The datum was 300EW, so the board was worth 1100 or +15 imps

It must be a rare auction where one side gets to double all four suits for penalties.



Justin Stark and Leigh Gold, winners of the National Swiss Pairs



Wojtek Olanski and Vitas Vajnikonis, runners-up, AMP Men's Pairs

No Waste

Gordon Schmidt, Sydney

Richard Douglas and Gordon Schmidt of Sydney are well known as fast players although sometimes their system slows them down a bit. For example, on board 21 of the Seniors Last Train event, their auction used every bid from 1D to 3S

♠AK	♠QJ83
♥J	♥K1032
♦QJ7652	♦A1043
♣A983	♣5

The auction

	1D	1
1H*	1S	2
1NT*	2C	3
2D*	2H	4
2S*	2NT	5
3C*	3D	6
3H*	3S	7
4D ⁸	4H	9
5D ¹⁰		

* - relays

1 – 10-14, 4+ hearts

2 – Minimum

3 – 4+ spades

4 – 3 suited

5 – club shortage

6 – 4,4,4,1

7 – One Keycard for ♦, no Q♦

8 – “End signal”, bid 4H and pass my next bid

9 – As instructed

10 – NATURAL!

Subterranean Finesse

Arie Meydan

From the Swiss Pairs, match 4

	♠KJ	
	♥K874	
	♦AJ	
	♣AKQJ2	
♠T2		♠Q9874
♥J963		♥AT2
♦K2		♦9865
♣T6543		♣7
	♠A653	
	♥Q5	
	♦QT743	
	♣98	

Dealer S, Vul Nil

With silent opponents, our rather poor auction, playing Precision was :

North		South	
		/	
1C	1	1NT	2
2C	3	2H	4
4NT	5	5D	6
6NT	7		

1 – 16+

2 – 8-13, balanced (oops the ♦3 was tucked in with the hearts)

3 – Transfer Stayman

4 – 8-10 with 4 spades, denies 4 hearts

5 – RKCB

6 – 1 keycard

7 – missing a major Ace and with no information about the ♦K, 30-32 points with a poor fit!

Why bother to investigate a club slam which will protect the major Kings from an unfriendly lead, when there is the distinct advantage of partner playing a dreadful contract rather than me!

Hand repeated for convenience

	♠KJ	
	♥K874	
	♦AJ	
	♣AKQJ2	
♠T2		♠Q9874
♥J963		♥AT2
♦K2		♦9865
♣T6543		♣7
	♠A653	
	♥Q5	
	♦QT743	
	♣98	

After the lead of the 4 of clubs, it is clear that the only hope is to develop the diamonds without surrendering a trick. As singleton Kings are very rare, the only chance is to find West with Kx. Unfortunately, because of the blockage in diamonds, two entries are needed to South's hand – one to take the finesse and one to enjoy the diamonds. The potential second entries to South the Queen of hearts and the 9 of clubs. The chances of the Ace of hearts being with East are about 50% (slightly more if we give West long clubs). However, if he is long in clubs then the chance of the 10 being one of them is over 80%.

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

**This will be held on Thursday
January 25th, 2007 at 8.30 pm
In the Executive Room , Rydges
Hotel**

**All club session directors are
encouraged to attend and stay for
the cocktail party at the conclusion
of the meeting.**

**Came and meet all your National
Directors.**

**Any enquiries to John McIlrath
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Conventionally Speaking

Ron Klinger gave me this one as an example of the benefits of 5 Card Stayman.

	♠J3	
	♥852	
	♦QJ762	
	♣Q93	
♠AQ42		♠KT96
♥T96		♥QJ74
♦K94		♦A85
♣A75		♣K8
	♠875	
	♥AK3	
	♦T3	
	♣JT642	

Often with ample values for game facing a no trump opener, we tend (particularly at matchpoints) to opt for the 9 trick game. Sometimes this is right and sometimes wrong. Ron is an advocate of including 5 card majors in your 1NT opening and then you have available the benefits of 5 Card Stayman.

On the hand above, the auction would be:

			1NT
2C	5 card Stayman	2D	No 5 card major
3C	Any 4 card major?	3H	Yes + a doubleton somewhere
3NT	I have 4 spades	4S	

Now switch the 4 of hearts for the 4 of clubs. The new auction is

			1NT
2C	5 card Stayman	2D	No 5 card major
3C	Any 4 card major?	3D	My shape is 4333
3NT			

The flat hand should play better in no trumps, while the doubleton makes a suit game preferable.

The ideas of 5 Card Stayman are expounded fully in Ron's book "5 Card Major Stayman" published by Modern Bridge and available from the book shops at both venues.

The Antipodean Guardian Angel

The Rueful Rabbit is, perhaps, the most famous figure in bridge literature. His trademark was to make a totally egregious error and have his Guardian Angel intervene to turn the error into a master bid or play.

It is less well known that there is a cadet branch of the Rabbit family in New Zealand. Just watch RR's antipodean cousin, Barry (the Bemused Bunny) Jones go to work.

<p>♠K43 ♥T64 ♦KQ852 ♣T4</p>	<p>♠92 ♥9753 ♦T7 ♣K9532</p>
<p>♠AQ ♥KQJ2 ♦AJ643 ♣87</p>	<p>♠JT8765 ♥A8 ♦9 ♣AQJ6</p>

Dealer W, Vul ALL

Patrick Carter had shown his total lack of judgement by allowing BB to get to the helm in 3NT. South led the Jack of spades. The bemused one gave this some thought (story 1) or tried to remember whether he'd switched off the oven before leaving NZ (story 2). Eventually, he called for the King of spades Shortly thereafter he started a progressive blush as he contributed the Queen from hand. A moment ago, he had had 8 tricks and a small heart towards dummy would very probably have yielded number 9. Now he had 7 and could hardly

hope to sneak through 2 rounds of hearts and then there was the club suit...

Nonetheless, there wasn't anywhere else to go for honey so he pushed out a heart. South scored his Ace and, secure in the knowledge that he only had to clear one spade stop, continued that suit.

The Bemused Bunny was last heard claiming that BB actually stands for the Bacon Behemoth, that he is a cadet member of the Hideous Hog family and that the King of spades was a play of suitably hoggish subtlety.

But some of us know the truth.

Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

All you need to do is play the minor suits for one loser. So, a good approach is to take the club finesse and, if that loses, to fall back on the diamond finesse.

However, there is a subtle extra chance that improves your chances of success. After drawing two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, you should cash the ace of hearts. Unless the queen of hearts has fallen, you will cross back to hand with the queen of trumps to ruff the jack of hearts. Next you play the ace of diamonds and lead a second diamond, planning to finesse East for the queen of diamonds.

If East has the queen of diamonds, you will have twelve tricks immediately. The same is true if West has a singleton queen of diamonds. What may not be immediately apparent is that this also the case when West has a doubleton queen of diamonds, as here:

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

On this layout when West wins the queen of diamonds he will have only hearts and clubs remaining. If he exits with a club, you will make five trumps, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. On a heart return you will ruff in dummy and discard the ten of clubs from hand. In this case you will make four trump tricks, two hearts, three diamonds, a club and two ruffs in dummy.

As this plan succeeds when East has one of the missing minor suit honours or, as here, when West has a doubleton queen of diamonds. Playing this way gives a little more than a 5% edge over just taking both finesses in the minors.

Playing Carefully

A neat line from declarer saw a slam come home on this one from the second round of the Teams.

	♠	
	♥AK754	
	♦T9632	
	♣QT7	
♠QT84		♠AJ6532
♥832		♥J9
♦J854		♦7
♣K8		♣J654
	♠K97	
	♥QT6	
	♦AKQ	
	♣A932	

Dealer S, Vul ALL

New Zealand Seniors international Bob Scott was in 6H from North after East had made a jump intervention in spades.

East led his singleton diamond and dummy took the trick. Bob now drew 2 rounds of trumps only. He then cashed 2 more rounds of diamonds and ruffed a spade into hand. He now ruffed the fourth diamond with dummy's last trump and led

Runners up in the Senior Teams : John Newman, Robert Krochmalik, David Lusk, Chris Hughes, Paul Lavings and Peter Buchen



a club towards his Queen. West took the defence's only trick with the King and Bob could claim.

Leading Questions

You are in 3NT and the Queen of spades is led. You see

♠K943	♠8
♥KT9	♥QJ87
♦AJ8	♦K954
♣QJ8	♣AK74

Dealer W, Vul ALL

The lead is the Queen of spades. Do you duck? If so, next comes the 10 of spades. If you duck again, out comes a small spade. Surely a third duck will collect North's Ace.

Wrong. Jimmy Wallis had led from A Q !0 6 and 3 ducks made for a red-faced declarer.

From another Swiss match, try your hand on the lead. You, West, hold :

♠ A 10 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 6 5 4

The auction

W	N	E	S
	1D	4H	4NT
/	5S	/	6NT

5S showed 2 keycards for diamonds and the Queen of diamonds.

At the table, a club was led which pleased declarer, Louise Leibowitz, no end

♠3
♥J8
♦AKQ32
♣T9732

♠AT97542
♥
♦54
♣J654

♠K6
♥KT976532
♦987

♠QJ8
♥AQ4
♦JT6
♣AKQ8

Dealer N, Vul EW

And another lead from the Teams first round :

You hold :

♠ K Q 7 6 ♥ Q ♦ K J 7 ♣ A J 10 8 6

The auction does not take much remembering. After 2 passes, your left hand opponent opened 1H, you doubled and nothing else happened.

Your lead?

Most books suggest that it is almost mandatory to lead a trump when partner passes a low level take out double. SO it proved again

♠A2
♥J8532
♦AQ9
♣743

♠98
♥AK764
♦T62
♣K52

♠KQ76
♥Q
♦KJ7
♣AJT86

♠JT543
♥T9
♦8543
♣Q9

Dealer S, Vul NS

At the table, the Queen of hearts lead led to a very palatable +1400 for both Ralph

Parker/Peter Hainsworth and Seamus Browne/David Horne.

And another from round 3.

You, East, hold:

♠ K 10 6 5 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 10 8 5 3 2 ♣ K

Your methods require you to open 2S (spades + a minor) and South doubles. North bids 3H which shows values as the opponents play Lebensohl in this situation. South bids 3S (a general purpose cue) and North 4C. South now shoots to 6H and it's your lead.

Did you find the King of clubs?

♠742 ♥K92 ♦KJ64 ♣642	♠ ♥J543 ♦AQ97 ♣QT985 ♠AQJ98 ♥AT87 ♦ ♣AJ73	♠KT653 ♥Q6 ♦T8532 ♣K
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Dealer E, Vul ALL

As can be seen, this is the only lead which prevents declarer from playing a trump to the 10 and, after this trick loses, playing the Ace of trumps to drop your Queen.

The New Zealand National Congress

Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton

NZ Pairs September 22 – 24

NZ Teams September 25 – 29

Consolation events for those eliminated early in either event

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The Importance Of Spots

Andy Braithwaite told me this sad story which resulted from his partner, Nigel Rosendorff reluctantly agreeing to play attitude leads instead of his preferred fourths.

♠AT62 ♥Q975 ♦A ♣Q863	♠K3 ♥T82 ♦J9643 ♣KT7 ♠QJ94 ♥AK4 ♦KQT82 ♣A	♠875 ♥J63 ♦75 ♣J9542
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Dealer E, Vul NS

South was playing 3NT and Nigel had to lead from West. He decided on a club and, not being familiar with the method, selected the 3.

The club decision was excellent, the rank of card less so. Dummy played the 7 and Andy, as we all would, played the 9.

If you look carefully at the remaining spots, you will see that there is now no way in which Nigel can unblock the suit.



Winners of the AMP Mixed Pairs :
Vivienne Goldberg and Michael Chrapot



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**SWPT Hellenic Club
Round 3**

Place	Name	Score
1	Howard	72
2	Bourke	71
3	Francis	70
4	Markey	65
5	Oz One	65
6	Ritter	65
7	Brogeland	65
8	Leibowitz	64
9	Morrison	63
10	Crichton	63
11	Jesner	61
12	Finikiotis	59
13	Scown	59
14	Walsh	58
15	Wyner	56
16	Creet	56
17	Evans	56
18	Scudder	55
19	Ridgway	55
20	Giura	53
21	Hollands	53
22	Crockett	52
23	Woolley	52
24	Happell	51
25	Tant	50
26	Weathered	50
27	Ascione	50
28	Ware	49
29	Thomson	49
30	Hummelshoj	49
31	Fallon	48
32	Cummings	48
33	Tobin	48
34	Tulpule	48
35	McKinnon	47

36	Dunn	47
37	Mill	47
38	Van Vucht	47
39	Allen	47
40	Tuxworth	46
41	Scerri	46
42	Molski	46
43	Hill	44
44	Weaver	44
45	Nicholson	44
46	Wawn	43
47	Silverstone	43
48	Riddell	43
49	Plush	43
50	Harms	42
51	Buchanan	42
52	Murray	42
53	Marker	42
54	Hutchins	41
55	Grahame	41
56	Wilkinson	40
57	North	40
58	Holbrook	40
59	Merrylees	40
60	Wright	39
61	Hunter	38
62	Kefford	38
63	Porter	38
64	Slaughter	38
65	Dudley	38
66	Wilks	38
67	Atkins	37
68	Pears	37
69	Mare	37
70	Moss	36
71	Donnan	36
72	Logan	36
73	Quinn	36

74	Shaw	35
75	Spain	35
76	Schafer	35
77	Anderson	34
78	Zuber	34
79	Monahan	34
80	Jacka	32
81	Gottschalk	31
82	Childs	31
83	White	30
84	Rich	30
85	Lavender	29
86	Douglas	27
87	Whigham	27
88	Sharma	27
89	Hopton	27
90	Keenan	27
91	Fanos	22
92	Thatcher	22
93	Miller	22
94	Nielson	19

SWPT Rydges Round 3 - 2007

Place	Name	Score
1	Klofa	72
2	Fleischer	71
3	Ewart	66
4	Milward	65
5	Wyer	64
6	Motteram	63
7	Dutton	62
8	Carter	62
9	Smith	62
10	Dickson	60
11	Vaughan	60
12	Russ	60
13	Solomon	59
14	Limaye	59
15	Gaspar	59
16	Vainikonis	58
17	Halmos	58
18	Schneider	58
19	Boylson	57
20	McLeish	57
21	Strasser	57
22	Noble	56
23	Stark	56
24	McManus	56
25	Gardiner	56
26	French	55
27	Chira	55
28	Afflick	54
29	Haughie	54
30	Brennan	54
31	Chua	52
32	Watts	52
33	Quittner	52
34	Skipper	52
35	Tencer	52
36	Eastough	52
37	Bentley	52

38	Malinas	51
39	Tearne	51
40	Goodyer	51
41	Touton	49
42	Foster	49
43	Banks	49
44	O'Connor	49
45	Lachs	48
46	Garbutt	48
47	Walters	47
48	Ziggy	47
49	McGrath	47
50	Goldstein	47
51	Pettitt	47
52	Gleeson	46
53	Genc	46
54	Belonogov	46
55	Flynn	45
56	Squire	45
57	Yao	44
58	Rothwell	44
59	Van Abbe	44
60	Miller	44
61	Busch	43
62	Kent	43
63	Corkhill	42
64	Carmichael	42
65	Bell	42
66	Benson	42
67	Wilson	42
68	Perosin	42
69	Cornish	41
70	Pryde	40
71	Fallet	40
72	Sharp	38
73	Adams	38
74	Rhodes	38
75	Dewhurst	37
76	Molloy	37
77	Lewin	37

78	Mott	37
79	Rushforth	37
80	Slack-Smith	37
81	Harkness	36
82	Lockwood	36
83	Dick	36
84	Shugg	36
85	Kable	35
86	Eddie	35
87	Brennan	34
88	Zotti	34
89	Atkinson	34
90	Hagan	34
91	Saleeba	32
92	Gates	32
93	Kelly	32
94	Hart	32
95	Herald	31
96	Boyce	31
97	Bugeia	31
98	Whitmee	30
99	Dakin	30
100	Beasley	29
101	Mellings	28
102	Carter	28
103	Glover	28
104	Rodgers	28
105	Howie	27
106	Bourke	26
107	Freeman	26
108	Ivanyi	26
109	Fredericks	26
110	Ellery	25
111	Miller	23
112	Mason	22
113	Shannon	21
114	Obenchain	15