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Friday, January 19

Session Times

Friday

10 am

1.30 pm

Last Train session times may be different

Saturday

11am

3pm

7.30pm

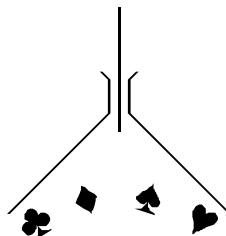
Bus Times

Friday 19/1/07

Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:00	Hellenic Club
James Court	9:05	
University House	9:15	
Crowne Plaza	9:25	
Rydges Lakeside	9:30	
Hellenic Club	16:15	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites
Hellenic Club	19:45	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites

Saturday 20/1/07

Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:45	Hellenic Club
James Court	9:50	
University House	10:00	
Crowne Plaza	10:05	
Rydges Lakeside	10:10	
Hellenic Club	22:10	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites



Tim Bourke's Problem

3. BLACK DAY

Dealer West. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ 9 5

♥ 10 9 4

♦ A K 7 6 3

♣ K 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 6 4 3 2

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	4 ♠

All pass

West leads the king of hearts against this sound looking contract and East follows with the two. You win the trick with the ace and lay down the ace of trumps. Alas, West discards a heart. Given that hearts are certain to be 7-1, is there any hope for a tenth trick as East almost certainly has the ace of clubs?



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Bidding Problems

Three bidding problems for you. (I'll give you a clue : they are not unrelated.)

1) You hold

♠ A K J 10 8 4 2 ♥ K J 7 ♦ A K ♣ K

At nil vul, your rho opens 5♣. Your move?

2) You hold

♠ ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ Q J ♣ A Q J 9 5 4 2

Sitting North at nil vul, the auction develops :

W	N	E	S
	2C	x	5C
/	/	5S	/
/	?		

Your move?

3) You hold

♠ 9 7 6 5 3 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ 10 8 6 4 2 ♣

Sitting West at nil vul, the auction develops :

W	N	E	S
	2C	x	5C
/	/	5S	/
/	6C	x	/
?			

Your move?

1) Stephen Burgess is a strong advocate of the proposition that with a 7 carder and a 4 carder, in first position or second after a pass, then you should open game, at least, in your long suit. Certainly a Burgess 5C will pose a problem for East on this hand. There seems to be no sensible way to investigate slam and the auction is liable to stop in 5S.

2) At the table I watched the auction developed as given. And North had to decide. He tried 6C, I'm not

sure whether this was to make or a sacrifice. DeepFinesse suggests that it is going 3 down for -500 after the formality of a double – not a big deal against the 450 for 5S. However,

3) West had given some thought before passing 5S and, given a second bite at the cherry, he didn't miss again.

Dan Hohor (West) and Traian Chira racked up a nice 980 against Paul Marston and Mike Prescott.

	♠	
	♥ A952	
	♦ QJ	
	♣ AQJ9542	
♠ 97653		♠ AKJ10842
♥ Q63		♥ KJ7
♦ 108642		♦ AK
♣		♣ K
	♠ Q	
	♥ 1084	
	♦ 9753	
	♣ 108763	

Perhaps, the most bizarre auction on the hand was courtesy of Siggy Konig and Jim Wallis.

W	N	E	S
	1H	x	/
/	4C	4NT	/
5C	/	5S	

Jim's 1H showed 4 hearts and a longer minor. Siggy's first pass was weak and 4C showed big clubs. Over this East tried Blackwood and subsided in 5.

I'm told that Michael Courtney tried a Burgess 5C and this met with 5S which West raised immediately to slam. Michael decided that his opening had made them guess and they had guessed wrong – he indicated as much with a resounding double. -1460 did not add too much to the Courtneyimps total.

Last Train to the Menagerie

Victor Mollo would have felt very much at home in the Last Train on Thursday morning as various players tried to emulate his creations. The Rueful Rabbit was a popular role. However, the Rabbit's Guardian Angel was on holiday and the various aspirants to RR-dom failed to reach the happy ending which dogged the prototype.

The very unusual single suit cross-ruff which eventuated was not their fault.

Paul Marston and Michael Prescott set the scene for our first pretender with some systemic confusion although the very unusual single suit cross-ruff which eventuated was not their fault.

♠ A32 ♥ Q8 ♦ AJ82 ♣ K1092	♠ J6 ♥ AK94 ♦ 543 ♣ 8643	♠ 984 ♥ 65 ♦ KQ976 ♣ Q75
	♠ KQ1075 ♥ J10732 ♦ 10 ♣ AJ	

Dealer N, EW vul

Michael opened 1S after 2 passes and Paul alerted this and explained it as 9 to 14, with at least 4 diamonds. West overcalled 2C and Paul raised to 3D. With some measure of desperation, Michael tried 3S but Paul was there again with a diamond raise. Having heard Paul's misexplanation, Michael knew that this was going to be bad but ethically he had no choice but to pass.

Dan Hohor and Traian Chira were both admiring their trump holdings and probably entertaining hopes of beating 4D. A small club was led to the Queen and Ace and Paul cashed the top hearts. A spade to the King and Ace set the scene for about 6 down which seemed

likely to eventuate when Dan cashed the club King and played a trump to Traian's Queen – 2 more trumps would enable the remaining clubs to be cashed and declarer can only take one more spade trick. Traian, however, cashed the Queen of clubs on which Paul pitched a spade. The 9 of spades was taken by the Queen and, when Paul played the 10 of spades, Traian ruffed. Then, in best RR tradition, he immediately continued spades for Dan

to ruff. The director settled on 2 off as a result though –100 probably did not materially assist the Marston-Prescott score with the heart game on offer.

The next would-be Rabbit tried his hand at misplacing a card. The Guardian Angel was watching Anna Sharapova, however, and another disaster ensued.

♠ Q108 ♥ 103 ♦ Q ♣ AK109863	♠ 653 ♥ AK86 ♦ A9 ♣ Q752
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The auction reached 3NT played by East on a diamond lead.

Declarer assessed his assets and found them very palatable. He took the lead with his Ace and claimed his 10 tricks – 7 clubs, 2 hearts and a diamond – no problem.

Well, there was one tiny problem as can be seen on the layout below which was the actual deal before RR sorted the East cards.

♠ AQ108 ♥ 103 ♦ Q ♣ K109863	♠ K92 ♥ J742 ♦ KJ84 ♣ AJ	♠ 653 ♥ AK86 ♦ A9 ♣ Q752
	♠ J74 ♥ Q95 ♦ 1076532 ♣ 4	

Mollo's Rabbit also had a propensity for playing 2 cards at once. Kieran Crowe-Mai was the beneficiary of this piece of mis-presdigation.

10 7 of trumps towards dummy's ♦8. 2Dx making.

And then we had Siggy Konig aspiring for the Secretary Bird's role. Siggy fully

Mollo's original was immortalised for his ability to invoke the letter of the law and, in so doing, bring about his own destruction.

♠ Q10654	♠ 3	♠ J97
♥ Q872	♥ 963	♥ AK4
♦ J4	♦ Q965	♦ K1073
♣ 108	♣ Q9642	♣ AK5
	♠ AK82	
	♥ J105	
	♦ A82	
	♣ J73	

reached the standard of the Emeritus Professor. Mollo's original was immortalised for his ability to invoke the letter of the law and, in so doing, bring about his own destruction.

♠ KJ1083	♠ 764	♠ AQ92
♥ A5	♥ J7642	♥ Q93
♦ 85	♦ 7	♦ QJ3
♣ Q1053	♣ AJ84	♣ K62
	♠ 5	
	♥ K108	
	♦ AK109642	
	♣ 97	

East opened 1NT and, after a 2 suited overcall from Kieran in the pass-out seat, the auction limped to a halt with Kieran at the wheel in 2Dx.

A trump was led to declarer's Queen and Kieran pushed out his spade. East played the J9 quinella. These were taken on table and a club was played to the 9 and King. Perforce, East played his spade penalty card, taken on table. The Jack of clubs collected the 10 and Ace and East chose to exit with the King of diamonds in this position.

Siggy and Jim Wallis were South and North respectively. The opposition reached 3S and Jim led his singleton diamond. Siggy cashed his diamond tops and played a third diamond. Declarer ruffed and Jim under-ruffed – you see he KNEW that declarer would follow suit. For the Rueful Rabbit, this would, of course, be crowned with glory as a carefully conceived Hideous Hog squeeze or endplay would be destroyed by the under-ruff. This was more mundane – it enabled declarer to draw trumps in 2 rounds instead of 3. Declarer played a club to the Queen and Ace and Jimmy continued the suit with the 4. 6 from South and the 9 from Siggy. At this point declarer got the 3 of clubs virtually onto the table before it was withdrawn and replaced by the 10.

♠ Q1065	♠	♠ 7
♥ Q872	♥ 963	♥ AK4
♦	♦ 96	♦ K107
♣	♣ Q64	♣ 5
	♠ 82	
	♥ J105	
	♦ A8	
	♣ 7	

Now a spade ruffed saw Kieran in hand and ready to push clubs through East's

The Secretary Bird struck. The director established the facts and ruled, under

Law 45, that the 3 had been played. So Siggys was on lead in this position:

	♠	
	♥ J764	
	♦	
	♣ J8	
♠ J10 ♥ A5 ♦ ♣ 105		♠ Q9 ♥ Q93 ♦ ♣ K
	♠	
	♥ K108	
	♦ 964	
	♣	

And he could destroy the defence either by leading up to the Queen of hearts or by conceding a ruff/sluff.

Then Jimmy took the stage, needless to say, in the role of the Hog himself. The Hideous Hog is the ultimate bridge pragmatist. No bid or play is bad if it

Dealing is the best part of partner's game – and we're using predealt boards.

works. Rules are made to be broken. The best part of partner's game is dealing – and we're using predealt boards.

For years, Jimmy has drummed 2 rules into Siggys for leading against slams – NEVER lead a trump, ALWAYS lead an Ace. And then came board 21.

Jim was sitting North admiring

♠ J 7 ♥ A J 10 8 ♦ Q 9 7 6 5 ♣ 9 7.

A convoluted auction ensued :

W	N	E	S
		1D	1H
2C	/	2D	/
2H	/	2S	/
4C	/	5C	/
6C			

Siggys 1H showed either a heart opener or a sub-opener with any other single suiter

Now was the time for HH to put his rules into action...

Out came a trump to devastating effect

	♠ J7	
	♥ AJ108	
	♦ Q9765	
	♣ 97	
♠ A ♥ KQ542 ♦ ♣ AKQJ843		♠ Q1086 ♥ 7 ♦ AKJ842 ♣ 65
	♠ K95432	
	♥ 963	
	♦ 103	
	♣ 102	

Now declarer can neither ruff a heart nor reach those juicy diamond honours. Kieran Crowe-Mai also found a trump lead after a more intelligible auction.

One declarer managed to avoid the trump lead but had a wee whoopsie and went down anyway.

The spade lead was taken in hand a SMALL heart was played to North's 8. A trump came back and declarer again played a small heart to dummy's ruff but there was still a heart unaccounted for in declarer's hand. If he plays the King of hearts at trick 2, North must cover and now, with the Queen of hearts established, one ruff and 2 pitches on diamonds are enough. Even the King of hearts on the second round of the suit would do, provided declarer was willing to take the ruffing finesse.

Tim Bourke's Problem SOLUTION

When East has the ace of clubs, you must rely on his having no more than four diamonds:

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

After drawing two more rounds trumps with the king and queen, you should play the ace and king of diamonds and discard a heart from hand. Then, after ruffing the third round of diamonds, you put East on play with a trump.

When East wins and plays a top diamond you will discard a club from hand. Then he must lead away from the ace of clubs and dummy's king will be your tenth trick.

Senior Moments

Jus to prove that the Last Train is not the last refuge of bizarre events, we have these 2 Senior Moments.

First a play problem for you. How do you play

K 10 4 facing J 7 5 2 as your trump suit for 4 tricks?

Gabby Lorentz managed this problem in the fifth session of the Senior Teams.

Hand 18 from afternoon of Thursday, 18th

♠KT4 ♥KT953 ♦A62 ♣K5	♠Q6 ♥J8 ♦J9843 ♣AT86
♠A983 ♥Q7642 ♦7 ♣QJ9	♠J752 ♥A ♦KQT5 ♣7432

Dealer E, Vul NS

Gabby and John reached 3S played by Gabby as South. The Queen of clubs was led, covered and taken by the Ace. A club was returned to the Jack and the 9 of spades was continued by West. Small from dummy and East ducked to Gabby's Jack. Declarer tried the 2 of spades and West flew the Ace. East discarded a diamond!

West continued a spade and North's King dropped the Queen. It also exposed the revoke and so the one trick which the defence had taken in trumps was returned to Gabby by the director.

In the same set this one cropped up at the giddy heights of table 1.

♠AJT96 ♥J8 ♦QT64 ♣98	♠K843 ♥K5 ♦K52 ♣K763
♠7 ♥AQT743 ♦87 ♣AT54	♠Q52 ♥962 ♦AJ93 ♣QJ2

Dealer W, Vul ALL

West opened 1H and North overcalled 1S. So did East!

The director asked South if he wanted to accept this and, not surprisingly, South declined. The director now explained to East that he could make any legal call except double but his partner was barred from the rest of the auction.

East decided to shoot the 9 trick game and, after some thought, South doubled.

The 5 of spades was led, which North covered with the 9, to enable declarer to score his King. At this point, of course, declarer can take 6 hearts and 2 clubs to make a nice total of 9. However, what was South doing doubling when 9 tricks were there for the taking? Declarer saw through South's motivations – he must have 4 hearts to the Jack.. Declarer cashed the King of hearts and finessed the 10 of hearts.

Oh dear. 9 declarer tricks had just turned into 9 defensive tricks.

Summer Festival

OPEN LAST TRAIN Round 4 - 2007

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	N Giura, N Hughes	81	106
2	A Simpson, T Antoff	78	80
3	I Del'Monte, V Demuy	74	82
4	S Konig, J Wallis	73	54
5	N Dutton, M Merven	71	64
6	M Courtney, B Dalley	70	41
7	P Rogers, A Clark	69	38
8	E Urbach, P Sherman	66	25
9	P Marston, M Prescott	65	23
10	J Ebery, C Snashall	65	21
11	D Beauchamp, E Barnes	64	21
12	M Bookallil, S Fischer	64	18
13	P Ciszak, M Kolodziejczyk	64	16
14	D McLeish, P McLeish	63	8
15	P Livesey, M Pemberton	62	5
16	N Ewart, B Howe	61	10
17	M Whibley, F Rew	61	8
18	K Morrison, K Crowe-Mai	60	0
19	A Squirrel, D McDonald	60	-2
20	M Dey, Z Kazi	60	-3

Summer Festival

NOVICE TEAMS Round 6 - 2007

Place	Name	Score
1	Dalziell	128
2	Beer	113
3	Foggo	102
4	Miller	101
5	Bednarz	100
6	Jowett	96
7	Higgins	96
8	Hollands	93
9	Joseph	93
10	Nehmy	86
11	Carver	84
12	Donaldson	84
13	Russell	83
14	Carr	80
15	Henderson	77
16	Sterling	76
17	Fearnley	74
18	McAuliffe	41

Summer Festival

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Round 6 - 2007

Place	Name	Score
1	Newman	129
2	Noble	124
3	Fallet	116
4	Neill	113
5	Brockwell	112
6	Phillips	112
7	Haughie	111
8	Taylor	110
9	Allgood	110
10	Johnman	107
11	Yezerksi	106
12	Klofa	106
13	Hancock	105
14	Lindsay	105
15	Drury	105
16	Ridgway	102
17	Chadwick	102
18	Strong	102
19	Smee	101
20	Gaspar	100
21	Khu	100
22	Lee	98
23	Van Abbe	98
24	Varadi	97
25	Tobin	97
26	Marker	97
27	Squire	97
28	Westwood	96

Summer Festival

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Round 6 - 2007

Place	Name	Score
1	Creet	123
2	McCartney	113
3	Atkinson	111
4	Bourke	110
5	Kaplan	106
6	Ginsberg	104
7	Folkard	101
8	Leibowitz	100
9	Chadwick	100
10	Zotti	99
11	Neale	97
12	Milner	97
13	Kemphorne	96
14	Wilkinson	96
15	Abbenbroek	96
16	Collett	93
17	Moses	92
18	Del Piccolo	92
19	Pettigrew	92
20	Windmiller	87
21	Yuill	86
22	Toohy	85
23	Young	81
24	Tucker	80
25	Macaulay	80
26	Slaughter	80
27	Ryan	80
28	Wilner	80

DATUMS – SENIORS

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Session 4

Board	Score
1	60
2	30
3	300
4	-430
5	630
6	-120
7	610
8	450
9	-770
10	-650
11	90
12	100
13	-140
14	-10
15	-80
16	90
17	10
18	-440
19	420
20	230

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Session 5

Board	Score
1	-50
2	690
3	-640
4	60
5	70
6	450
7	-30
8	70
9	150
10	600
11	430
12	600
13	20
14	-40
15	-550
16	30
17	-430
18	100
19	220
20	-110

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Session 6

Board	Score
1	-90
2	-90
3	-530
4	130
5	110
6	130
7	-90
8	-20
9	120
10	-660
11	-240
12	-250
13	60
14	-10
15	640
16	-100
17	-450
18	-90
19	-610
20	190



The Australian Bridge Teachers' Association

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on 0414 601 175.

The AGM will be on Sunday morning at 9.30 am in the same room

WOMENS DATUMS

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 4

Board	Score
1	80
2	70
3	220
4	-480
5	630
6	-120
7	470
8	450
9	-950
10	-560
11	0
12	110
13	-100
14	-40
15	-40
16	110
17	160
18	-400
19	420
20	300

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 5

Board	Score
1	210
2	600
3	-640
4	140
5	-30
6	350
7	-60
8	-60
9	60
10	510
11	420
12	510
13	0
14	0
15	-610
16	-50
17	-450
18	-20
19	240
20	-330

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Session 6

Board	Score
1	-30
2	-100
3	-460
4	-30
5	20
6	150
7	-170
8	40
9	150
10	-650
11	-250
12	-340
13	180
14	-30
15	450
16	30
17	-340
18	-310
19	-660
20	110



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What's in a name? Anagram competition \$500 in prizes

Unscramble the following names. They're all well known bridge players, some from Australia, some from overseas. Drop your entry into the box at the Bridge Shop's stall at the Hellenic Club or in the scoring area at Rydges.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| log snooker game _____ | summer vigilance _____ | lets net herpes _____ |
| chewiest leper _____ | he err discarding _____ | deflation science _____ |
| oyster for rent _____ | crutch worries _____ | no cash limit _____ |
| a basic haggler _____ | manual sport _____ | rented leprosy _____ |
| moron brain _____ | risk doggie fine _____ | homemade lentils _____ |
| sneak beau in _____ | hallowed friends _____ | bachelors regimen _____ |
| envy cute mind _____ | upload carbon rope _____ | (note this is correction to earlier printed entry forms) |
| sceptical mother _____ | green scholar _____ | |
| burglar stole _____ | reoffends no girl _____ | |
| oft require pot _____ | sew armchair _____ | |

Entries close 5pm Thursday Jan 25.

First correct entry drawn wins \$250. Next five correct entries win \$50.

Winners announced in NOT News Friday Jan 26 and contacted via phone or email.

Name _____
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LAST TRAIN DATUMS

OPEN LAST
TRAIN Session
1

Board	Score
1	-660
2	110
3	100
4	-660
5	350
6	-830
7	-20
8	450
9	290
10	-550
11	30
12	-360
13	-580
14	50
15	-190
16	-40

OPEN LAST
TRAIN Session
2

Board	Score
17	20
18	80
19	130
20	80
21	-500
22	440
23	-50
24	110
25	-20
26	310
27	-120
28	90
29	-90
30	20
31	20
32	380

OPEN LAST
TRAIN Session
3

Board	Score
1	-410
2	540
3	-340
4	70
5	130
6	-690
7	620
8	450
9	110
10	190
11	-20
12	-530
13	-600
14	-120
15	760
16	-610

OPEN LAST
TRAIN Session
4

Board	Score
17	-20
18	20
19	380
20	640
21	-440
22	-610
23	-350
24	-40
25	80
26	-650
27	-20
28	-230
29	-1460
30	-10
31	-40
32	30