

Day 7 No 2 Wednesday 19th November

Solution to this morning's puzzle

♠ K J 9
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q 10 5

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

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

Contract : 6 Hearts; West leads the ♦ 5

Solution: Having ruffed the Diamond lead, south should cross to dummy with a trump and discard ♣ 3 on the ♦ A. After a second Diamond ruff, he should re-enter dummy in trumps to lead a Club to the King. Here west wins. West now has no safe exit. If he elects to lead a Spade or a Diamond, all is over. On the Club lead from West, South gets the free finesse with ♣ 10, making his slam without having to risk a finesse in Spades.

Meet the Players: Charlie Snashall

Profession: Civil Engineer

Home: Prahan (Melbourne)

Interests: Bushwalking

Watching any kind of sport

Music from rock to opera

Reading, especially Crime, and

London Crime in particular.

Bridge Interests: Plays as often as possible

Favourite achievements:

Making the Victorian State Team with Victor Munce as partner in 1989

Winning the National Swiss Pairs in Canberra in 2003, with David McLeish. (They found themselves in front after 7 rounds of the event when Martin's computers crashed

because of the bushfires and the event was declared over.)

Most enjoyable win: the Australian Mixed Pairs in Tasmania in 2002, with his wife, Helen.



For Light Relief

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster. One gets used to abuse. It's waiting for it that is so trying..... Rueful Rabbit.



Day 7 No3 Wednesday 19th November
Anne Bates

A Tale of Infractions

Board 21 Round 8 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

♠ 10
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ A J
♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

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

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 9 8 5 3
♣ A J 10

In a low key, lower half match, East and South were chatting about old times, whilst North and West were patiently awaiting their attention.

Becoming aware of this, East said to South, "OK, let's get on with it," so South immediately made a (light) opening of 1 Diamond.

The bid out of turn was duly noted and the director called. He made the appropriate ruling that, on non-acceptance of the bid out of turn, North was required to pass for the remainder of the auction, including passing in the first seat.

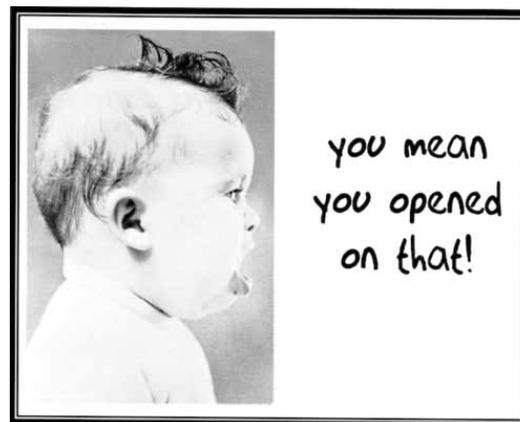
After 2 passes, South elected to open 1 Spade, thus showing Diamonds and Spades. West overcalled 2 Hearts which was passed out.

During the course of the play, East, with three brandies behind her, commented that declarer should now know how to play the Heart suit, since South was marked with a shortage. (This is a clear infraction, but the

director was not called.) West took no notice and proceeded to go 3 off.

However, it transpired at the end that North had revoked, which was picked up by East, but this was now legal, because the hand was complete.

This effectively made the hand 1 off, and clearly all this had to happen to match Deep Finesse's analysis.



Walk -In Entries will be accepted for tomorrow's Charity IMP Pairs for Mission Australia. Entry fee \$50 per pair.

Start - 10 am. There will be 3 x 16 board segments. The boards will be the same as those being played simultaneously in the SpNOT final and scores will be IMPed against the closed room results.





♣♦ Spring Nationals Bulletin ♡♠



Spring National Open Teams, Round 2, Board 24 Dealer West, Nil Vulnerable

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| West | East |
| ♠KQ108 | ♠A743 |
| ♥984 | ♥A102 |
| ♦52 | ♦A9 |
| ♣A642 | ♣K975 |

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| <i>Baker</i> | | <i>Nunn</i> | |
| 1NT (1) | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

(1) 10-12 Lead: DK. Plan the play.

Solution:

Baker took the DA and returned a diamond, won by North who switched to the HQ. What now? This was the complete deal.

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| | North | |
| | ♠95 | |
| | ♥QJ | |
| | ♦KQJ8743 | |
| | ♣J3 | |
| West | | East |
| ♠KQ108 | | ♠A743 |
| ♥984 | | ♥A102 |
| ♦52 | | ♦A9 |
| ♣A642 | | ♣K975 |
| | South | |
| | ♠J62 | |
| | ♥K7653 | |
| | ♦106 | |
| | ♣Q108 | |

Baker took the HA, drew trumps, cashed CA, CK and exited with a low heart. If South rose with the HK, dummy's H10 would be high. When South ducked, North won and had to give declarer a ruff-and-discard. Away went the heart loser and +420 was worth 6 Imps against the E-W 170 datum.

Contributed by Ron Klinger