# Thursday January 26th 2006

### **Session Times**

**Thursday** 

11 am 3 pm

Friday

10 am

1.30 pm

8 pm

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# Tim Bourke's Problem

8. HEX

Dealer South; Neither Vul.

**NORTH** 

◆ 9 8 5 2

♥Q53

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ K 10

SOUTH

**A** A Q

♥ A K J 10 7 4

**♦** A

♣ A 7 5 4

West	North	East	South 2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
All Pass			

North's first response promised 8-10 points and once you discovered the heart fit there seems little point in not bidding the slam immediately. How do you plan to make twelve tricks after West leads a trump and East follows?

# The Unlucky Double Game Swing

By David Hoffman

Dealer: S Vul: Nil		<ul><li>♠ 6 5 4</li><li>♥ Q J 10 9 3</li><li>♦ A Q 7 5</li><li>♣ 7</li></ul>	3	Team	s 5/11
<ul><li>AJ2</li><li>▼5</li><li>◆963</li><li>AJ10943</li></ul>		<ul><li>1083</li><li>AK764</li><li>4</li><li>KQ5</li></ul>	2	<ul><li>★ K C</li><li>▼ 8</li><li>◆ K J</li><li>♣ 8 6</li></ul>	1082
West	North		East		South 1H
2C end	4C		Р		4H

4C was a splinter.

Opener cashed the Ace of clubs and switched to a diamond, allowing the unmakeable game to score an overtrick.

During the score-up, our teammates call out +450, equating to a 14 imp gain. It is only during the post-mortem that it transpires that the defence was identical at the other table – the board was rotated between tables.

While obviously we cannot benefit, one feels that relief to the opponents should be tempered by some "Defenders' Penalty". Unfortunately, I was unable to convince any director of the virtues of this idea.

Yesterday I included a Boye Brogeland hand and subsequently received an article from David Stern about it. I have to admit that David's was the vastly superior effort. Fortunately, David has submitted another.

# Beware Swindlers About By David Stern

When we go shopping we sometimes see signs saying "watch your belongings thieves operate in this area". Well people, I am here to tell you that when playing bridge beware there are swindlers about!

Mercifully all of my dealings with my team-mates, Espen Erichsen and Boye Brogeland, have been honest and painless. In the future I will be a little more wary as this hand from round 7 will show:

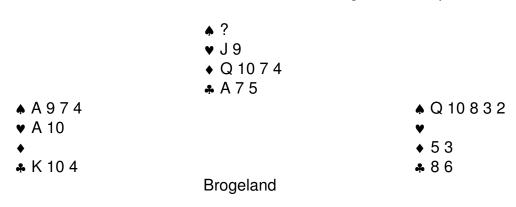
Dealer:	S	<b>•</b> F		Teams 7/15
Vul: NS	;		J 9 4 2 A Q 10 7 4 7 5	
<ul><li>A A 9 7</li><li>V A K 1</li><li>◆ 9</li><li>A K 10</li></ul>	0 7			<ul><li>♠ Q 10 8 3 2</li><li>♥ Q 6</li><li>♦ 5 3 2</li><li>♣ 8 6 3</li></ul>
		♦ ł	65 853 < J 86 A Q J 9	
West	North	East	South	
1C 3D <sup>2</sup> Pass	1D Pass Pass	1S Pass Pass	Pass 2S <sup>1</sup> 3S	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1 & 2</sup> Constructive raises in partner's suit

At score-up we ruefully announced +100 defending 2Ntand when we analysed that we could make 4S, marking this as a lost board.

"Plus fifty" say our team mates – I think well they must have misplayed 4S. I glance down at their card and see that the contract was 3S. "A revoke" I ask – "no" says Espen Erichsen "a small swindle" as he recounts the defence.

The opening lead of the CQ was ducked by declarer and was followed by a heart switch won in dummy and dummy's singleton diamond won by North's Ace. Tuned into what was happening North continued hearts. No follow declarer's thoughts – with 22 points missing and the opponents allowing us to play at the three level it was likely that the points were divided with North holding DA and DQ and CA and South the DK and CQ-J. It therefore looked "certain" that South held the SK or at least the SJ so declarer confidently played the SQ believing that he needed just one of the two honours to be in the South hand in what he thought was this position:



When the queen lost to the SK the defence promptly took the club ace and A club ruff.

The key issue on this hand was to make one spade trick before taking the ruff as declarer would play SA dropping the now bare SK

So next time you shake hands with the our Norwegian friends remember to count your fingers.

# ~ PENNY'S BLANKET RAFFLE ~

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### **HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

### **International Class**

Board 10 in the eighth round caused all sorts of mayhem. Two of the top international pairs had somewhat differing outcomes.

Dealer: E ♠ QJ9743 Teams 8/10 **v** 10 Vul: All ♦ 732 **\*** 743 **A** A 8 6 **♦** 5 ♥ J865432 **♥** A ♦ KQ1095 ◆ A J 6 ♣ K852 **496 ♦** K 10 2 ▼ K Q 9 7 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A Q J 10

I watched the board at the table where Jacek Pszczola and Marek Szymanowski were playing Jeff Travis and Russell Harms.

Russell opened a 2D multi as East and Marek bid 2NT. Jeff decided to await developments and Jacek put in 3H – obviously an intended transfer but not alerted by Marek. Perhaps because he was on a different wavelength as he demonstrated by raising to the heart game.

At this point, Russell thought that bridge was a pretty good game...but Jeff had a bright idea. Jacek's got hearts, Marek's got hearts so Russell must have spades! Russell's heart was gladdened by Jeff's 4S bid. But not half as mush as Jacek's heart was! When Jacek doubled to admit to some doubts as to the viability of this contract Russell could only agree with this assessment and despite Marek lurking behind him with a strong no trump and raise to 4H, Russell opted for 5H. 500 was a fairly cheap result.

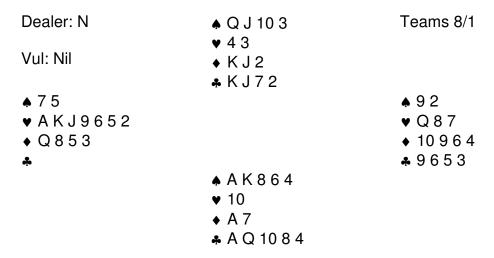
New Zealand's Mike Cornell and Ashley Bach were in tandem with Britain's John Armstrong and Brian Callaghan on this set. Against Ash and Mike, East chose to open 3H which would not, I suspect, be to everybody's taste. West decided that he had a game raise and when South doubled this, he sent it straight back. The same 9 tricks as Russell led to a 400 penalty which Ash and Mike assessed as a pick up.

#### However....

In the other room, Brian opened 2D and South overcalled 2NT. West doubled and North tried a transfer with 3H. Brian anticipated Russell's trap and doubled this so that John would not assume that Brian had spades. This ran back to North who bid 3S and John hit this on the way out.

Brian led the 9 of clubs which declarer finessed to John's King and John returned the suit to dummy. When a small spade was played, John stepped in quickly with his Ace and cashed the Ace of hearts. Brian viewed this card with some distaste and played the 8 – trying to send two simultaneous messages – I have an odd number , obviously seven, and please switch to a diamond. The messages were lost in the ether and, to declarer's surprise and delight, John gave Brian a club ruff. As can be seen there was one tiny flaw in this plan and –1130 was the result.

Mike Cornell and John had some other moments during the day. First up a Cornell solo flight



Mike and Ashley had efficiently bid their way to 6C by South. But Mike is a Hideous Hog clone and decided to collect the 2 extra imps by converting to 6S. Sadly this was to be played by North after an auction which had left no doubt as to North-South's club fit. Even the barman on the floor below wanted to lead a club = -50 instead of +920.

Earlier in the day, the Armstrong-Cornell combination had struck.

Dealer: S	<b>♠</b> A 9 8	Teams 7 / 7
	▼ A K Q 3	
Vul: All	♦ Q7432	
	<b>.</b> 6	
<b>♦</b> K 3 2		♠ J 10 7 5 4
♥		<b>♥</b> 7652
♦ K 9 5		<b>♦</b> J 6
♣ A K J 8 7 5 4		<b>4</b> 9 3
	<b>♠</b> Q 6	
	♥ J 10 9 8 4	
	♦ A 10 8	
	♣ Q 10 2	

South opened with a multi 2D and John doubled. North leapt to 4H, pass or correct and Mike put in the Hesitation Coup. He thought for long enough to

ensure that John couldn't bid if Mike passed and so he decided that he, himself, had better bid. 4S was is highly unrepresentative description of his hand. John really liked his hand now and bid 6C! The facing of dummy caused a certain amount of coarse laughter.

Mike was most impressed that this grotesque contract had not been doubled. He decided that this was out of respect for the fearsome aspect of the Armstrong-Cornell partnership. For my part, I think it more likely that, as John was declarer, the lack of a double was merely an extension of the long standing tradition whereby Australians treat Englishmen with charity, courtesy and consideration for their finer feelings.

In all fairness, I must point out that insanity is not genetic. Watch Mike's sister, Linda Stern, go to work on this one

Dealer: N ♠ QJ103 **♥** 43 Vul: Nil ♦ KJ2 ♣ KJ72 **♦**92 **↑** 75 ♥ AKJ9652 ♥ Q87 ♦ Q853 ♦ 10964 **4** 9653 **A** A K 8 6 4 **v** 10 ♦ A 7 ♣ A Q 10 8 4

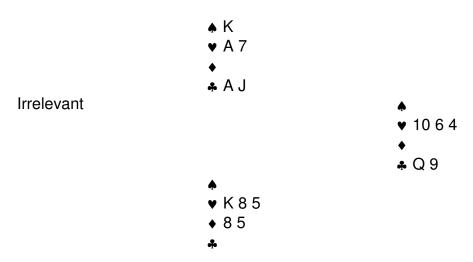
Ishmael DelMonte had reached 6S from South. Linda led...the 2 of hearts!

#### Pressure Points

Siggy Konig squeezed his way to 12 tricks on this one

Dealer: N	<b>♠</b> K Q 6 5	Teams 8/17
	<b>♥</b> AJ7	
Vul: Nil	<b>♦</b> 76	
	♣ AJ32	
<b>♦</b> 874		♠ 10 9 3
<b>♥</b> 9 2		♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ Q 10 9 4 3 2		♦ J
<b>.</b> 87		♣Q9654
	<b>♠</b> AJ2	
	▼ K 8 5 3	
	♦ A K 8 5	
	<b>♣</b> K 10	

Siggy was in 6NT and even after the helpful lead of a club could still count only 11 tricks. He tried the finesse of the Jack of hearts without success and a second club was played to his King. Siggy cashed his top diamonds and the spades to bring about this position at trick 9



And the King of spades finished off East.

On the next Paul Wyer squeezed North out of both a card and the information necessary to make his contract.

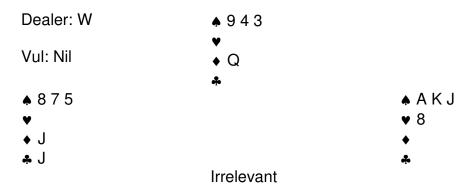
Dealer: W	<b>♦</b> 9 4 3	Teams 8 / 8
	<b>♥</b> 43	
Vul: Nil	<ul><li>◆ Q 9 8 6 2</li></ul>	
	<b>4</b> 10 7 5	
<b>♦</b> 875		♠ A K J 10 6
<b>♥</b> A 6		▼ K Q 8 2
♦ K J 10 5		♦ A 4
♣AQJ6		<b>.</b> K 9
	♠ Q 2	
	<b>♥</b> J 10 9 7 5	
	<b>♦</b> 73	
	<b>*</b> 8 4 3 2	

When New Zealand Youth player, John Whyte, played this, he was propelled to 7NT by mentor Richard Solomon.

John received the unhelpful lead of a club. He decided that there had to be a squeeze somewhere, having menaces in three suits so he cashed the Ace and King of spades ...and the sun came out.

Paul's play was rather more interesting. He received a small diamond lead which gave him his eleventh trick and tightened up the eventual squeeze position.

Paul cashed 3 top hearts and the Ace and King of diamonds. He then went to work on the clubs and, by trick 10, this position was left



By now Paul had seen both players follow to 3 clubs, North show out on the third heart, South show out on the third diamond. The hand shapes were thus proven to be

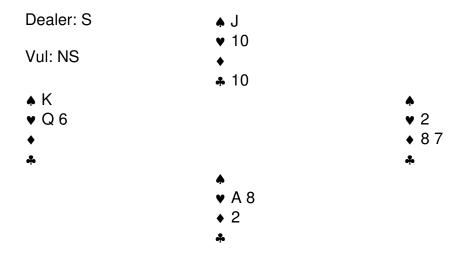
North: 
$$2-2-5-4$$
 or  $3-2-5-3$  and South:  $3-5-2-3$  or  $2-5-2-4$ 

He cashed the Jack of clubs and North discarded a spade. The first cases above were now true and the Queen of spades MUST be coming down as the remaining spades are 2-2.

A board in round 5 saw declarers take a variety of lines in 5C – some successful and some otherwise. For squeeze freaks, Mike Prescott's will have the most appeal.

Dealer: S	♠ J 7 5 4 2	Teams 5 /15
Vul: NS	♥ K 10 9 4 ♦ ♣ K 10 9 4	
♠ AKQ963		<b>▲</b> 108
♥ Q653		<b>♥</b> J 2
<b>♦</b> 5 4		♦ AK8763
<b>.</b> 7		<b>♣</b> J82
	<b>^</b>	
	<b>♥</b> A 8 7	
	♦ QJ1092	
	A Q 6 5 3	

Mike was South and received the Ace of spades lead, ruffed in hand. He passed the Queen of diamonds to East and ruffed the second spade. The Jack of diamonds went to the King and a heart was returned which Mike let run to dummy's King. He cashed the King of clubs and played a club to the Queen and took the Ace of trumps. He then cashed 2 top diamonds to bring about



The ruff of the last diamond squeezed West in the majors.

# Not What, But How

By Don and Margaret Pryde

Dealer: N	<b>4</b> 10 9 5 4	Teams 6/1
	<b>♥</b> K 7 5	
Vul: Nil	♦ 985	
	<b>4</b> 6 4 3	
<b>♠</b> Q		♠ A 8 7 6 3 2
♥ 8 6		<b>♥</b> 10
♦ QJ764		♦ K 3
<b>♣</b> KQJ98		♣ A 10 7 2
	<b>∧</b> K J	
	▼ A Q J 9 4 3 2	
	♦ A 10 2	
	<b>*</b> 5	

## The auction:

West	North	East	South
	Р	1S	2H
3D	Р	3S	4H
end			

West led the Queen of spades and, when East played the Ace, declarer smoothly dropped his King. East promptly switched to the Ace and another club, the latter ruffed in hand. Two rounds of hearts enabled declarer to cash three spade tricks and claim.

East's dilemma was the location of the last spade. He opted for the comparative "safety" of playing for where his partner's points must be. It isn't always the card you play but rather how you play it which pays off. South's smooth King of spades did the job this time.

## **Percentage Choice**

Dennis Yovich enjoyed this one from round 7.

Dealer: E Teams 7 / 2 **A** A K 8 6 5 ♥ J8432 Vul: NS ♦ K 6 5 **4** 7 ♠ QJ932 **♥** K 10 7 **•** 9 ♦ QJ832 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ J864 **4** 10 3 2 **4** ♥ AQ65 ◆ 9 4 ♣ AKQ975

Dennis is playing with TP Ranasinghe a recent emigrant from Auckland. Playing with TP, you don't miss many slams. (You may not make all you bid, but you WILL bid them)

So it proved on this one where Dennis declared 6H. After a spade lead the choice seemed to be between a heart finesse and playing for a 4-3 club break. Dennis went with the latter.

The 7 of spades was led and dummy's Ace took the trick. He played a trump to the Ace and cashed the 3 top clubs, pitching all of dummy's diamonds. At this point, he gave up a trick to the King of hearts (feeling good about not finessing) and took the heart return in hand. He ruffed a club on table and cashed the King of spades, discarding a diamond from the closed hand. He used his last trump to ruff a small spade and cashed the last 2 clubs. Finally he ruffed a diamond with the thirteenth heart.

# Bridge Across the Tasman

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

#### SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE"S PROBLEM

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◆ 9 8 5 2

        ♥Q53
        ♦ K 9 8 6
        ♣ K 10
♦ KJ64
                 ★ 10 7 3
♥986
                 ¥ 2
♦ Q J 5 4 2
                    ♦ 10 7 3
♣ 6
                 ♣QJ9832
        A A Q
        ♥ A K J 10 7 4
        ♦ A
        ♣ A 7 5 4
```

This is an easy hand, provided you don't rush. After winning the trump lead in hand, unblock the ace of diamonds, cross to dummy with the king of clubs and discard the queen of spades on the king of diamonds. All that is now required is to manage clubs for one loser.

Making your second play in clubs a lead to the ace will result in a debacle on the layout shown above. West ruffs the ace of clubs and returns a trump, leaving you with two club losers and only one trump to cover them. So slam will fail.

The safety play is to duck the second round of clubs! After that the defenders are without recourse. Even if West ruffs his partner's club winner, so that he can play another trump, you will still have a trump left in dummy to ruff your remaining club loser.

When I showed this hand to the leading British writer David Bird he observed that the trump opening lead was a good choice. "Many players would have led the singleton club but there is little point in this. West has seven points himself and can hardly expect his partner to hold an ace when the opponents are in a slam."

After an initial club lead you survive even if the ace of clubs is ruffed and a trump is returned to your ace, because there are still two trumps in dummy to deal with both of your remaining clubs.

#### **BOBBY MCGEE'S BUFFET AT RYDGES**

#### Thursday

Cream of mushroom soup

Bakers presentation of farmhouse white, wholemeal and sourdough rolls

Roast leg of pork with braised apple and prunes

Garlic scented mash

Summer vegetable medley

Trio of summer salads

Apple and wildberry crumble with brandy custard

Fresh fruit platter

### Stillborn

By David Lusk

Two great plays, both involving the heart suit, were stillborn when partner didn't get the gag.

Dealer: W Vul: NS	<b>*</b>	K93 Q763 KQ95 A2		Teams 4/12
↑74 ▼AK542 ↑AJ842 ♣8	* *	A Q J 2		♠ 10 8 6 5 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 9 7 3
West 1H 3D	North P 3NT		East 2H end	South X

The 10 of hearts was led and Sartaj Hans, realising that there was a blockage problem, ducked the Jack of hearts. When declarer called for a small diamond, he rose with the Ace and and led a further small heart. Declarer could not discern whether the opening lead was from K 10 9 or 10 9 8, so he played low. A bemused East took the 8 and ... switched to a spade.

Dealer: S	<b>♠</b> 10 5 4	Teams 6 / 6
	<b>♥</b> A K Q 10 7	
Vul: EW	♦ K 9 4	
	<b>♣</b> 5 2	
<b>A</b> A K J		<b>♠</b> Q
<b>♥</b> 6		<b>♥</b> 95432
♦ J 10 8 6 3		♦ A Q 5 2
<b>♣</b> J 9 8 3		♣ A 10 4
	987632	
	<b>♥</b> J 8	
	<b>•</b> 7	
	♣ K Q 7 6	

After East had opened 1H, West declared 3NT. Stan Klofa (North) led the seven of hearts – the only card to beat 3NT. South scored her Jack and, not believing that fortune was smiling, switched to a spade!

## **Triple Compression**

Ryszard Jedrichowski could only watch and wonder as declarer went from 10 tricks to 7 on this one from round 3

Dealer: W	<b>♦</b> A 7 5	Teams 3 / 20
	<b>♥</b> A J 10 9	
Vul: All	♦ AJ2	
	<b>♣</b> K Q 10	
<b>♦</b> J 10 4 3		♠ K 8 6 2
<b>♥</b> Q 5		<b>♥</b> K 8 4 3
<b>♦</b> 754		♦ K 8 6
<b>4</b> 9 7 6 2		<b>♣</b> J 3
	<b>♠</b> Q 9	
	<b>♥</b> 762	
	♦ Q 10 9 3	
	♣ A 8 5 4	

South was playing 3NT on the lead of the 3 of spades. The King took this trick and a second spade was taken by declarer's Queen. A finesse of the 9 of hearts was allowed to stand. Now at this point, if declarer gives up a trick to the King of diamonds then he will have 2 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and 3 clubs. However...

He played the 10 of hearts off dummy to West's Queen. The 10 of spades was taken by the Ace and declarer cashed the Ace of hearts but the King failed to appear. Now he cashed the King and Queen of clubs and, although the Jack dropped, the communication necessary to enjoy both the Ace and 10 was lacking.

Declarer, therefore, overtook the 10 of clubs with the Ace and finally conceded a diamond to the King. East cashed the other red King and played a spade to partner's Jack enabling the 9 of clubs to be cashed for 2 off.

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# DATUMS RYDGES ROUND 7

# ROUND 8

# **ROUND 9**

Board	Score	
1	10	
2	500	
3	260	
4	670	
5	80	
6	140	
7	370	
8	-450	
9	-600	
10	640	
11	50	
12	-420	
13	-1080	
14	540	
15	-100	
16	-100	
17	-340	
18	180	
19	420	
20	-120	

Board	Score		
1	760		
2	-380		
3	350		
4	700		
5	470		
6	340		
7	1700		
8	-1000		
9	-60		
10	-10		
11	420		
12	70		
13	-470		
14	60		
15	680		
16	-140		
17	230		
18	150		
19	400		
20	-10		

Board	Score	
1	470	
2	-130	
3	120	
4	70	
5	-350	
6	200	
7	580	
8	-290	
9	510	
10	70	
11	100	
12	-240	
13	170	
14	460	
15	210	
16	-80	
17	330	
18	-50	
19	50	
20	260	

# NCC

Board	Score	
1	10	
2	500	
3	260	
4	670	
5	80	
6	140	
7	370	
8	-450	
9	-600	
10	640	
11	50	
12	-420	
13	-1080	
14	540	
15	-100	
16	-100	
17	-340	
18	180	
19	420	
20	-120	

Board	Score	
1	780	
2	-440	
3	410	
4	710	
5	500	
6	380	
7	1830	
8	-930	
9	130	
10	-60	
11	210	
12	80	
13	-570	
14	50	
15	680	
16	-270	
17	400	
18	160	
19	450	
20	-290	

Board	Score
1	460
2	-90
3	70
4	110
5	-430
6	350
7	620
8	-370
9	320
10	40
11	70
12	-360
13	140
14	410
15	290
16	-100
17	230
18	-40
19	90
20	310

NCC

#### **RYDGES**

Place	Name	Score	Place	Name	Score
1	Markey	185	1	Marston	183
2	Otvosi	182	2	Brogeland	178
3	McManus	178	3	Bourke	177
4	Ewart	172	4	Nixon	169
5	Noble	169	5	Cummings	169
6	Jedrychowski	166	6	Gardiner	167
7	Reynolds	165	7	Penline	166
8	Dobes	164	8	Burgess	165
9	Travis	161	9	Neill	164
10	Brown	161	10	Morrison	161
11	Giura	159	11	Lusk	161
12	Szalay	158	12	Francis	159
13	Milward	158	13	Wurth	159
14	Ridgway	157	14	Lester	159
15	Bremner-Moore	157	15	Ziggy	156

Section leaders at Rydges (Sorry, I don't have the NCC leaders)

Zone 7 Teams - Genc

Mixed Teams - Cummings

Womens Teams - Carmichael

Veterans Teams - Carmichael (yes, same team)

Seniors Teams – Carmichael (boring, isn't it?)

Country Teams - Francis

Novice Teams - Schoen

Local Teams - Van Vucht