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We Have Lift Off

After Tuesday's 'Canberra, we have a problem' it was full steam ahead yesterday as all our systems were restored. Mind you, that avoids mentioning the early morning drama when the printer called to say he couldn't open the PDF file! Now you know why you had to wait a while for yesterday's edition.

Its judgement day in the *Women's Teams* and **Bourke's** total of 127 VP gives them a handy lead of 12 VP over **Murray-White**. **Havas** are 2 points further back and closely followed by **Scudder, Del Piccolo** and **Tucker**. With just 6 VP covering the next eight teams it promises to be an exciting day in the race for a qualifying spot.

Scott lead the way in the *Seniors* by 8 VP and then come **Noble, Neill, Chadwick, Wyer, Sundstrom** and **Chrapot** with just 5 VP separating second from seventh.

The *National Non Life Teams* is led by **Pettigrew** with 117 VP, only 2 ahead of **Chiang**, with **Midgley** just one point further behind.

In the *National Novice Teams* **Cariola's** score of 123 VP gives them a 9 VP lead over second placed **Allen**, who are themselves 12 VP clear of third placed **Whiddon**.

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TIMETABLE

Fri 14th - Sun 16th January

(excluding walk in pairs)

National Womens Teams

Fri 14 January

(Saturday 15th and Sunday Finals only)

at the National Convention Centre

Stage One Session Times:

11.30, 3.00, 8.00

National Seniors Teams

Fri 14 January

(Saturday 15th and Sunday Finals only)

at Rydges Lakeside Canberra

Stage One Session Times:

11.30, 3.00, 8.00

National Non-Life Masters Teams & National Novice Teams

Fri 14 January

at the National Convention Centre

Session times:

Fri 11.30, 3.00

Australian Multi Pairs

Sat 15 January

at the National Convention Centre

Session times:

Sat 11.00, 3.00, 7.30

National Swiss Pairs

Sun 16 January

at the National Convention Centre

Session times:

Sun 11.00, 2.00, 7.30

Tim Bourkes Daily

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

West North East South

Dealer South. EW Vul.

NORTH

[K 10 9 8 5

] K 5

{ 10 4

} 10 8 4 3

SOUTH

[A

] A Q 10 9 4 3

{ A Q 8

} A Q 2

Pass 2 { Pass 2]

Pass 2 [Pass 2NT

Pass 3] Pass 4NT

Pass 5 { Pass 6]

All pass

Partner's "thoughtful" 3] bid has led to a dubious venture.

How do you plan to keep him happy when West leads the] 7?

Standings: After Round 6

National Womens Team

1	BOURKEWOODS LUSK TULLY CORMACK NEUMANN	127
8	MURRAY-WHITE SNASHALL LACHMAN MILL	115
2	HAVAS STERN CLARK FEITELSON FULLER EVANS	113
4	SCUDDER GLANGER MOSES ZINES	110
7	DEL PICCOLO SMITH GREENFELD DRISCOLL BOOTH SHIELS	109
14	TUCKER MILLAR BROAD MARTIN	108
3	BIRD CREET HOFFMAN CHURCH MCKINNON TOBIN	108
5	WATTS FOLKARD HAY LOWRY	106
24	ABBENBROEK MCLENNAN AIKIN MENZIES	105
28	STACEY ANDERSON SCHOUTROP LUCK	104

National Novice Team

73	CARIOLA BARRETT PANG FOX	123
80	ALLEN STEPHENSON GRIBBLE MILLAR	114
77	WHIDDON BAKER SCOTFORD SCOTFORD WHITECOCKBILL	102
79	HIGGINS GREEN YATES SPECHLEY	100
74	JACKSON KERSHAW COLLINS BUNWORTH	99
76	REYNOLDS GREAVES SMITH SLOW	98
78	PARKER DEVILLIERS PORTER PORTER	96
86	BREDEN LOCKE GILDER NILSSON WOOD RENTON	95
81	SCHULTZ ELWIN HOLLANDS BYRNES	88
83	SOH DUNCAN LEE DYNAN	86

National Non-Life Team

102	PETTIGREW STEPHENS MOSCHNER WELLS	117
110	CHIANG Y CHIANG K YOUNG M YOUNG R	115
111	MIDGLEY WEDDELL TUPULE ALDONS	114
121	ERSKINE MARSHALL ZUBER DEEVES	112
101	WOOLLEY C WOOLLEY C PEACH SLACK-SMITH	106
106	AHRENS PELLY GREATOREX LLOYD	105
118	RUSHFORTH SCALES LAVENDER MOSS	104
116	GOOLEY O'SULLIVAN BARKER BARLOW	101
135	PLUSH JOWETT KIDD SMITH T	101
126	WHITE FRENCH VAN DE WETERING G VAN DE WETERING F	100

National Seniors Teams

4	SCOTT SNASHALL LAVINGS KROCHMALIK	129
3	NOBLE BILSKI MALACZYNSKI HUGHS BROWN CHAN	121
1	NEIL KLINGER NAGY MIDDLETON LILLEY SMOLANKO	120
5	CHADWICK BLOOM ZINES MOSS	120
2	WYTER HUGHES WALSH MCDONALD GUMBY CUMINGS V	118
7	SUNDSTROM DOUGLAS PERRY SCHMIDT SMYTH VAUGHAN	116
16	CHRAPOT TENCER M TENCER B	116
15	REINER HITTER GOODYER VARADI	115
13	RIDGWAY ROBBINS HAPPELL ROBINSON	115
12	ONG BOYLSON KISS BARANY	114

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The Oz Chronicles

Do you believe in the law of coincidence? No, neither do I, but some strange things do happen. When I set out on my journey to Perth at the end of December I had just got off the underground train at Heathrow. Who should I encounter at the top of the escalator but David Levy, brilliant pianist and bridge player, who was on his way back to his home in Nice. On the flight to Singapore I listened to some classic Sherlock Holmes stories that formed part of the radio entertainment that was available. Then a few days later I realized that one of the magazines I had brought with me contained this story about the great detective. I hope you enjoy it.

A Study in Baker Street

Much has been written about the world's greatest consulting detective and his expertise as a bridge player. I was fortunate enough to find, in the basement of 369 Euston Road, an old manuscript, undoubtedly written in the hand of his biographer, Dr. John Watson.

It was, as Holmes had often remarked, a perfect day for the criminal classes. The early morning fog hung thick in the air as the hansom cab in which he was returning from his meeting with Inspector Lestrade drew to a halt outside Number 221B.

Mrs. Hudson was waiting to greet him at the front door and informed him that the doctor had already arrived. Upon reaching the top of the stairs, Holmes, the possessor of the finest brain in England, immediately realized that the door to the study was closed. For once Holmes decided on the obvious solution and his fingers closed around the handle. As he entered the room, Holmes was at once taken by the fact that Watson made no attempt to greet him. Rather, he remained seated at his desk in the corner where he was clearly involved in some important undertaking.

'Watson!' exclaimed Holmes, 'I hope you are not working on the story of the Giant Rat of Sumatra. I have frequently advised you that it is a story for which the world is not yet ready.'

'My dear Holmes, nothing could be further from the truth! I am merely trying to solve a singularly difficult clue in today's Times crossword.'

'As I have already completed it whilst making the tiresome journey from Scotland Yard perhaps I can be of assistance. Which is it?'

'Five across', Watson replied. 'Staunton's bad move is met by a wooden response. 5,4.'

'A lemon tree, my dear Watson.'

'No doubt Holmes, but perhaps you would be kind enough to furnish me with the answer.'

'As usual Watson, you look and listen, but you see and hear nothing. Howard Staunton, the chess correspondent of the Times frequently refers to a bad move as 'a lemon' and what could be more wooden than a tree?'

'Astounding, Holmes. Since you are in such brilliant form perhaps you would care to try your hand at this deal which arose in last night's duplicate at the Bagatelle Club.'

Dealer East. All Vul

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[ A J 6 5 2
] K 6 3
{ A 8 7 5 4
} —

[ —
] A J 10 9 5 4 2
{ —
} Q 9 8 5 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Colonel Sir John		Ronald	Doctor
Moran	Hardy	Adair	Watson
		Pass	4]
Dble	6]	Dble	All Pass

'West led the king of clubs and, as you can see Holmes, although declarer has no immediate losers, the double void in his hand gives rise to communication and suit establishment problems. I was able to ruff three of my clubs in dummy and discard two more on the pair of aces, but I had to lose a club and a heart.'

'A gallant attempt, my dear friend, but let me have a try. Having escaped a trump lead, I ruff the opening lead, cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade. I play the queen of clubs, forcing West to cover, and ruff in dummy. I am hoping to pin an honor in the East hand.'

'Nothing useful appears.'

'So I ruff another spade, ruff a third club with the king of hearts and ruff another spade.'

'They break 4-4.'

'There are now two winners in dummy.'

'Yes, Holmes, but the absence of a diamond in declarer's hand means they are stranded.'

'I cash the ace of hearts and, assuming the queen fails to appear, I concede a trick to East's queen. With only diamonds left in his hand, East will be forced to resurrect dummy and declarer's losing clubs are discarded on the ace of diamonds and the jack of spades. Plus 1660!'

'Brilliant, Holmes!'

'When you have eliminated the improbable, whatever remains, however unlikely, must be the solution.'

Here is the full deal:

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[ A J 6 5 2
] K 6 3
{ A 8 7 5 4
} —

[ Q 10 7 4
] 7
{ Q J 9 2
} A K J 7

[ K 9 8 3
] Q 8
{ K 10 6 3
} 10 6 4

[ —
] A J 10 9 5 4 2
{ —
} Q 9 8 5 3 2
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(If you are planning a trip to Surfers, watch out for a visitor from England, John Holland, for he was the successful declarer! Sherlock Holmes aficionados will know that all the characters mentioned in this story appeared in *The Adventure in the Empty House*.)

Over at the NCC the women are complaining that it is a long walk from the playing area to the facilities. Reminds me of Paris, where it can also be difficult – as the locals say 'Tous loos la trec'.

I hope you enjoyed the story about the DVD of the Istanbul Olympiad. I understand it is likely to be on sale in Australia later this year, but if you are keen to get a copy right away just come and see me in the Bulletin Room at Rydges.

One benefit of being watched by the Editor (some would say the only one) is to get a complimentary copy of *Bridge Magazine*. It celebrates its 80th anniversary in May 2006, and there is a special rate for subscriptions taken out here in Canberra. Guess who you have to talk to!

A Positional Problem

This deal from Tuesday's warm up pairs presented a bidding problem that proved to be far too difficult for the majority of the field:

Dealer South. None Vul

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[ 7 3
] A 6 3
{ K Q J 10 2
} A 10 8

[ 8 6
] K 7 4
{ 7 6 5 4 3
} J 4 2

[ K 10 9 5 2
] Q J 8 5
{ 9
} 9 6 5

[ A Q J 4
] 10 9 2
{ A 8
} K Q 7 3
    
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Playing five card majors (or just spades) and a weak no trump South has to open One Club and North responds One Diamond.

I was asked what South should do when East overcalls One Spade (it's the sort of thing players do, although it has little merit in this type of situation).

The obvious thing is to rebid 1NT, 15-18. Say North enquires with 2} and South responds 2NT. If North, with a good suit and excellent controls makes any kind of try, with either 3{ or 4NT, then South, expecting the spade finesse to be right, might well jump to 6NT.

Without the intervention it would be much harder to bid the slam

You can't beat a good Squeeze

Researchers at the department of abdominal surgery at Leuven University in Belgium have discovered one of the most common causes of constipation is the inability to achieve what therapists call 'a good squeeze'.

Europe's Finest

If you ever travel to one of the major events in the United States you will find a host of stars from every corner of the world and especially from Europe. Not so many of them make the long journey to Australia, but you should watch out for a couple of Norwegians, Boye Brogeland & Espen Erichsen who arrive later this week.

Here is a fore taste of what you can expect:

Zugzwang!

Tommy Sandsmark

Zugzwang is a chess expression which means that the opponent has to do what you force him to do or risk losing the game. On this board from the Norwegian Observation Tournaments Boye Brogeland forced both his opponents into Zugzwang:

Dealer North. All Vul

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[ K 6 3
] 10 6 5
{ Q 10 6
} J 10 5 4

[ Q J 9 7
] Q 4
{ K 7 3 2
} A K Q

[ A 4 2
] K 9 7 2
{ J 9 8 5
} 7 3

[ 10 8 5
] A J 8 3
{ A 4
} 9 8 6 2
    
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West North East South

Boye Peter Erik Gunnar

Brogeland Marstrander Sælensminde Harr

Pass Pass Pass

1NT Pass 2} Pass

2{ Pass 2NT Pass

3NT All Pass

The lead was the five of clubs (showing 2/4/6 cards). How would you play this board double dummy?

Boye played the jack of spades, which was allowed to keep the trick (if North covers with the king, there will be nine easy tricks). Then came a small diamond to the jack and ace. South continued clubs (who can blame him

for that? and the ace of clubs won the tricks. How do you go from here?

Boye cashed his third club trick and the king of diamonds before North was put in with the queen of diamonds to leave this position:

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[ K 6
] 10 6 5
{ -
} J

[ Q 9 7
] Q 4
{ 7
} -

[ A 4
] K 9 7
{ 5
} -

[ 10 8
] A J 8
{ -
} 9
    
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North was now suffering from Zugzwang. He could not touch the spade suit without giving West his 9th trick. All he could do, was to cash the club trick (Boye threw a diamond from Dummy and a spade from hand), before freeing himself with the ten of hearts, which ran to West's queen. Then followed the squeeze card, the seven of diamonds. Both opponents were in Zugzwang, and had to discard hearts as a spade discard from any one of them would allow the contract to make. Boye also threw a heart from dummy:

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[ K 6
] 6
{ -
} -

[ Q 9 7
] 4
{ -
} -

[ 10 8
] A
{ -
} -

[ A 4
] K
{ -
} -
    
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Boye knew the whole lay-out by now, and he played the four of hearts. South was end-played, and Zugzwang forced him to open the spade suit. He did his very best and played the eight to give the declarer a choice, but Boye knew

that he had to put in the nine, and the ninth trick appeared in the spade suit.

Boye's problem on this hand is that if he should try to play the spade suit for three tricks, he will set up the defenders' fifth trick (one spade, one heart, two diamonds and one club trick). Therefore his setting up an extra diamond trick and the subsequent elimination-squeeze endplay is the only way in which Boye can win his contract against an excellent defence.

Just to comply with Danny Roth and other good hand analysts, I just have to add that the contract could have been defeated. Can you see how?

A heart lead to the lowest cover in South (or the ten of hearts run around) or a diamond lead to South's ace and switch to the three of hearts would seal declarer's fate. However, in this case a club was led.

Still, the contract can go down even with a club lead if South leads the three of hearts when in with the ace of diamonds. However, a small heart from A J 8 3 in trick 4 is not what I regard as practical bridge, and does not at all detract from Boye Brogeland's excellent declarer's play.

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Espen Erichsen & Boye Brogeland

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Boy, oh Boye!

(By Jon Sveindal, Bergen, Norway)

One of the founders of IBPA, the late Eric Jannersten, was an eminent author. Amongst his many educational bridge books was a beautiful piece of work called "Enda Chansen"? The reader was challenged to find and play for the only distribution that would see him home. The hand below was played in the recent Vanderbilt quarterfinal by the Norwegian professional Boye Brogeland, and would have fitted nicely into that collection of exciting deals. As usual when playing on the Shugart team, Boye partnered the English star Tony Forrester.

Dealer North/Neither Vul.

[4 3	[AK108 6
] A K J 2	] 10 7 4 3
{ K 10 8	{ 9 4
} 7 6 5 2	} Q
[Q J 9 2	[AK108 6
] Q 9 5	] 10 7 4 3
{ J 7	{ 9 4
} K J 4 3	} Q
[5	HH
] 8 6	[9753
{ A Q 6 5 3 2] -
} A 10 9 8	{ 107532
	} 9753

West	North	East	South
	<i>Forrester</i>		<i>Brogeland</i>
	1} *	1[	2{
3[	Pass	4[	5}
Dble	5{	All Pass	

(* = may be two cards if 4-4-3-2 distribution.)

Lead: [Q
Greed is an expensive vice. West must have regretted his double of Five Clubs when Forrester pulled to Five Diamonds and Boye found the way to 11 tricks!

East overtook the queen of spades with the king and returned the club queen. Boye played the ace, and even double dummy some imagination is needed to see the winning line. The top diamonds brought the good news that trumps split 2-2. Then Boye ruffed dummy's remaining

spade, and took a successful heart finesse with the knave. Then came the ace and king of hearts, Boye discarding a club, followed by the two of hearts – Boye letting his penultimate club go. East was on lead, and since he had nothing but spades to play, Boye was able to get rid of his last club while he ruffed in dummy. A nicely executed combination of elimination and loser-on-loser endplay.

Bridge in the menagerie

Hilda Lirsch

DLR: West

VUL: NS RR

[-
] AKQJ1098765432
{ -
} -

TT	WW
[KQJ108642	[A
] -]-
{ AKQJ9	{ 864
} -	} AKQJ108642

HH
[9753
] -
{ 107532
} 9753

Timothy the toucan looked at his unique hand, bounced excitedly up and down in his chair, then opened 6[. The Rabbit munched a biscuit, but still found a 7] overcall after recounting his points. Walter the Walrus wanted to bid 8[, but reluctantly underbid his points with a mere 7[bid.

Excited by this eventful auction, Timothy exchanged hands with Walter, so that each could admire the others cards. At this point the Hog silkily remarked, "I have not yet bid!"

Timothy's bounce deflated as the Hog summoned the director. Now the Hog bid 7NT, the Toucan was too embarrassed to double, but Walter was not passing the points. Now the Hog redoubled. Unfortunately for the Toucan and the Walrus, the director had no choice but to rule that the defenders had 26 penalty cards.

The triple-dummy play by HH went as follows:

1. {9	]A	{8	{10
2. }9	{A	]K	}8
3. }7	{K	]Q	}6
4. }5	{Q	]J	}4
5. }3	{J	]10	}2
6. {7	[K	]9	{6
7. {5	[Q	]8	{4
8. {3	[J	]7	[A
9. {2	[10	]6	]A
10. [9	[8	]5	]k
11. [7	[6	]4	]Q
12. [5	[4	]3	]J
13. [3	[2	]2	]10

7NTxx vulnerable and making for the Hog. The Walrus exclaimed, in shocked tones, "But declarer had zero points!"

The Editor's Curse

It is erroneously assumed that being watched by the Editor will result in your leaking points faster than the Titanic took on water, but nevertheless it is fair to say that there are some players who will happily hand over money to ensure that he pays a visit to 'some other table'.

Keeping that in mind, let's see what you make of the events that unfolded in the Round 4 match between the Bourke and Scudder teams over at the NCC yesterday.

Board 14

Dealer E, Vul Nil

[AJ8543	[T7
]Q	]A962
{J54	{873
}Q94	}J852
[KQ2	[96
]JT754	]K83
{T9	{AKQ62
}K73	}AT6

West	North	East	South
Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
Pass	2]*	Pass	1NT
Pass	4[	All Pass	2[

West led the jack of hearts and East

took the ace and had to choose a minor to switch to. With no help from the bidding she went for the diamond suit, and declarer won with the king and ran the nine of spades. East won and had a chance to switch to a club, but when she played a second diamond the hand was over, declarer winning, cashing the ace of spades and simply playing winners to get rid of dummy's losing clubs.

West	North	East	South
Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
Pass	1[	Pass	1{
Pass	4[	All Pass	1NT

East led the two of clubs and that was 10 IMPs for Scudder.

Board 15

Dealer S, Vul NS

[63	[KT7
]T83	]KQ642
{AQ942	{T73
}K86	}Q9
[AQJ84	[952
]J9	]A75
{K85	{J6
}A74	}JT532

West	North	East	South
Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
1[	Pass	2]	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a diamond and South's jack forced the king. Declarer had to play on hearts, and South won and played back a diamond for a fast one down, +50.

West	North	East	South
Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
1NT	Pass	2]*	Pass
2[	Pass	4[	All Pass

Four Spades was let through at several tables when North led a black suit, but here Teresa Tully made no mistake, her

choice of the eight of hearts seeing South win and switch to a diamond, three rounds of the suit producing a flat board.

Board 16

Dealer W, Vul EW

[K9	[7653
]92	]QT65
{KQJ6432	{A9
}J6	}974
[QT	[AJ842
]K843	]AJ7
{T8	{75
}A8532	}KQT

West North East South

Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
Pass	3{	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

You can defeat 3NT in theory – heart to the queen and when East gets in the ten of hearts – but not in practice West's normal club lead giving declarer a route to eleven tricks, +460. Notice the strength of the preempt – second in hand there is less reason to be wild.

West North East South

Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
Pass	3{	All Pass	

It was not ridiculous to pass with the South cards, but this time it cost 7 IMPs.

Board 17

Dealer N, Vul Nil

[KQT4	[J753
]Q65	]T984
{T754	{K
}92	}QJ53
[A98	[62
]A732	]KJ
{Q	{AJ98632
}AK876	}T4

West	North	East	South
Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
	Pass	Pass	3{
Dble	4{	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4]	All Pass

Last week I included in a lecture I gave at the WABC the identical bidding sequence, the point being that North should avoid a jump to Five Diamonds, which would leave the opponents with no alternative to taking a penalty. Four Hearts had no chance, and was soon two down when led the six of spades.

In passing, at one table, after an identical auction to the one above, South broke the rules in a big way by bidding Five Diamonds. West was happy to double, but East gave South a reprieve by retreating to Five Hearts. It's a funny old game.

West	North	East	South
Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
	Pass	Pass	3{
Dble	5{	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

North/South had to take their medicine at this table, and the dose was -300, and another 9 IMPs for Scudder.

Board 18
Dealer E, Vul NS

	[652		
	] T984		
	{ Q54		
	} Q82		
[KT		[AQJ7	
] AK62		] QJ	
{ KJ73		{ A986	
} 765		} AK3	
	[9843		
	] 753		
	{ T2		
	} JT94		

West	North	East	South
Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
		2{*	Pass
2[*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3}	Pass	3[	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5}*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6}*	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

This is a very tough test for East/West, which is usually the case when you have a good hand facing a strong balanced one. The key to such auctions is to determine partner's precise strength and distribution, but few pairs are equipped with the right machinery.

Before we follow the play, do you think it at all possible that declarer might divine the diamond position?

Well, you can certainly arrive at a three card ending with {KJ7 facing {A98, and if you are confident in your card reading abilities you may well be reasonably sure that it is South who has a doubleton diamond. Notice that assuming your next play is going to be from the East hand, when you play a diamond South should play the ten trying to persuade you they started with {Q10.

Put it like this, you would be pleased to make it.

South led the ten of clubs and when North put up the queen declarer won with the ace and unblocked the hearts, played a spade to the king and cashed two more hearts. On the last of these South made the remarkable discard of the ten of diamonds!!

That should have been all the help declarer needed, but remember, the Editor's curse was upon her, and she finished one down, -50.

West	North	East	South
Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
		2{*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4}*	Pass	4{*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5}*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6{*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

There was some minor confusion about the exact nature of East's hand, but when West wisely contented herself with the small slam she had earned her side another 14 IMPs.

In the space of 5 boards the Scudder team had scored 41 IMPs without reply, so you might imagine that they coasted to an easy win. Not at all! Once the Editor had gone and the

curse was lifted they outscored their opponents 56-1 over the remaining boards!

So, I now have two potential paying customers, as team Scudder might cough up for me to watch them, while team Bourke will definitely pay for me to stay away!

Just before we bid farewell to this match, take a look at the very first deal:

Board 1
Dealer N, Vul Nil

	[92		
	] AT		
	{ AKJ82		
	} KQ43		
[AK543		[T	
] KJ854		] Q973	
{		{ QT93	
} T52		} AJ96	
	[QJ876		
	] 62		
	{ 7654		
	} 87		

West	North	East	South
Bourke	Zines	Woods	Moses
	1{	Pass	1[
Pass	2}	Pass	2{
2]	2NT	3]	All Pass

Since my Bols Bridge Tip was entitled *Don't be afraid to Respond* you will understand that I approve of South's One Spade bid. However, I don't care for North's 2NT, which East, with both minors well under control should certainly have doubled. Since that is such an obvious choice there is little point in discussing how many hearts East should bid.

West	North	East	South
Glanter	Tully	Scudder	Lusk
	1{	Pass	Pass
3}*	Pass	3]	All Pass

East/West were given an easy ride, but still failed to reach the very decent game. East knew she was facing at least 5-5 in the majors, so with four card support I think she just had to try for the game bonus.

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SOLUTION TO

TIM BOURKE'S QUIZ #2

Assuming the trumps are 3-2, you have ten winners along with some severe entry problems. You have to hope the full deal is similar to:

[K 10 9 8 5
] K 5
{ 10 4
} 10 8 4 3

[Q 6 [J 7 4 3 2
] 8 7 2] J 6
{ J 9 7 { K 6 5 3 2
} K J 9 7 6 } 5

[A
] A Q 10 9 4 3
{ A Q 8
} A Q 2

So the first move should be to rise with dummy's king of trumps. The second is to take the diamond finesse. When that holds you are almost home. Cash the [A and {A then ruff a diamond. After discarding the } 2 on the [K, cross to hand with the } A (you didn't take the club finesse did you?) and draw the trumps. All you lose is a club.

Now is the time to thank partner for his "helpful" 3] bid – after all, you would never have driven to a heart slam without it!

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The Pirates of Penzance

I am the Very Model of a Modern Bridge Competitor

by Richard Hills and Grattan Endicott

(In his spare time – when not contributing lines to Gilbert & Sullivan parodies – Grattan Endicott is Secretary of the WBF Laws Committee.)

Richard Hills:

I know Symmetric Relay, English Acol, and the Ghestem pox;
In my comment'ry on casebooks I've a pretty taste for paradox,
I quote in elegiacs all revokes of Heliogabalus,
When claiming I can state peculiarities parabolous;
I can tell undoubted squeezes from pseudo-squeeze epiphanies,
I know the croaking chorus from the Frogs of Aristophanes!
Then I can hum a ruling of which I've heard the players panic for,
And whistle all the airs from that infernal book Kaplanic Law.

Chorus:

And whistle all the airs from that infernal book Kaplanic Law,
While waiting for the airs from that infernal book Grattanic Law
Next year the airs from that infernal book Grattaaaaaaaanic Law.

Richard Hills:

Then I can write on appeal forms in Babylonian cuneiform,
And cite the inconsistencies of exegeses scarce uniform:
In short, in casebook comment'ry, and as proof-reading editor,
I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor.

Model of a modern bridge competitor

By Hilda Lirsch

I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor,
I write pellucid prose as a club newsletter editor,

I cleverly calculate card play mathematical,
Sliding through squeezes both simple and quadrilateral,

As committee president, My rule is an Autocracy,
With many cheerful edicts pinged with my hypocrisy,

In short, as any player, president, and editor,
I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor.

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