

Tuesday January 24th 2006

Session Times

Tuesday:

11 am 3 pm 8 pm

Wednesday:

10 am 1.30 pm 5pm

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Edit for NOT News 5: Apologies to **Roslyn Howes**, who should have appeared in the winning team lists for the National Women's Teams Championship, Senior team, in place of Rasma Liepins.

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Tim Bourke's Problem

11. TIMELY

Dealer South; Both Vul.

NORTH

- **♠** A 8 3 2
- ♥ A 8 7 2
- **♦**732
- ♣ A 8

SOUTH

- ♠ KQJ1094
- **¥** 4
- ♦ A Q 9 5
- ♣ K 9

West	North	East	South 1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 💠	Pass	6 ♠
All pass			

North's three notrump response promised about 12 to 14 points and four-card spade support. After two cue bids, four notrump asked for key cards and North promised three. How do you plan to make twelve tricks after West leads the king of hearts? (Trumps are 2-1)

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A Partial Elimination

By David Hoffman

Board 6 was the last board in our first match in the SWPT.

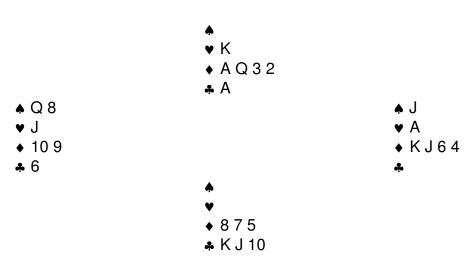
Dealer: E **♠** A ♥ K865 Vul: EW ♦ AQ32 ♣ A Q 4 2 **♦** J 10 6 5 **♦** KQ842 **♥** J 7 4 3 ♥ AQ92 ♦ 10 9 ♦ KJ64 ***** 86 **.** 3 ♠ 973 **v**10 ♦ 875 ♣ KJ10975

The bidding was:

West	North	East	South
		1D	Р
1S	Χ	2S	3C ¹
Р	$5C^2$		

¹Having paid the entry fee, is allowed to bid

On the lead of the spade King, it was obvious that both the ♥A and ♦K were badly placed, so some alternative plan was needed to make game. On winning with the spade Ace, declarer led a low heart from dummy. East won with the Queen and switched to her singleton club. Winning in dummy, declarer cross-ruffed 2 hearts and 2 spades to reduce all to



²Don't hang partner!!

Declarer led the King of hearts and discarded a diamond on East's Ace, forcing East to concede the eleventh trick.

The Twilight Zone

There must be something supernatural about Siggy Konig and Jim Wallis. Many years experience reporting their doings at the New Zealand Congress have persuaded me that the moment they sit down the entire table moves into the Twilight Zone. Consider these two exhibits.

Dealer: E	↑ 72	
N/ 1 N/9	♥ K 6 2	
Vul: Nil	♦ A Q J	
	♣ A 10 8 4 3	
♠ A Q J 10 4		♦ K 8 5
♥ J 9 7 4		♥ 10 8 5
♦ 9 4		♦ 10763
. 76		♣ K J 5
	♠ 9 6 3	
	♥ A Q 3	
	♦ K 8 5 2	
	♣ Q 9 2	

This was their first board in the first Teams match Siggy was North and opened 1C. The director arrived to tell him that he had to wait his turn. East passed as did Jim, perforce. A pass from West saw Siggy open 3NT on his 14 count. A diamond was led to the Jack and Siggy pushed out a small club. Not having a lot of information nor inference available from the auction, East ducked and Siggy claimed for 9 tricks.

Then there was the vanishing Ace of clubs.

Dealer: W	♠ A Q 10	
	♥ QJ964	
Vul: Nil	◆ Q 9 7 6	
	4 3	
♦ K 9 2		♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ A 8		♥ 5
♦ 10 4		♦ KJ8
♣ Q87652		🗚 A J 10 9 4
	♦ J 7 5	
	♥ K 10 7 3 2	
	♦ A 5 3 2	
	♣ K	

Siggy was not feeling well enough to play the last round of the Swiss so Cathy Mill was pressed into service as a substitute. Siggy's avatar remained however.

Cathy opened 1H as North and Jim responded 2NT, game forcing. Cathy leapt to a 4C splinter and Jim cued the Ace of diamonds. Cathy couldn't find any more good news and signed off in 4H. The meaning of the 4C bid was duly requested and explained. East then led a small club. After the trick was turned nobody did very much for a minute or so before Cathy told West that it was her lead. West denied this and Cathy is still wondering where the Ace of clubs went.

Perhaps Nigel Rosendorff can help her find it.

Dealer: W **A** A 3 ♥ A 7 6 4 Vul: All ♦ 952 ♣ K732 ♠ Q98742 **♦** K 10 ♥ Q852 **♥** J 9 ♦ Q 10 8 **♦** 7 ♣ QJ94 ♣ A 8 6 5 **♦** J 6 5 ♥ K 10 3 ♦ AKJ643 **.** 10

Nigel was playing 3NT from the North seat and received the 5 of clubs lead. The 10 was covered by the Jack and Nigel ducked. He also ducked the ensuing Queen and then "took" his King on the third round. Four club tricks and the Queen of diamonds meant one off.

Phil Gue explains that Nigel's somewhat eccentric selection of club plays was motivated by his belief that trick one had been taken by the Ace.

Still in the Twilight Zone, we visit Ishmael DelMonte's table in the third round

Dealer: S **♦** J 5 4 3 **♥** 64 Vul: EW ♦ J74 **4** 10 8 7 3 ♠ A 2 **♠** Q 10 **♥** K Q 10 ♥ A 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ KQ952 ♦ A 10 8 **♣** 9 6 4 ♣ A K **♦** K 9 8 7 6 **♥** J 3 **♦** 63 ♣ QJ52

After a bidding sequence that was, perhaps, briefer than it might have been, East was playing 4H. A small spade was led. And declarer finessed for trick 15.

Now for some big time, serious bridge and who better to learn from than the number one seeds at Rydges. Paul Marston and Hugh Grosvenor used the miracles of relay to reach 4S

Dealer: W	♠ Q 10 9 4 3	
	♥ J 10 3 2	
Vul: All	♦ 5 4	
	♣ A 7	
♦ K 2		^
♥ A 9 4		∀ KQ876
♦ Q98		♦ A J 7
♣ Q 10 9 4 3		♣ KJ852
	♠ AJ8765	
	♥ 5	
	◆ K 10 6 3 2	
	♣ 6	

Not that much of a miracle you think? OK then how many tricks will **you** make?

DeepFinesse suggests that there are 10 tricks available to North-South in spades. How many do you think Hugh and Paul made?

THREE – you see Paul and Hugh were East-West. Isn't relay wonderful?

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Wrong Side

Phil Gue gave me this one where he feels that his choice of action led to a wrong-sided slam – wrong that is for Phil's team.

Dealer: S ♠ 953 ♥ Q Vul: EW ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ AQ9753 **▲** A **♠** Q J 8 ♥ KJ1097 ♥ A 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ AKQ3 ♦ 96 **♣** KJ2 **4** 10 8 **♦** K 10 7 6 4 2 **v** 8 ♦ J875 ***** 64

Khokan Baghi opened 3S and Margaret Bourke doubled. Phil raised to 4S-a decision he was later to regret. Arjuna De Livera doubled and Margaret pulled to 5H. Arjuna bid the slam which is, of course, cold from the West seat. Had Phil bid 4C then he is confident that Arjuna would have bid 4H and then the opposition can either play game or go down in slam on a club lead.

(PENLINE)

Is not just a sponsor of this event but is also the name of one of the high seeds at Rydges. Penline owner, Maryo Derofe is not an experienced player but has really impressed partner, Ishmael DelMonte, with his play on a couple of hands on the first day of the Teams.

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East opened 1D and Ish put in 3C. Maryo shot 3NT.

East led a spade and Maryo could only count eight tricks. He ran the club suit putting East under pressure. Having to find 4 discards, he guessed to keep his spades, the Ace and Queen of hearts and a bare King of diamonds. No worries for Maryo – diamond to the Ace and, with the King coming down, the Queen of diamonds was trick 9.

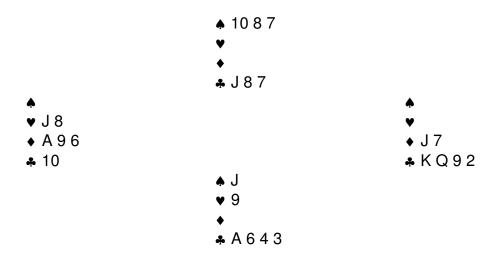
Onto the third round

♠ A 10 8 7 3 Dealer: W ♥ A K Vul: NS ♦ Q 10 **♣** J 8 7 5 **4** 9 ♠ Q 5 4 **y** J8752 ♥ Q 4 ♦ AK9654 ♦ J732 ***** 10 ♣ KQ92 ♠ KJ62 **v** 10963 ♦ 8 ♣ A 6 4 3

Maryo opened 1S after a pass from West. Ish made a Bergen type raise to 3D and Maryo bid the spade game.

A diamond was led, followed by a heart switch taken in the closed hand. Maryo cashed the two top trumps and continued with a heart to the King, dropping the Queen. He ruffed a diamond on table and led the 10 of hearts. West didn't cover, Maryo pitched a club and East ruffed.

The position now was



East played the King of clubs which Maryo ducked. He then claimed before the next lead, knowing East to be endplayed.

Tales From The Crypt

By David Lusk

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The National Seniors Final

Dealer: W	^	A J 3		
	•	AQ843		
Vul: All	•	Q		
	.	J 10 7 5		
♠ 10 7 6				^
♥				♥ KJ10652
♦ AKJ87642				♦ 10 9 5
♣ Q 3				♣ K 9 8 2
	^	KQ985	4 2	
		87	. –	
		3		
		A 6 4		
	-44	7.04		
The auction				
West	North		East	South
Chadwick	Buchen		Bloom	Lusk
4D	P		P	4S
	•		•	10

Even with the screens, it was obvious that North's double was reluctant. Thus South was honour-bound to pass 5Dx, knowing that it may not work out well. North led a spade. Chadwick cross-ruffed the first seven tricks, drew trumps and conceded a club. –950 did not look good on the first board of the match.

5D

end

You know the gods are smiling on you when your team-mates bring back +1540 on the same board.

To think, I could have passed out 4D.....

Dealer: E	♦ 8653		
	♥ K 8 5 3		
Vul: All	♦ 9743		
	. 10		
A 2			♠ A J 10 9
♥ J 6 2			♥ 10 9 7 4
AQ108652			♦ K J
4 3 2			♣ Q J 9
	♠ KQ74		
	♥ A Q		
	*		
	♣ A K 8 7 6	6 5 4	
West	North	East	South
Chadwick	Buchen	Bloom	Lusk
Onadwion	Baonon	1H	X
Р	1S	P.	2H*
3D	P	P	4D**

** Cue

END

The play was interesting, to say the least.

4S

Р

* Cue raise

East led the diamond King, ruffed on table. Declarer played the spade King, taken by East with the Ace. (it does no good to hold up, as long as North gives up on trumps.)

The diamond Jack was now ruffed and the Queen of spades followed, on which West pitched a diamond. The top 2 clubs were cashed, on the second of which declarer dropped a diamond, and then a club was ruffed. A heart was played to the Queen and another club played back for declarer to discard a diamond while East ruffed. East exited a heart to dummy's Ace and then another club, discarding another diamond before East ruffed led to a claim.

Onto the third set, where a slight difference in the auction led to a vastly different outcome.

[&]quot;Typical", offered Chadwick at the sight of dummy, "you bid hearts and diamonds and show up with clubs and spades!"

Dealer: S	♦ K 8 2	
Vul: Nil	♥ A J 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ K Q ♣ 6	
AQ743KQ758K85	• 10	♣ J 9 6 5♥ 8◆ J 9 5 2♣ 10 7 4 3
	▼ 10◆ A 10 7 6 4 3♣ A Q J 9 2	

West	North	East	South
Moss	Buchen	Zines	Lusk
X	XX	1S	1D
2S	4H	end	2C

At this table, North's 4H bid was unilateral and Suth co-operated with a pass. Whilst a diamond lead defeats 4H, taking out declarer's communication to dummy, East, reasonably led a spade. When West won and (curiously) returned a second spade, North won, played a club to the Ace and ran the Queen of clubs. Eventually he conceded 2 hearts and one spade only

West Christie	North Bloom	East Newman	South Chadwick
Χ	XX	1S	1D 2C
3S	4H	Р	5C
Р	5D	end	

Note the effect of Henry Christie's more aggressive 3S bid. Now North's 4H bid is less impressive looking. The eventual 5D contract had to go one down.

Bridge Across the Tasman

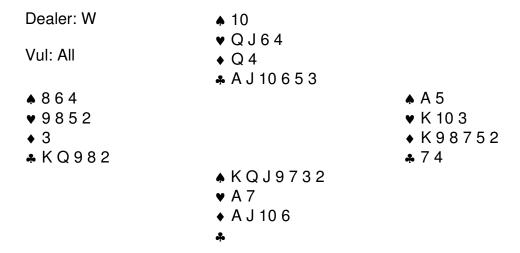
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See Richard Solomon, who is playing at Rydges. Any Kiwi will point him out!

A Tough Decision

Mike Prescott was most impressed by the card pulled by a defender on this one from the Swiss.



Mike and partner, John Hughes, had reached 4S, played by Mike, South.

Mary Yeates led her singleton diamond to the Queen, King and Ace. Mike played back the 10 of diamonds which Mary ruffed. She then played a low trump to Ted Hobson's Ace.

Now Ted found the only card to give the defence a chance – a low heart.

Now, Mike could either play for East to have led away from the King or he could rise with the Ace, draw trumps and play for West to have the King. If the latter is the case, a low heart towards dummy would force Mary to give declarer a stepping stone into dummy and enough tricks to make the contract.

Note that if Ted gives Mary the second ruff, then she will be endplayed by her partner, having only clubs and hearts left.

Interestingly, Mike didn't tell me which choice he made at the table though I suspect from his rueful expression that he went with plan B.

SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S PROBLEM

The crux of the deal is avoiding a second diamond loser. In isolation, the best play in diamonds is to finesse the nine on the first round. This succeeds immediately when East holds the jack and ten of diamonds because the nine will West's king. When the nine loses to the jack or ten from West, you finesse the queen next time. While this gives you two chances of success, it fails on this layout:

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A A 8 3 2
         ♥ A 8 7 2
         ♦732
         ♣ A 8
♦ 7 5
                  ♠ 6
♥KQJ9
                  v 10 6 5 3
♦ K J 6 4
                 ♦ 10 8
♣ 7 5 2
                  ♣ QJ10643
         ★ K Q J 10 9 4
         ¥ 4
         ♦ A Q 9 5
         ♣ K 9
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The way to overcome this arrangement is to eliminate the clubs and hearts before touching diamonds. The only trap is failing to manage the entries required to bring this about.

As you need to ruff three hearts to eliminate the suit and another to return to dummy to lead diamonds, you need four entries in all. So, after taking the opening lead with the ace of hearts, you immediately ruff a heart high and then lead another high trump to dummy's ace. A third heart ruffed high eliminates the suit, as planned, and you will still have the four of trumps left and use it to cross to dummy with the eight of trumps to ruff dummy's last heart, thereby eliminating the suit.

The king and ace of clubs removes the clubs and returns you to dummy for a fourth time. Now it is time to play a diamond and cover East's card. Here, as East will likely play the eight, West takes the nine with the jack but is endplayed for his troubles. He has the choice of giving you your twelfth trick by returning a diamond into your tenace or playing a club, which gives you a ruff-and-discard. In that case you throw a diamond from dummy and ruff in your hand. After cashing the ace of diamonds at trick twelve you make the last trick with dummy's remaining trump.

The result is the same if East plays the ten of diamonds on the first round of the suit. West takes the queen with the king but, as your ◆A-9 is now a tenace; you will still be able to hold your diamond losers to one if West returns a diamond.

You should also thank West for not leading a trump. It destroys the entries necessary to bring off the above elimination and endplay on the illustrative layout.

TEAMS PROGRESS

NCC

Place	Name	Score
1	Travis	73
2	Otvosi	71
3	Ali	70
4	Markey	68
5	Bremner- Moore	68
6	Puskas	66
7	Collins	65
8	Szalay	64
9	Brown	63
10	Haffer	61
11	Noble	61
12	Hart	60
13	Sebestyen	59
14	Maltby	59
15	Brockwell	59
16	Ewart	59
17	Gal	59
18	Fallon	59
19	McManus	57
20	Finikiotis	57
21	Milward	57
22	Thompson	56
23	Murray	56
24	Wawn	55
25	Jedrychowski	55
26	Dobes	54
27	Giura	55
28	Clapp	55
29	Leach	55
30	Mellings	55

RYDGES

Place	Name	Score
1	Marston	68
2	Brogeland	68
3	Morrison	67
4	Ziggy	66
5	Lester	65
6	Penline	64
7	Chrapot	64
8	Cummings	62
9	Prince	62
10	Tuxworth	62
11	Nixon	62
12	Hutton	61
13	Solomon	60
14	Burgess	60
15	Strong	58
16	Lusk	57
17	Jamieson	57
18	Francis	57
19	Sullivan	57
20	Beauchamp	56
21	Quittner	56
22	Yovich	56
23	Mottram	55
24	Gardiner	55
25	Douglas	55
26	Clark	55
27	Jeffery	55
28	Dewhurst	55
29	Wurth	54
30	Scudder	54

DATUMS RYDGES ROUND 1

Board Score -1200 -580 -420 -100 -140 -310 -130 -560

ROUND 2

Board	Score
1	90
2	-70
3	-580
4	100
5	-490
6	-600
7	-150
8	-10
9	-160
10	180
11	50
12	-50
13	-400
14	60
15	1130
16	-600
17	-10
18	150
19	640
20	-80

ROUND 3

1	-510
2	180
3	-970
4	10
5	30
6	10
7	440
8	-30
9	460
10	590
11	-340
12	290
13	-110
14	-410
15	60
16	180
17	-350
18	-350
19	-1260
20	620

NCC

1 -1360	٦
2 70	
3 -560	
4 30	
5 -410	
6 130	
7 60	
8 -30	
9 -270	
10 -180	
11 280	
12 660	
13 -610	
14 30	
15 40	
16 -10	
17 0	
18 70	
19 120	

1	100
2	50
3	-660
4	50
5	-590
6	-630
7	-110
8	160
9	-120
10	260
11	120
12	-30
13	-480
14	140
15	980
16	-370
17	90
18	60
19	510
20	-20

1	-600
2	110
3	-640
4	-10
5	0
6	0
7	510
8	-110
9	450
10	430
11	-440
12	440
13	20
14	-430
15	80
16	270
17	-290
18	-290
19	-930
20	600



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