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# Tim Bourke's Problem

## 9. CAREFUL, NOW

Dealer South. EW Vul.

### NORTH

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

### SOUTH

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♥	All pass	

1. 15-17

The jump to three hearts promised at least 5-5 in the majors with game going values. After that, cue bidding saw the good grand slam reached. How do you plan to make this grand contract after West leads the queen of clubs?

## Safety Play

Ron Klinger

Did anyone play in 4♠ on this layout and find the safety play?

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

SWPT 4/2

This was the auction at one table

West	North	East	South
		P	1♦
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	2♠
P	4♠	end	

2♥ was fourth suit forcing.

Lead: ♠2

You win and play your other top spade and a third spade. The switch to a heart. How should declarer continue?

Since you now have eight winners, you need only two tricks from the diamonds. Therefore, lead the ♦5 and, when East plays the 4, you duck in dummy. This guards against the actual layout. You succeed whenever the diamonds are 3-2, whenever East has the diamond Ace and whenever West has the bare Ace.

If you play a diamond to the King and Ace, you will be defeated.

## Appalling Actions From Appeal Committee

Michael Prescott

Editor's Preamble

The hand:

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

The auction upto the point of contention was :

West	North	East	South
1♠	3♥	P	4♥
P*	P	?	

The pass marked \* was agreed to have been slow.

East bid 4♠ and NS called the director. He established the facts and directed the auction to continue. North bid 5♥, doubled by West and this contract went two light.

The director ruled that the slow pass indicated that West was considering bidding and that Law 16A requires East not to choose 'from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information'.

The director, therefore, excluded the 4♠ bid and adjusted the result to 4♥ down 1 in accordance with Law 12C2

East-West took the ruling to appeal. The Appeals Committee upheld the director's ruling and determined that the appeal was 'without merit'. A 1 VP penalty was applied to the EW team.

*And now Michael's viewpoint.*

How could the Appeal Committee make this ruling and ping the pair 1VP for a frivolous appeal? 20 odd top players polled on the hand said that they would bid 4♠. When asked to sit on this committee, I declined because the players involved were my friends. The committee chair then asked me if the appeal had merit. I said 100% so. The committee seems to think that if partner tanks and then passes, you should do something different from what you would have done without the tank. This is incorrect. When partner breaks tempo, it does not mean you must pass. (If screens were in use we would not know which party was thinking.) To me this ruling suggests that if partner thinks 4♥ will fail, then they can tank and force you to pass. This is 100% incorrect and when some 90% of top players bid 4♠ without the break in tempo then it seems to me that the AC has made the wrong ruling. To penalise the team for an appeal without merit is nothing short of appalling. That a so-called high class committee could even think of giving a penalty, after ruling incorrectly, is a disgrace.

*Editor's Comment*

*I find it unsurprising that an appeal over a hesitation should generate a response as strong as Michael's. From this observer's viewpoint few areas of the Law are so little understood and so*

*inclined to generate high feelings. (I'm NOT suggesting that Michael does not understand, merely that the generality, in my experience at least, does not.)*

*I won't pretend to be an expert and I would hope that someone better qualified might choose to respond to the above. However, if I may make some preliminary observations.*

- *The director's role is to apply the Law and I have quoted from the relevant Law on actions after the receipt of extraneous information - in this case the hesitation clearly indicated that West was thinking of taking some action*
- *The committee's role is to apply its collective bridge judgement to the situation. In this case did East have the logical alternative of passing 4♥?*
- *What East's intentions were before the hesitation are irrelevant. What matters is whether or not pass was a logical alternative*
- *I'm not sure what Michael's point about screens is. I am, however, aware that an NZ pair at a Bermuda Bowl had a bid overturned when playing behind screens in a case of hesitation. The committee ruled that it was obvious who the hesitator was.*
- *At this event, the Chief Director at the other venue is available as an Appeals Advisor. It is my understanding that he was not consulted in this case. Had he been consulted then it is possible that he would have suggested that an "Appeal without Merit" penalty might be applied. I'm not saying that he would have said this, merely that he might. If you consult the Advisor, at least you go into the committee room with your eyes open.*

*I repeat my early disclaimer - I do not claim particular expertise in this area. I also repeat my earlier claim that it is an area very widely misunderstood. In view of this, I believe that any publicity is good publicity if it leads to more players understanding the third bullet point above. I would welcome truly expert comment.*

## Dummy Reversal

Ron Klinger

Did anyone find the neat play in 6♠ on

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

SWPT 4/14

East might open 2NT and a 3♣ inquiry by West finds East with five spades. From there, it is an easy path to 6♠. Of course, you can make it easily, if you pick the club position but you don't want to rely on that.

A temptong line. After you find the bad trump split, is to play three rounds of hearts to discard a club from dummy and, later, ruff a club in dummy. This fails when North ruffs the third heart.

An attractive line is the dummy reversal. Suppose that South leads a heart. Win in hand with the Queen and cash ♠K, finding the bad news. Now ♦K, diamond to the Ace and ruff a diamond. The ♠4 to the 10 and ruff dummy's last diamond. Overtake your remaining spade in dummy and draw the last trump, discarding the ♣3 and then lead a club.

This succeeds whenever North has 3+ diamonds. If North shows out on the third diamond then you might have to revert to picking the clubs.

### Tim Bourke' Problem - Solution

You have twelve winners and the way to make a thirteenth is to reverse the dummy and ruff two diamonds in hand. You should begin by winning the first trick with the ace of clubs and ruffing a diamond. Next you cash the king of trumps. If all follow, draw the remaining trumps, organise a

second diamond ruff and claim. You make five spades, four trumps, two diamond ruffs and two clubs.

When the hearts 4-0 there is a problem for suppose the full deal is:

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

If you ruffed the first diamond with the four of trumps, you will go down because you will have to use a spade to get to dummy either to draw trumps or take a second diamond ruff.

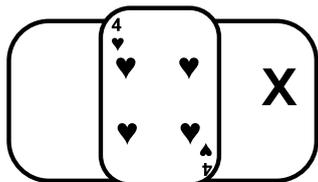
While a singleton club occurs more often than a void in spades, West is highly unlikely to have led a singleton queen against a grand slam. So, when West has four trumps you should plan to use the king of clubs to get back to dummy to draw the last trump. The play is ruff the first diamond with the nine of trumps, cash the king-queen of trumps and then lead the four of trumps to finesse West's ten. After a second diamond ruff follows, you cross back to dummy with a club and draw the last trump with the ace, throwing the jack of clubs from hand. As the spades are solid you have thirteen tricks.

What would happen if it was East who had four trumps? Then you would have to hope East began with at least two clubs and one spade, for you need the two remaining black suit entries to ruff a second diamond and draw the last trump.

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## Wild Times

On Wednesday morning, I kibitzed the game between Siggie Konig and Jimmy Wallis of the Leibowitz team and Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski of the Green team. The match was played in great humour as is illustrated by this little incident: Jimmy opened 2♦ and Adam doubled. Cezary responded 2♥ and, after a pass, it was Adam's turn to bid. He placed the STOP card on the table and a moment later we were gazing at:



Not to be outdone, Siggie competed with



Adam and Cezary made short work of one of the opponents' conventions on this hand:

Dealer : E	♠ Q 10 7 3		
	♥ J 8 6 2		
	♦ K 10 2		
Vul: Nil	♣ 3 2		
♠ A J 9 5		♠ 8 4 2	
♥ A Q 7		♥ K 10 9 3	
♦ 9 7		♦ A Q 8	
♣ A Q 10 5		♣ J 7 4	
	♠ K 6		
	♥ 5 4		
	♦ J 6 5 4 3		
	♣ K 9 8 6		
SWPT 7/14			

After a pass from Cezary, Jimmy opened 2♣ which seemed to have an interminable list of possibilities. Siggie responded 2♥ and Jimmy clarified with 2NT which showed a weak hand with nine cards in the minor. Adam doubled and, in this highly unsavoury spot, *they rested*.

Adam found the lead of the Ace of hearts! He cashed the Ace of spades and then switched back to hearts, playing the Queen. A third heart saw Cezary take dummy's Jack with the King while Jimmy discarded a club.

The ♥9 was taken, followed by a club to Adam's 10. Cezary exited a spade to the King and Jimmy finessed dummy's ♦10, losing to the Queen. The Jack of clubs collected Jimmy's King and Adam's Ace and the last club was cashed. The Ace of diamonds completed the rout.

DeepFinesse says that EW can make 4NT. As defenders, Adam and Cezary made 5 (and a non-vul 1400).

A confusing auction for the kibitzer saw the Queenslanders fight back

Dealer : E	♠ A 8		
	♥ 6 5 4 2		
	♦ Q 10		
Vul: NS	♣ A J 4 3 2		
♠ K Q 7 5		♠ J 10 9 6 4 2	
♥ J 10 7		♥ K 8 3	
♦ J 5 3		♦ 8 4 2	
♣ 10 7 5		♣ 6	
	♠ 3		
	♥ A Q 9		
	♦ A K 9 7 6		
	♣ K Q 9 8		
SWPT 7/18			

In a round and a half of bidding, each player raised spades by one level!

The auction:

West	North	East	South
		P	1♣
P	1♦	2♠	x
3♠	4♠	P	5♠
P	7♣	end	

1♣ was multi-meaning and 1♦ enquired. South's double of the weak jump confirmed a good hand and North's 4♠ indicated a two suiter. 5♠ indicated a very good two suiter of its own and invited North to pick the slam. Siggie does not believe in half measures. There was nothing in

the play and Leibowitz collected an excellent pick up when the other table stopped in 6.

The very last board of the session saw a non-making slam slip through on a defensive play which seems , to say the least, surprising.

Dealer : N	♠ A 7		
	♥ A K 10 6 5 3		
	♦ Q J 10 6		
Vul: All	♣ 3		
♠ 4 3			♠ Q J 10 8 5 2
♥ Q 8 7			♥ J 2
♦ A K 8 7 4 2			♦ 9 5
♣ 5 4			♣ Q 10 7
	♠ K 9 6		
	♥ 9 4		
	♦ 3		
	♣ A K J 9 8 6 2		
SWPT 7/13			

The auction rather got away on Jimmy and Siggy and they reached the ugly 6♥. Cezary led the Queen of spades, taken by Siggy in the closed hand.

Siggy immediately put a small heart on the table and Cezary played the Jack. Adam did not overtake!

Cezary continued spades and Siggy took the Jack. It only remained to draw trumps and take a breathless club finesse.

I didn't like to interrupt the stream of Polish flowing in a westerly direction to ask why the ♥J had not been taken by the Queen; somehow, it just didn't seem polite.

Cezary and Adam are two of the players featured in "The Bridge Magicians" by Mark Horton and Radoslaw Kielbasinski (available from the Paul Lavings Postfree Bridge Books - see below). A third to feature in this book is Apolina Kowalski. He also featured with his play on this one:

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

In the other room, declarer had played 3NT and gone two down. Apolina managed three additional tricks.

The singleton spade was led, taken by West's Ace. He returned the ♥10 and Apolina successfully finessed the Queen. He cashed the ♠Q and led a diamond towards dummy. East ducked and Apolina took his King.

He cashed the Ace and Jack of spades and successfully finessed the Jack of hearts. He then cashed the Ace of hearts to bring about:

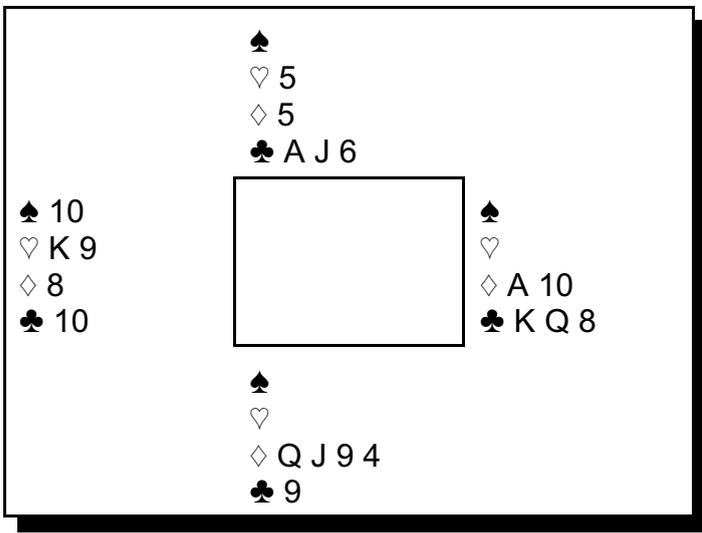
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He led a diamond towards dummy for the second time and East took his Ace. In a desperate attempt to beat the contract, East underled his club honours and Apolina had his overtrick.

## Great Bid, Partner

David Waun

My partner, David Hoffman, found an excellent bid on this one from session 8.

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

SWPT 8 / 10

He opened the 2-2-2-7 South hand with a 2♦ (multi) and rebid 2NT to show 21-22, balanced. I transferred with 3♦ and, over his 3♥, I bid my spades. David tried 3NT but I rebid 4♥ - the only making game on the board .

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## How Not To Claim

Perhaps the most amazing statement of claim in the history of the game occurred in round 9 of the SWPT.

Declarer was playing 3♥ from the North seat. After five tricks, this position had been reached:

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

East was on lead and, as he pondered, declarer put his cards down, saying “You tell me how many tricks I’m making.”

East and West were two of New Zealand’s most experienced directors, Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson. They felt that declarer’s statement of claim was inadequate in one or two tiny ways and summoned the sheriff.

He duly returned to rule one off. Declarer wasn’t convinced by this and indicated the possibility of an appeal. In the end there was no appeal as the VP result was unaffected by whether this board went one off or made.

The Law (68B) says, “A claim should be accompanied at once by a statement of clarification of the order in which the cards will be played.....”

As regards contested claims Law 70A says “...but any doubtful points shall be resolved against the claimer.” And 70E says “The director shall not accept from claimer any unstated line of play the success of which depends upon finding one opponent rather than the other with a particular card...”

And continues “...unless failure to adopt this line of play would be irrational.”

In this position, declarer has one loser (♥K) and five winners (two hearts, two diamonds and a club). One of the remaining two tricks must be won by declarer.

Consider East’s options. If he cashes the King of hearts then West must discard a club - a diamond discard sets up dummy’s 10 and a spade discard allows declarer to set up his n<sup>th</sup> trick by ruffing a spade.

If West pitches a club then declarer can succeed by playing Ace and another club and the ♣9 comes good.

Would you allow the declarer to make or would you rule that this line requires West to hold the J10x of clubs and therefore is disallowed under 70E.

Against that, does declarer have any options? If not, then failure to adopt this line would, presumably, be irrational.

## A Lead Problem

faced by Paul Lavings who held

♠ J 8 7 ♥ A Q 10 8 5 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ 8 7

after lho opened 1♠, received a 1NT response and raised to 3NT

A heart is obvious but which one? Paul selected the Queen. If declarer has K J x then this holds him to a single stopper in the suit when partner plays the next heart. However...

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

Oops.

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77	Kefford	118
78	Dunn	118
79	Roxburgh	116
80	Mason	115
81	Walker	115
82	Redfern	114
83	Butcher	112
84	Beer	112
85	Bailey	111
86	Phillips	111
87	Mare	110
88	Boyce	109
89	Rushforth	108
90	Taylor	107
91	Whigham	107
92	Loohy	107
93	Merrylees	103
94	Rich	100
95	Campbell	97
96	Duncan	95
97	McKay	76
98	Lavender	50

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39	Henton	141
40	Law	141
41	Banks	140
42	Shaw	140
43	Combes	138
44	Scudder	138
45	Horsman	138
46	Feeney	137
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97	Campbell	101
98	McDonald	100
99	Jones	98
100	Fraser	98
101	Shannon	96
102	Lachs	86
103	Cruickshank	79
104	McCulloch	77

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1	-20	1	-150	1	280
2	-370	2	70	2	-280
3	340	3	690	3	350
4	260	4	-660	4	-450
5	60	5	470	5	-420
6	170	6	-50	6	70
7	620	7	-600	7	50
8	-300	8	310	8	260
9	10	9	350	9	200
10	600	10	90	10	290
11	-70	11	-840	11	-200
12	0	12	200	12	140
13	520	13	550	13	510
14	-380	14	230	14	450
15	-410	15	70	15	1210
16	340	16	20	16	170
17	-130	17	-390	17	-50
18	900	18	0	18	-600
19	-340	19	-240	19	-540
20	120	20	-250	20	30

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Session 7		Session 8		Session 9	
Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score
1	60	1	-310	1	190
2	-360	2	160	2	-180
3	300	3	810	3	300
4	190	4	-620	4	-510
5	10	5	460	5	-430
6	100	6	0	6	60
7	620	7	-420	7	10
8	-270	8	270	8	320
9	0	9	240	9	60
10	520	10	200	10	370
11	-50	11	-790	11	-10
12	10	12	260	12	130
13	570	13	320	13	540
14	-420	14	260	14	510
15	-370	15	100	15	1430
16	370	16	10	16	130
17	-210	17	-430	17	30
18	1060	18	100	18	-1030
19	-500	19	-130	19	-660
20	-50	20	-140	20	100