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Saturday January 19 2008

Session Times Saturday / Sunday

Saturday (Rydges) - 10.00 start - times may vary thereafter

Saturday (Hellenic) 11.00 3.00 7.00

Sunday (Both venues) 11.00 2.00 7.30

Sunday Dinner Break 5 - 7.30

Bus One

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave

The full route is

- Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave
- The Pavillion
- Capital Executive Apartments
- Saville Apartments
- James Court
- **Rydges Lakeside**

(about 15 minutes to here from start)

Then

- The Statesman Motel, Curtin
- The Hellenic Club

Bus Two

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Rydges Lakeside

The full route is

- Rydges Lakeside
- Bentley Apartments, Manuka
- The Pinnacle Apartments, Owens St, Kingston
- Eyre St Apartments (around the corner from Owen St)
- The Hellenic Club

Buses leave both The Hellenic Club & Rydges Lakeside 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time for the session and return participants to their accommodation.



Tim Bourke's Problem

4. MORTON'S DILEMMA

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ Q J 5
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q J 8 3

SOUTH

♠ A K 9 7 6 2
♥ -
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	4♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	4♠
Pass	5♠	All pass	Dble

Although many players would open one spade rather than two clubs on the South cards, the latter is a reasonable choice for the hand does have more quick tricks than losers – my old standby for such cases. In the end the three opponents have contrived to have you declare a five level contract. How do you plan to make eleven tricks after West leads the ace of hearts?

Ron Klinger's Problem

The Old Master Plays Bridge

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

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♦
P	1♠	P	2NT
	3NT	End	

Playing a 15-18 1NT, the 2NT rebid showed 19-20 points and was forcing to game. With five spades, North might have rebid 3♠, but he felt that with a balanced hand and such limited values, the nine-trick contract might be easier, especially with the Old Master at the helm.

West led the ♣6 and the Old Master instantly put on dummy's ten. 'No point in playing low,' he thought, 'when I can score two club tricks if West has led from an A-J suit.'

When the ♣10 held, the Old Master played a diamond to his ace and then led the ♠Q. When West produced the king, the Old Master thought, 'This is a lucky day. I had better not waste my good fortune.'

How would you continue?

2008 Australian Youth Championships Canberra Bridge Club, January 12 - 18

Pairs Championships (28 pairs)

- Gabby Feiler - Justin Williams
- Lucy Stevenson - Andrew Morcombe
- Sebastian Yuen - Rhys Cooper

Handicap

- James Higgins - Bec Thornberry
- Helena Canaris - Cathy Hui

Best U21

In final : Peter Hollands - Justin Howard

In consolation : Laura Ginnan - Stephen Williams

On handicap: 1 Angus Hirst - Jamie Macaulay
2 Muhammad Naufal - Kirstyn Fuller

Teams Championships (13 teams)

1 - Trophy & Prize

Nye Griffiths, Paul Gosney, Nabil Edgtton, Andy Hung

2 - Trophy

Gabby Feiler, Justin Williams, Griff Ware, Daniel Krochmalik

Handicap

Naomi Free (Aged 11), Kirstyn Fuller, Suz Wilkinson, Erin Tewes

The week culminates in the Butler / Playoff from which the top 3 will form the Australian team on an all expenses paid trip to Beijing in early October

More Tricks Than Years

Just before play started in the 2008 Australian Youth Bridge Week, Renee Cooper from Perth, whose 12th birthday was a week ago, discovered that her partner was William Jenner O'Shea.

Here's how they bid board 7 of the first qualifying session.

William		Renee
♠ A J ♥ A Q J ♦ K J 10 6 5 ♣ K Q 4		♠ K Q 3 ♥ K 7 5 4 3 ♦ A ♣ A 10 3 2
2NT 3♥ 5♠ 6♥		3♦ 4NT 5NT 7NT

3♦ was a transfer to hearts, 4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood, 5♠ showed two keycards and the Queen of hearts, 5NT asked for Kings and 6♥ showed two. Renee then made the fine decision to bid 7NT which saw William quickly claiming 2220.

Renee "No Fear" Cooper scored 58% and 64% in the qualifying sessions of the National Youth Pairs Championships. It's not bad for a 12 year old in an under 30 event to be the second highest qualifier for the final.

Australian Bridge Directors' Association

All directors are invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of the Association

in the **Executive Room at Rydges** on

Tuesday, 22nd of January at 8pm

Point Of View

Leigh Matheson

This board, from the Youth Championships, highlights the benefits of seeing things from your opponent's point of view.

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

West	North	East	South
Daniel Krochmalik	Ming Chan	Griff Ware	Leigh Matheson
P 1♠ end	1♦ 2♥	P P	1♥ 4♥

A third and fifth ♣6 was led, taken by dummy's Ace. A heart to the Ace saw the Queen appear from West. To avoid two heart losers, the next heart lead needs to be from dummy. Fearing a spade ruff if West had ♥QJ doubleton, I crossed to dummy with a diamond. East decided that he might need all three diamond honours and played the 7 not the King. (Thus wasting the beer card though the Youth Week venue was an alcohol-free zone this year.)

I now led the ♥7 and this was ducked all round. The ♠K was taken by the Ace for West to continue another club. Deducing that West wouldn't underlead both club honours, I rose with the King and crashed East's Queen.

This left the following position with the lead in dummy

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

The ♠10 from table was overtaken and I played the second spade honour, pitching dummy's club. East ruffed and returned a diamond. This was ruffed in hand and I led the ♣10 for a ruffing finesse. West played the Jack and I claimed via a ruff in dummy.

If East over-ruffs, I have a cross-ruff and the ♣9. If East discards, I can return to hand to play the club.

At the other table, Gabby Feiler played 2♥ and also made 10 tricks on a similar line.

Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

If trumps are no worse than 3-1, just draw the trumps, ending on the table, and run the ten of diamonds. You will lose at most one club and one diamond.

The situation becomes trickier if West discards on the first round of trumps. Suppose the full deal is:

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

After you ruff the ace of hearts and play a trump

to the queen, the 0-4 trump puts you in danger of going down. Suppose you run the ten of diamonds. West wins the queen of diamonds and plays another heart and you must ruff. As you still need a club trick, you must play the king of clubs. East wins the ace of clubs and taps you with another heart. You will have only two trumps in each hand to East's three and as he has no more diamonds he must make a trump.

Is there anything better? In order to find out, let's do some card reading. Assuming that the bidding is rational, East is very likely to have both the ace of clubs and at shortage in one of the minors. Further, there is close to a three in four chance that East has at least four clubs. So at trick three you should play a low club towards your hand. On the this layout if East plays low, the king wins the trick and you can now draw trumps and give up a diamond trick. You make six trumps, four diamonds and a club.

What happens if East plays the ace of clubs and forces you with another heart? After you ruff, you will cash the king of clubs and cross to dummy with the jack of trumps to play dummy's two club winners, throwing low diamonds from hand. Then, after drawing trumps, you cash the ace and king of diamonds for the tenth and eleventh tricks.

If West takes the king of clubs with the ace then you can still get home provided East has at least two cards in each minor. After ruffing the heart return, you simply play the diamonds from the top. If a defender wins the third diamond and plays another heart, ruff, cash the ace of trumps and any minor suit winners you can. After that you will make the last two tricks on a high crossruff.

When it is West rather than East who has four trumps the contract will not succeed and it will be time to minimise the damage while praying for an easier time on the next deal!

Ron Klinger's Problem - Solution

The Old Master was playing 3NT against silent opponents. A club lead had seen dummy's 10 score. He crossed to hand with a diamond and led the Queen of spades which West covered.

This was the full deal:

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

When the sxK covered the queen, the Old Master played low from dummy and let the king hold. He won the club continuation and when the spades produced four tricks, he had nine tricks.

"Why did you not capture the sxK, Old Master?"

"Only four spade tricks were needed and so I could afford to lose one. If I capture the king and spades are 4-2, the most likely break, I can make only three spade tricks as dummy has no entry outside spades. It was just good business: they make a trick and we make an extra trick."

"Maybe so," said East, "but it is not a win-win situation, just Old Master-win, Old Master-win."

"Winners are grinners," said Nat with a smile, "and losers are whingers."

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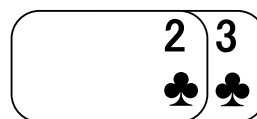
Procedural Problems

David Appleton found himself in a slightly unusual situation on Thursday evening - he opened 3♣ and, two rounds of bidding later, had to defend against 2NT!

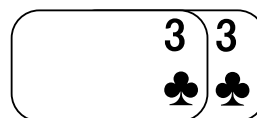
	♠ K 7 2	
	♥ J 5	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ K J 7 6 5 3	
Dealer : W		
Vul: Nil		
♠ 8 5 4		♠ A 3
♥ Q 10 8		♥ K 6 3 2
♦ 6		♦ K J 10 4 3 2
♣ A Q 10 9 4 2		♣ 8
	♠ Q J 10 9 6	
	♥ A 9 7 4	
	♦ Q 9 8 7	
	♣	

David opened 3♣ as dealer which ran round to South. South doubled, David passed and North bid 1NT! Peter Reynolds thought that this was a splendid opportunity to dissuade David from persisting with clubs so he put in 2♦. This went back to North who tried 2NT which became the final contract.

Now some people believe that bidding cards are the invention of the devil; others that they cure all diseases from scrofula to dandruff but what is the correct procedure for placing the cards if Peter had passed and David had decided to bid 2♣?. Does he take bidding cards from under his pile and show:



What if he wants to repeat his original bid? Does he borrow a card from Peter and show:



Ample scope for bush lawyers here, I think.

The Kiss Of Life

Dummy was stone dead. There was no vestige of an entry to the set up tricks residing therein. However, the kiss of life saw Sleeping Beauty awoken in this one from the Last Train.

Dealer : N	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ A Q 10	
Vul: All		
♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ K 6 4 3 2		♠ A 10 6 ♥ K 10 7 6 4 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ 8 5
	♠ K J 9 4 2 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 9 6 4 2 ♣ J 7	
<i>Last Train 4/29</i>		

North was playing 3NT. The 6 of hearts was led to the 8, 9 and Jack. Declarer now played 3 rounds of spades, East taking the last.

East led the 4 of hearts and suddenly dummy came alive as the 5, 2 and 3 made up the rest of the trick.

Everybody's Trying

Another Last Train hand saw all three active players trying hard with the defence coming out on top.

Dealer : S	♠ 10 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ 8 7 5	
Vul: All		
♠ K Q J 6 ♥ 10 6 4 3 ♦ A K 5 3 ♣ 10		♠ 9 8 3 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ 7 ♣ A K Q 6 3
	♠ A 7 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q 10 8 6 2 ♣ J 9 4 2	
<i>Last Train 5 / 7</i>		

Kieran Crowe-Mai opened 1♦ after a pass by dealer. Kim Morrison bid his tasty spade suit and, a couple of explorations later, Kim was in the spade game.

Leigh Gold pondered his lead and found the excellent shot of the King of hearts. A second heart went to Adam Sarten's Ace and Kim dropped a hopefully deceptive Jack. Adam considered this but decided that King from K x x was, to say the least unlikely and played the third heart for Leigh to ruff and the defence still had the Ace of trumps to come. A datum of 210 to EW suggests that this defence was not found universally.

Wishing And Hoping

Mike Prescott was let off the hook at trick 2 on the next hand. Prospects still looked beon the downside of awful. Accordingly, Mike followed the textbook advice - in a lousy contract see if you can find a distribution which will allow youn to make and then play for that distribution to exist.

Dealer:N	♠ 5 2 ♥ Q ♦ K 7 6 ♣ A 10 8 6 5 4 3	
Vul: EW		
♠ K J 7 3 ♥ A J 9 ♦ 10 8 4 3 ♣ K 2		♠ A 10 9 ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ Q
	♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ J 9 7	
<i>Last Train 6/25</i>		

Mike was playing 4♥ from East after he and Simon Stancu had produced an auction which cannot be revealed without an Indecent Publications Licence. A club was led to the Ace and the defence slipped by returning the suit. That would enable Mike to shed one diamond loser but there were still two of those to come plus at least one trump and a potential spade as well.

Mike calculated that, if North had a singleton trump honour and 2 spades, and, if South didn't

cover the 9 of spades, then he could scramble home.

Accordingly, he pitched a diamond and cashed the Ace of hearts - first requirement was still alive as North dropped the Queen. Now he played a spade to the Ace and put the 9 of spades down. South contributed the 6 and Mike played low from dummy. North could only play the 5.

The 10 of spades to the Jack saw North show out and not ruff - Yes Michael, there is a Father Christmas. The King of spades saw a second diamond discarded by declarer while South impotently followed suit. A diamond exit meant that Mike could now restrict his trump losers to one and thus make his execrable contract.

Mike also declared this one which was less spectacular but does enable me to write up the first squeeze which has been mentioned to me this week.

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

Last Train 5 /15

Mike was playing 1NT from South on the lead of the 2 of spades. Dummy and East ducked and Mike took his Jack. He played a small club to the Jack and King which saw the defence take its four heart tricks. East then continued with the ♣3.

Mike took this and played another club to produce :

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

and the ♣7 gave East his choice of poison.

Australian Bridge Directors Assⁿ.

New Laws Forum

The new laws will be implemented in Australia in June/July of this year.

All directors are invited to participate in a forum on these on

Wednesday January 23rd

in the Executive Room, Rydges at 8 pm

The forum will cover topics such as

- The transfer of tricks after a revoke
- What to do about an insufficient conventional bid
- and any other topics of interest

Ron Klinger's Thought For The Day

Second Thoughts

A couple of days ago, I reported a hand where a grand slam was made after declarer took an inference from a weak jump overcall. Terry Brown told me how he had made the same contract without the assistance of the overcall. Instead, Terry had to make do with an inference from a discard.

The hand was

Dealer : W

Vul : EW

♠ K 9 7

♥ A J 10 2

♦ A K 9

♣ A 9 4

♠ Q 10 8 6 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 7 4 3 2

♣ 8 3

♠ A

♥ K 7 4

♦ Q J 10 8 6

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ J 5 4

♥ Q 8 6 5 3

♦ 5

♣ J 10 6 2

Teams 2/16

Terry declared 7♦ and received a trump lead. He cleared the Ace of spades and played 3 more rounds of trumps. South discarded a heart and two spades.

The heart discard gave Terry pause. Players are much more ready to discard from 5 cards, so he decided that hearts were probably not breaking. However, if South also had club length then he was going to come under pressure in two suits. If on the other hand, South had only 3 clubs then no problem.

Terry continued with the Kings of clubs and hearts and a heart to the Ace to bring about :

♠ K

♥ J 10

♦

♣ A 9

Irrelevant

♠

♥ 7

♦ 10

♣ Q 7 5

♠

♥ Q 8

♦

♣ J 10 6

Terry now played the King of spades.

Consider South's options:

if he discards a club then Terry will score three clubs and a diamond for the last four tricks. On the other hand, if he pitches a heart then Terry can ruff a heart and cross back to the Ace of clubs to score the now-winning Jack of hearts.

What a lovely way to make a grand!

And The Sun Came Out

Ashley Bach is an exceptional bridge player. When, however, he has a substantial bet on the Indians against Australia at cricket, his attention may wander. Partner, Tony Leibowitz, found the opening attack to his liking and steered one through the slips to make up for Ash's inattention.

Dealer : S

Vul: EW

♠ 10

♥ Q 6 5

♦ K 5 4

♣ 9 8 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q J 8

♥ A K 9 3

♦ A 7 3 2

♣

♠ 9 7 6 2

♥ 7 2

♦ Q 9 6

♣ K J 10 2

♠ 5 4 3

♥ J 10 8 4

♦ J 10 8

♣ A Q 3

After two passes, Ash opened 2♣. Tony replied 2♠ which showed a 4-triple 3 of some description. Ash was barracking for Sewag so he raised to 3♠. In Tony's systemically accurate world, he had no choice but to show his 3 card support by bidding 4. Ash, applauding a Sewag boundary, bid the spade slam. Having corrected Ash's description of his 2♠ bid, Tony awaited the lead and dummy with some trepidation.

A small club hit the table. Tony took two diamond discards and ran the Jack of hearts.

And the umpire raised both hands above his head as another 6 went into the scorebook.



Winners of the 0 - 49 Teams
Sharon Carver, John Jeffrey, Justin Helman and John Brotchie



Winners of the 0 - 99 Teams
Chala Naranong, Ken Tenner, George Skarbek and Mark Lavender



Winners of the 0 -149 Teams
Jean Field, Ron Casey, Rod Curtin and Lynne Etherington



Winners of the Non-Life Masters Teams
Jeff Brokenshire, Barry Midgley, Trevor Berenger and Vernon Peries