



# NOT NEWS

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Winners Womens Team Final

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Winners Senior Team Final

David Lilley, David Middleton, Bruce Neill, Zoly Nagy, George Smolanko, Ron Klinger



Winners Mixed Pairs

Bianca Barden, John Pritchard



Winners Veterans Teams

Guta Wikinski, Danny Kahan, Ken Lee, Eva Samuel, Andrew Samuel



Winners Novice Pairs

Wayne Houghton, Christine Houghton

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## Tim Bourke's Daily Quiz #5

### 5. EXTRA CHANCE

#### NORTH

[ 10 9  
] 8 7  
{ 6 4 2  
} 9 7 6 5 4 2

#### SOUTH

[ A K Q J 5 4  
] K 4 2  
{ A Q 3  
} A

### West North East South

Pass 2 { Pass 2 [  
Pass 3 } \* Pass 4 [  
All pass

\* Second negative

A simple auction carries you to game and West leads the jack of clubs. How will you play the contract?

## TIMETABLE

Mon 17th - Fri 21st January

### South-West PacificTeams

Mon-Fri 17th-21st January  
**National Convention Centre**  
Session times:  
Mon,Tue,Thur: 10:30, 1:30, 4:00, 8:30  
Wed:10:30, 1:30, 4:00  
Fri: 10:30,1:30

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**Rydges Lakeside Canberra**  
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Fri: 10:30,1:30

## Mixed Pairs (Corrected Result)

Place	Players	Score
1	B Barden, J Pritchard	1999
2	K Hume, D Franklin	1995
3	T Leibowitz, B Travis	1975

## WOMENS TEAMS FINAL 2005

Team	c/f	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	Total
Bourke	11	18	51	22	58	160
Havas	0	12	41	27	19	99

## SENIORS TEAMS FINAL 2005

Team	c/f	1-16	17-32	33-48	Total
Neill	0	33	60	49	142
Noble	2.5	10.5	24	15	52

## NATIONAL SWISS PAIRS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	56	B Richman, S Burgess	158	118
2	15	G Gaspar, E Caplan	157	122
3	9	L Gold, J Ebery	151	100
4	276	S Bloom, B Bloom	150	99
5	11	A Bach, A Mill	149	106
6	27	B Tencer, V Goldberg	148	88
7	32	J Newman, D Browne	147	99
8	1	P Gumby, W Lazer	147	84
9	92	J De Ravin, P Wilsmore	145	79
10	277	Geddes, Jenner-O'Shea	145	79
11	2	S Stancu, J Pszczola	144	83
12	172	E Lindh, P Phillips	144	76
13	210	Durovic, Chylewski(jun)	142	79
14	134	G Topfner, T Chira	142	75
15	125	K Wood, C Howard	142	70
16	145	D McLeish, P McLeish	141	74
17	73	A Creet, K Magann	141	68
18	7	M Watts, E Chadwick	141	66
19	42	D Wawn, C Quail	140	68
20	284	R Hills, K Kalejs	140	64
21	100	K Colbert, A Blecher	139	70
22	280	N Francis, M Moren	139	65
23	23	M Perley, M Genc	139	62
24	6	J Stark, R Gallus	139	60
25	111	R Grund, A Harris	138	56
26	242	L Moss, P Scales	138	54
27	18	J Foster, D Weston	137	69
28	4	J Brockwell, T Jackman	137	61
29	279	R Stuart, G Lane	137	56
30	231	S Winkler, N Griffiths	137	54

## National Seniors Teams

### Best Mixed Team

Paul Wyer  
Alan Walsh  
Pauline Gumby  
Val Cummings  
Barbara McDonald  
Mike Hughes

### Best Womens Team

Marilyn Mason  
Mary Elson  
Leone Szabo  
Judy McGeary

### Best Veterans Team

Ken Lee  
Eva Samuel  
Andrew Samuel  
Guta Wikinski  
Danny Kahan

### Best Country Team

Anthony Tuxworth  
Tom Strong  
Denis Croft  
Roman Morawiecki

## National Womens Teams

### Best Senior Team

Marcia Scudder  
Inez Glanger  
Kinga Moses  
Tina Zines

### Best Veteran Team

Monica Darley  
Del Ryan  
Barbara Parsons  
Berna Gibbs

### Best Country Team

Marjorie Askew  
Coral Briscoe  
Janet Brown  
Helen Tootell

## Oz Chronicles

It got pretty hot over at the NCC yesterday, so much so that if the air conditioning continues to malfunction there are suggestions that each player will be handed an icicle as they enter the building.

Seems we are running out of Bulletins each day. Rumour has it that each day one of them contains a voucher redeemable for cash by the ABF for \$500! (Don't bother looking – guess who gets to put the voucher inside!)

I had a dream (make that a nightmare). I was playing in a Mixed Teams event (allegedly) but I was allowed to play with a man!! And we didn't have to have a woman at either table!!!

We have been getting plenty of email from readers of the Bulletin – luckily mostly complimentary – and yesterday Susan Hetherington asked if we could give some coverage to the selection event for the Australian team for the World Junior Championships that will take place in Sydney later this year. Of course, but when we asked where the event was being staged we were told, 'At the University.' True enough, but unfortunately yesterday they were playing at Rydges – almost next door to the Bulletin Room – but we only found out after play had finished! The best laid plans...

For those who like quizzes, how many different countries are represented here in Canberra? Answers on a postcard to ...

] [] {} [] {} [] {}

## Prepare for a Committee Meeting

Ted Chadwick

Session 7, Board 12, Both Vul

[ 82  
] Q943  
{ 9  
} AKJ862

[ K63  
] A72  
{ KJ875  
} 73  
  
[ J5  
] KT65  
{ AT632  
} 95  
  
[ AQT974  
] J8  
{ Q4  
} QT4

You hold: [ 82 ] Q943 { 9  
} AKJ862

After a pass on your right you open 1} , left hand opponent overcalls 1 [ partner makes a negative double, RHO cue raise the spades by bidding your suit, 2} . What to do now?

All my bridge instincts told me to bid 4] , the contract I thought I could make, but partner may take me for a really strong hand. It's no use saying 'but partner I would have bid 2 [ with the strong hand you're playing me for after you've just gone down two in 6] . It may win the post mortem, however it will win very few IMPs.

So I contented myself with 2] , ready to blast 4] next time round. As planned, LHO bid 2 [ and after two more passes I was ready to go.

Unfortunately for me, partners pass over 2 [ was out of tempo, only a mere flicker (actually about two minutes in the tank), but a mere flicker nonetheless. I sit on a lot of appeal committees and I could see myself asking 'how come you bid only two hearts? and now you're worth 4] !

'But I always intended to bid 4] ' I pleaded.

'Self-serving rubbish, go directly to jail, do not pass go!'

How does I solve this dilemma?

I'm not allowed to choose from a selection of alternatives, one that may have been suggested by my partners break in tempo. So 4] is out, 3] looks suspicious (even to me) so I contended myself with a miserable, pusillanimous, pathetic, pragmatic 3} . Partner now confused the issue by bidding 3 { , but I still could find no way to bid 4] that would get past any committee on which I would serve. So I 'corrected' to 3] . David Lilley had heard enough, he now bid 3 [ and scored +140 for his side. Oh, you do not want to know how my 4] would have gone? Play the right opponent for the ]J and it's +620, otherwise no good.

What to learn from this episode. In just about every auction there at least one call that is 'tempo-sensitive'.

My recommendation: if you're thinking of bidding, do not think and then pass, make the bid you were thinking of, however stupid it may turn out to be. It makes life easier for partner.

### A Little Aside

There were a lot of hot sections competing in the Multi-Pairs events at the Convention Centre on Saturday. This was not entirely due to the high calibre of players but to the fact one of the air conditioning units failed in the heat.

I am happy to report as we begin the National Swiss Pairs event that cooler conditions have been restored and all air conditioners are running at normal capacity (at the expense of the planet of course).

## Not Only But Also

The question of who would qualify from the Round Robins in the Womens and Seniors stage II events looked reasonably clear after three matches (if only I had looked into my crystal ball to see what was going to happen in Round 4!) so I went over to the NCC to watch a few boards in the pairs.

Without bothering to check the standings after two sessions I opted for Stephen Burgess & Brian O'Hara who claimed to be on their ninth bottle of the day (they blamed the late start!). It proved to be an entertaining exercise.

### Board 13

Dealer N, Vul ALL

[ 9754	[ Q2
] 93	] T42
{ KQ52	{ J76
} 543	} KJ962
[ J6	[ AKT83
] A87	] KQJ65
{ AT83	{ 94
} AT87	} Q

West	North	East	South
Burgess		O'Hara	
	Pass	Pass	1[
2{	3[	4}	4[
5}	Pass	5{	5[
Dble	All Pass		

In order to do well in a pairs event you need not only a considerable degree of skill but also a fair amount of luck. Stephen Burgess had the seven of hearts in with his diamonds during the auction which may explain (but not necessarily justify) his activity. North was getting ready to pounce for what would have been an astronomical penalty but South's undisciplined effort meant East/West were off to a good start,

their +200 rating to be close to a top.

### Board 14

Dealer E, Vul Nil

[ 52	[ J87
] QJ7	] K62
{ AT975	{ 432
} 873	} QT92
[ QT9	[ AK643
] A5	] T9843
{ KQJ8	{ 6
} AKJ5	} 64

West	North	East	South
Burgess		O'Hara	
	Pass	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the five of spades and if South is brilliant enough to duck the first spade then the contract will fail, but not unreasonably he won the first spade with the king and returned the three of spades. Declarer put up the queen and when that held he cashed four club tricks ending in dummy and played a diamond. He was safe for nine tricks – and possibly another good score.

Whatever you think of North's lead – not a lot I hear you say - if South had paid more attention to the spot cards he would have realized that unless his partner had led the five from [ J52 or [ Q52 it must be right to switch to a heart when declarer would have to work harder, but can still prevail.

Of course on an initial lead of either red suit declarer has little chance of making the contract (unless North tries a low Diamond.)

### Board 15

Dealer S, Vul NS

[ 962	[ T87	[ AJ543
] KJT2	] A7653	] 984
{ JT2	{ 63	{ A87
} 732	} KJ6	} T5
[ KQ	[ KQ	[ KQ
] Q	] Q	] Q
{ KQ954	{ KQ954	{ KQ954
} AQ984	} AQ984	} AQ984

West	North	East	South
Burgess		O'Hara	
	Pass	1[	1{
1]	All Pass	2[	2}

In a pairs event if you get to play in your side's par contract you will almost always collect a significant share of the matchpoints. Two Spades was unbeatable for +110. Did South under-compete? Three of either minor is one too high, but -100 would be okay. Against that if someone doubles -200 will certainly collect a zero. If South bids 2NT over Two Spades North will bid Three Diamonds and it will be difficult for anyone to double. Enough speculation, on to the next deal.

### Board 19

Dealer S, Vul EW

[ AKQ7	[ J43
] Q75	] A94
{ KJ62	{ AQ7
} AJ	} Q642
[ 98	[ T652
] KT86	] J32
{ 98543	{ T
} 93	} KT875

**West North East South**

Burgess O'Hara  
Pass  
2NT All Pass

East led the two of clubs and when West put in the nine declarer might have taken the ace, cashed three top spades and then played on clubs, overtaking the jack and forcing out the queen. He would not have been 100% for his contract, but on the actual layout he could not have been defeated. He preferred to win with the jack, unblock the ace of clubs and play a low diamond. When he was allowed to win with dummy's ten he cleared the clubs. East exited with a spade so declarer had nine tricks. Hard to estimate what that might be worth. Some pairs might go on to game and possibly make it. It is possible to make ten tricks in spades, (for example on a spade lead you win, cash the ace of clubs, run the jack, draw trumps and play a diamond to endplay East) but I estimated about a 70% board for N/S.

Board 20  
Dealer W,Vul ALL

[ Q  
] K932  
{ 53  
} KJ9853  
[ J753  
] A76  
{ J986  
} T6  
[ AT862  
] JT85  
{ 2  
} AQ4  
[ K94  
] Q4  
{ AKQT74  
} 72

**West North East South**

Burgess O'Hara  
Pass Pass 1[ 2{  
All Pass

For a second time Stephen was bidding with a hand he didn't hold,

as he had a spade in with his clubs. That meant his side under-competed when East failed to make the obvious reopening double. Conceding -90 when you have +140 available is not the route to success.

Board 21  
Dealer N,Vul NS

[ T98  
] J853  
{ AQ5  
} AJ9  
[ KQ32  
] K4  
{ K32  
} KQT4  
[ 654  
] 76  
{ T97  
} 87652  
[ AJ7  
] AQT92  
{ J864  
} 3

**West North East South**

Burgess O'Hara  
1} Pass 1]  
1NT 2] Pass 4]  
All Pass

Declarer won the opening lead of the king of clubs, East following with the two, and ran the jack of hearts to West's king. He won the heart return in hand, played a diamond to the queen and ten and ran the ten of spades to West's queen. West exited with the queen of clubs. Declarer ruffed, crossed to the ace of diamonds and discarded a diamond on the jack of clubs. Now he ran the jack of spades and West could win and cash a diamond.

As I'm sure you have noticed declarer can do much better by simply exiting with dummy's last diamond to endplay West.

A classic illustration that in a pairs game you have to play the right opponents at the right time, as no matter how well you play you need some gifts.

The next round saw our boys face off against another wellknown

outfit.

Board 4  
Dealer W,Vul ALL

[ K3  
] 98643  
{ 83  
} K953  
[ Q64  
] KQ75  
{ JT6  
} T84  
[ AJ95  
] AJT  
{ 952  
} J76  
[ T872  
] 2  
{ AKQ74  
} AQ2

**West North East South**

Burgess Konig O'Hara Wallis  
Pass Pass Pass 1[  
Pass 1NT Pass 2{\*  
All Pass

South's Two Diamonds was a possible canapé, hence North's decision to pass, which turned out well. It was easy enough to make the contract, with an overtrick for +110 – almost certainly over average for N/S.

Board 5  
Dealer N,Vul NS

[ Q63  
] 743  
{ K754  
} T92  
[ JT8752  
] J2  
{ QT3  
} 85  
[ A  
] AKT86  
{ AJ9862  
} 7  
[ K94  
] Q95  
{  
} AKQJ643

**West North East South**

Burgess Konig O'Hara Wallis  
Pass Pass 1{ 3{\*  
Pass 3]\* Dble 4}  
Pass 4] All Pass

There was plenty of hilarity on this board as North explained South's Thee Diamonds as an almost game forcing 5-5, while South explained North's Three Hearts denying a heart stopper. The armchair lawyers might argue that Three Hearts doubled should be the final contract, but Four Hearts down seven, -700 was not going to trouble the scorers.

**Board 6**

Dealer E, Vul EW

[ 754	[ QJT32
] AQ5	] 32
{ K3	{ 74
} AQ872	} K964
[ K9	[ A86
] T984	] KJ76
{ T98652	{ AQJ
} T	} J53

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Burgess	Konig	O'Hara	Wallis
Pass	4NT	Pass	1NT
		All Pass	

West led the ten of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the ace and played the five of clubs to the queen and king. East played a second diamond and declarer could win in dummy and play on clubs. He chose to ignore the restricted choice inference of West's ten of clubs and so only made eleven tricks. If East had switched to a spade declarer would have needed to get the clubs right otherwise he would be held to ten tricks.

It had been a typical roller coaster ride for our featured pairs so far and at the end of the session they had moved up one place, from third to second. (I believe repeating their performance of the previous year. Third time lucky perhaps?)

] [ ] { } [ ] [ ] { }

**Little Fish are Sweet**

Deciding to hold back on covering the two finals until later in the day I went over the the NCC to catch the first session of the Swiss Pairs. It seemed obvious to check out the form of World Pairs Champion Jacek Pszczola, (currently number 19 on the WBF ranking list) playing with Simon Stancu. They faced Normand Maclaurin & Ken Berry, so it would be Natural v Moscito.

For once the boards were quiet – if you can say that about any deal in a Pairs event.

**Board 1**

Dealer N, Vul Nil

[ A	[ J874
] 9763	] AT82
{ AQJT	{ 432
} QT73	} 82
[ 6532	[ KQT9
] KJ	] Q54
{ 96	{ K875
} KJ954	} A6

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
2}	1}*	Pass	1[*
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

One Heart was the start of a possible canapé, but when West came into the auction with his fairly mouldy collection North/South gave up on the idea of a game bonus in favour of collecting a penalty. +500 is a live possibility, but when North led the seven of hearts South put in the queen. Now declarer could win with the king, overtake the jack and play two more rounds of hearts discarding both his losing diamonds. That meant in the fullness of time he was only two down, -300, and a 2 IMP pick up against the datum of +350.

**Board 2**

Dealer E, Vul NS

[ 8754	[ KQ2
] AKJT3	] 4
{ 865	{ 932
} 3	} K96542
[ JT93	[ A6
] 96	] Q8752
{ KQJ4	{ AT7
} AQ8	} JT7

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
Pass	2}*	Pass	1NT
2]	Pass	3}	2{*
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3{

For the second time in a row West was into the auction on tram tickets and North/South could have collected a penalty, (it would have probably been +500 this time). They preferred the no trump game, and the play did not take long. North cashed the ace of hearts and switched to the eight of spades. The defenders came to two tricks in each major, but declarer had the rest, +600, getting back the IMPs lost on the previous board with a little interest, as the datum was again +350, a 6 IMP pick up.

**Board 3**

Dealer S, Vul EW

[ K52	[ T984
] K872	] A6
{ T4	{ 75
} AQT3	} J6542
[ AJ	[ Q763
] QJT9	] 543
{ AQJ8	{ K9632
} K98	} 7

trumps and cash his diamonds, coming to ten tricks. That was worth 4 IMPs against the datum of +20.

West	North	East	South
Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
1{	Dble	Pass	1[
Dble	Pass	2}	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's decision to go on to 3NT was a close one, but when North decided to lead the three of clubs it was immediately justified. Declarer won in hand and played back the king of clubs. North won and switched to the two of spades for the eight, six and jack. Declarer played another club and North won and played back the ten. Declarer won, discarding a diamond and played the last club throwing the jack of diamonds. If declarer had been confident of the diamond finesse he could have made ten tricks now but the position was far from clear so he settled for nine by forcing out the king of hearts. +600 and 10 IMPs against the datum of -120.

Board 4

Dealer W, Vul ALL

[ 875432		
] K63		
{ 93		
} A7		
[ KQJ		[ T
] JT5		] 982
{ AKJT5		{ 842
} J4		} KQ8632
[ A96		
] AQ74		
{ Q76		
} T95		

West	North	East	South
Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
1NT	Pass	2[*	Pass
3}*	All Pass		

East decided to transfer to clubs. When North led the nine of diamonds declarer won with the ten and played the four of clubs. North took the ace and rather woodenly returned a diamond. Now declarer could draw

The score was now 6-16 but it changed to 8-16 when the next board was thrown in, East deciding his [AQ853] 75 {52 } A1083 was not worth a second in hand opening bid. (I'm sure he's right, but the world seems to open this type of hand and get away with it. Partner had [KJ92] A42 {J107 } Q54 and nine tricks were possible.)

Board 6

Dealer E, Vul EW

[ A984		
] J432		
{ Q4		
} J74		
[ T75		[ KQ32
] Q76		] A5
{ A9		{ JT8653
} AQT83		} 2
[ J6		
] KT98		
{ K72		
} K965		

West North East South

Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
2}	Pass	2{	Pass
2[	Pass	3[	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East/West got too high when this time East could not resist opening with a ten count. North led the two of hearts and South took the king and returned the suit. Declarer had no chance and was quickly one down, -50 to lose 4 IMPs against the norm of -30.

Board 7

Dealer S, Vul ALL

[ 8532		
] KT7		
{ A3		
} A832		
[ T9		[ QJ4
] J864		] AQ2
{ QT865		{ K974
} 54		} Q97
[ AK76		
] 953		
{ J2		
} KJT6		

West	North	East	South
Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2{	Dble	Pass	2[
All Pass			

Two Spades was straightforward, declarer losing a trump, two hearts and a diamond, +140 and a 3 IMP swing that left the score 15-16 with one board to go.

Board 8

Dealer W, Vul Nil

[ K96		
] KJ		
{ AKT9432		
} T		
[ T8532		[ AQ7
] A987		] Q432
{ Q7		{ 6
} 75		} Q8643
[ J4		
] T65		
{ J85		
} AKJ92		

West North East South

Stancu	Maclaurin	Pszczola	Berry
Pass	1[*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2{	All Pass	

East led the four of clubs and declarer let that run to his ten. He played three rounds of trumps ending in dummy, discarded his hearts on the two top clubs and played a spade. West put in the ten and declarer claimed eleven tricks, +150. With an easy 3NT available you would have expected this to cost a fair amount, but the datum was only +230 so the loss was only 2 IMPs, making the final score 15-18 IMPs, 14-16 VP.

] [] {} [] {} [] [] {}

Session times:10:30 13:30 16:00 20:30

Bus #	Arrive James Court	Arrive West Row	Arrive Rydges	Depart Rydges	Arrive NCC	Depart NCC
ABF	9:00	9:05	9:10	9:15	9:20	9:25
ABF			9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45
R1				9:40	9:45	9:50
R2				10:00	10:05	10:10
R1			9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10
ABF	9:50	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10	
R2			10:15	10:20	10:25	10:30
ABF -						12:20
ABF			12:25	12:30	12:35	12:40
ABF			12:45	12:50	12:55	13:00
ABF			13:05	13:10	13:15	
ABF-						18:00
R1				18:00	18:05	18:10
ABF			18:05	18:10	18:15	18:20
R1			18:15			
ABF-			18:20			
ABF				19:40	19:45	19:50
R1			19:40	19:45	19:50	19:55
ABF			19:55	20:00	20:05	20:10
R1			20:00	20:10	20:15	
ABF-			20:15	20:20	20:25	
ABF						22:20
R1				22:20	22:25	22:30
R2				22:30	22:35	22:40
ABF	22:25	22:30	22:35	22:40	22:45	22:50
R1			22:35	22:40	22:45	22:50
R2			22:45	22:50	22:55	23:00

**NOT QUIZ**  
 John Scudder and Sean Mullamphy are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> convenors of the NOT. Who were the other three?  
 Who was the first overseas player to win the NOT?  
 Who was the first overseas woman to win the NOT?  
 How many times has Ron Klinger won the NOT?  
 One player has won NOTs 30 years apart (and at intervals in between). Who is he?  
 Entries close at 18.00 on Wednesday. The person who submits the first correct entry will win a bottle of champagne generously donated by HORSHAM.

**SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S QUIZ #5**

[ 10 9  
 ] 8 7  
 { 6 4 2  
 } 9 7 6 5 4 2  
 [ 8 [ 7 6 3 2  
 ] A J 9 6 3 ] Q 10 5  
 { J 9 7 5 { K 10 8  
 } J 10 8 } K Q 3  
 [ A K Q J 5 4  
 ] K 4 2  
 { A Q 3  
 } A

You have eight top tricks along with five potential losers in the red suits. So, at first glance, it may seem that you will need to use the ten and nine of trumps as entries to lead towards the ] K and take the

diamond finesse. All you need for that plan to work is for East to hold both the ] A and the { K!

The first time you see this type of hand, spotting an additional chance that allows you to make the contract when one of the red cards is badly placed is not easy to spot. When it is pointed out the general reaction is "Why didn't I think of that?"

After winning the club lead, you should lead a low heart from your hand at trick two. Let's say that East wins the trick with the ten of hearts and switches to a trump, hoping to stop you ruffing a heart in dummy. You win in the dummy and lead a heart to the king. When West takes the ] K with the ace at first it may seem that fate has conspired against you taking ten tricks. However, when

West has no trump to return it turns out that your luck is in after all!

On this layout, no matter what West returns you will be able to ruff your third heart with dummy's last trump. Of course that also gives you the entry to finesse the { Q, making the contract when the { K proves to be onside.

You should reflect on what would happen if you played a trump to dummy at trick two and then led a heart to the king. West would win the ] A and later East would win the second round of hearts and play a trump, leaving you with three heart and one diamond loser. So, all you needed to make this contract was the two most important attributes for any bridge player – luck and skill!

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