

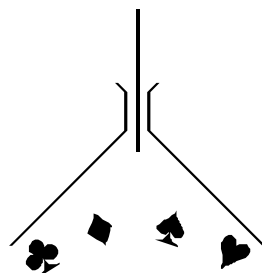


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Monday, January 22

Session Times		
11am	Monday 3pm	8pm
	Tuesday	
10am	1.30pm	5pm

Bus Times					
Monday 22/1/07			Tuesday 23/1/07		
Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:	Pick up Address	Time:	Destination:
Saville Park Suites	9:45	Hellenic Club	Saville Park Suites	9:10	Hellenic Club
James Court	9:50		James Court	9:15	
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*The Summer Festival
Of Bridge*

Tim Bourke's Problem

6. MINOR DIFFICULTIES

Dealer South. EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ A K 9
♥ 9 7 6
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 4
♥ K Q J 10 8
♦ A K 8 5 4
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
All pass			

After this old fashioned strong two auction, West leads a trump. East plays the ace of trumps and returns a second trump, West following. How do you plan the play?



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More From The Pairs

Some hands from Saturday's Multi-Pairs – some cute, some ugly. First up Siggy Konig and Jimmy Wallis with one of each.

<p>♠K ♥AK75 ♦J53 ♣AKT84</p> <p>♠AT62 ♥QT4 ♦T842 ♣92</p> <p>♠Q743 ♥J92 ♦6 ♣J7653</p>	<p>♠J985 ♥863 ♦AKQ97 ♣Q</p>
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Dealer N, Vul NS

As North, Jim opened 1C – 12+ - and East overcalled 2D showing a major/minor 5-5. Siggy passed and West bid 2H, pass or correct. Jim doubled to show 17+ and East corrected to 2S. Siggy tried 3C and Jim asked for a spade stop. Siggy had one so the auction finished with Siggy in 3NT from the South seat.

West led a spade and dummy's King scored. Siggy started on the clubs and East had to decide what to discard. Fatefully, he opted for hearts. Siggy took the fourth club in hand and, with East having discarded 3 hearts, he pushed out the Jack of hearts, covered by the Queen and King. Back to

hand with the last club and out with the 9 of hearts. Again West covered and now dummy's 7 was high. The 5 of hearts was the overtrick icing.

The next was distinctly ugly although it did have one of those Twilight Zone moments in which Jim and Siggy specialise.

<p>♠A ♥T92 ♦KJ842 ♣T875</p> <p>♠KQJT962 ♥5 ♦QT97 ♣A</p> <p>♠53 ♥KJ876 ♦A53 ♣J43</p>	<p>♠874 ♥AQ43 ♦6 ♣KQ962</p>
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Dealer N, Vul NS

North opened 2D (weak) and Jim doubled. South raised the ante to 3S and Siggy doubled. Jim tried 3H which sent Siggy reaching for Blackwood. Now I'm told that Siggy **always** gets the responses the wrong way round. Sure enough, when Jim showed 1 or 4, Siggy read it as 0 or 3 – obviously 3 and dashed somewhat precipitately to 7NT!

North opined that this was unlikely to make and indicated as much. He justified this opinion by leading the Ace of spades. He then switched to a club, taken by the closed hand. Siggy crossed to dummy via the 8 of spades and led the King of clubs. South discarded the 3♦! Siggy was not impressed; his already inadequate store of tricks had just diminished further. He also pitched a diamond as did North!

When was the last time you saw both

...one of those Twilight Zone moments in which Jim and Siggy specialise

defenders revoke on the same trick. The revokes were corrected and Jim suggested that Siggy lacked the generative appendages to run the 6 of diamonds. Siggy did though only to his own 7 as the 2 and 3 were contributed by the Laws. Only 2 shy!

And talking of the Twilight Zone, Jim and Siggy were still there in round 3. The auction proceeded

W	N	E	S
/	1D	/	1C
/	1S	/	1H
/	/	2H	x

trust me, you don't want to know just what all this meant but Siggy reached for his axe with some feeling of confidence as his hand was

♠ K 10 7 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A K Q 4

Jimmy, however, had a different view of the meaning of the double and took it out with a 2S bid. Siggy was pretty damn grunteless at this point. However, he brightened when a 3H bid appeared on the table. Exuberantly, he picked out another double card and, before putting it on the table, gave it a big kiss.

Making 3!

	♠9852	
	♥74	
	♦T643	
	♣987	
♠A J		♠Q643
♥Q3		♥JT965
♦KQJ7		♦A82
♣JT532		♣6
	♠KT7	
	♥AK82	
	♦95	
	♣AKQ4	

Dealer S, Vul ALL

Back on planet earth, we have a couple of hands from Men's Pairs winners, Tony Leibowitz and Ishmael DelMonte.

First up we have Tony sucking a double:

	♠982	
	♥A J	
	♦J75	
	♣AKJ72	
♠AKJT54		♠Q63
♥72		♥K
♦863		♦AQT2
♣Q5		♣T9843
	♠7	
	♥QT986543	
	♦K94	
	♣6	

Dealer W, Vul EW

An artificial 1D was opened by West and Ish tried 2C. East showed a diamond raise with 3C and Tony made a quiet 3H bid. 3S from West showed a good hand with 5+ spades and possibly only 3 diamonds. Ish raised to 4H and East to 4S. 5H from Tony looked awfully like a sacrifice so, in the pass out seat, East went for it.

The Ace of spades was led and the King ruffed by Tony. He unerringly went to the Ace of hearts to drop the King and overtook the Jack of hearts to run the hearts to this position:

	♠	
	♥	
	♦	
	♣AKJ72	
♠J10		♠
♥		♥
♦8		♦A
♣Q5		♣T984
	♠	
	♥4	
	♦K94	
	♣6	

And the last trump squeezed East out of the overtrick.

Ishmael saw a neat "extra chances" play on this one

	♠KJ986	
	♥AQ8	
	♦62	
	♣A96	
♠Q5		♠T42
♥J43		♥KT9752
♦Q9874		♦53
♣K32		♣Q8
	♠A73	
	♥6	
	♦AKJT	
	♣JT754	

Ish was playing 6C from North after a transfer sequence.

A heart was led to the Queen and Ish crossed to dummy with the Ace of diamonds. He now ran the Jack of clubs to East's Queen. At the table, East returned a spade and the hand was all over.

Ish points out that if East plays a second diamond, then this should be taken with the King on table. Now a club to the 9 enables the Ace of hearts to provide a spade discard and declarer can cash the 2 top spades before drawing the last trump.

This obviates the need for the spade finesse and allows a make on all set ups which are makeable.

Ed Barnes enjoyed this one in a masochistic sort of way.

	♠QT432	
	♥KQT9	
	♦6	
	♣QT6	
♠K5		♠AJ86
♥8753		♥J2
♦KQ8732		♦J95
♣7		♣AJ95
	♠97	
	♥A64	
	♦AT4	
	♣K8432	

Dealer S, Vul NS

As dealer, Neville Francis opened 1S to show a balanced hand with no major. Matt Porter put in 2D and Magnus Moren 2S. Ed shot 3NT and Magnus doubled.

The 9 of spades was led to the Jack and Ed led a diamond to dummy's King. He played a diamond back and Neville took the Jack with his Ace. Neville cashed the Ace of hearts but Magnus's 9 looked very discouraging so he played a spade to the 5, Queen and Ace.

Ed ran the diamonds to produce this end position

	♠QT	
	♥K	
	♦	
	♣T	
♠K		♠A8
♥875		♥
♦		♦
♣		♣J9
	♠7	
	♥6	
	♦	
	♣K8	

with Ed requiring 2 more tricks. A heart from table is obviously fatal (taken by North and a club to South's King) so he must play the King of spades. If he overtakes then the defence takes the last 3 and if he doesn't they still do because Ed is squeezed by the King of hearts.

Had Neville not cashed the Ace of hearts then in the diagram position, Ed would have had an idle card and the squeeze would not happen.

Smothered

An example of the very rare smother play is brought to us from the Last Train by Blaine Howe. Over to Blaine:

Sometimes good things come in small packages. Playing with Neil Ewart in the fifth round of the Open Last Train, we had the kind of small victory which can turn an event around.

We started on day 2 struggling to find rhythm and during the match, Neil played this hand in 2H

<p>♠J73 ♥2 ♦QJ9752 ♣A102</p>	<p>♠KQ92 ♥KJ63 ♦103 ♣K73</p>	<p>♠A10 ♥10987 ♦AK6 ♣9864</p>
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The diamond Ace and King were cashed and a club switch followed. The Ace was taken and the suit continued to dummy's Jack. The first piece of bad news came when a spade to the King saw the Ace appear.

East returned a trump and Neil played a second round. The simplicity of the winning line after trumps don't break is really nice.

Neil cashed a third trump, the third club and the Queen of spades to bring about

<p>♠J7 ♥ ♦QJ ♣</p>	<p>♠Q92 ♥6 ♦ ♣</p>	<p>♠10 ♥10 ♦6 ♣9</p>
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Neil cashed the Queen of spades and exited a spade to East, who, perforce returned a diamond. The 6 of trumps from Neil saw West's 10 smothered.

Tim Bourke's Problem

But first an apology – somehow I managed not to put yesterday's solution in the Bulletin. So here it is followed by today's.

SOLUTION 5

You have nine top tricks and without that infuriating trump lead you would have set about ruffing a heart in dummy. Alas that plan has little chance now as the defenders will surely be able to organise a trump return any time you concede a heart.

Another possible way home is to duck a club at trick immediately. Then, if the clubs are 3-3 you will make ten tricks. However, that plan will not succeed when the full deal is:

<p>♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ A Q 10 3 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 5 ♥ 6 4 ♦ K 7 3 2 ♣ A 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ K J 8 7 ♦ J 6 5 4 ♣ J 10 6 5</p>
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The best line of attack succeeds on this layout but it is one that is a blind spot for most players - a dummy reversal, which succeeds by ruffing two diamonds and a club in hand.

So, after winning the trump lead, cheaply in hand you cash the ace and king of diamonds and ruff a diamond with the king of trumps. Next you cash the king and ace of clubs and ruff a second diamond with the ace of trumps.

Now it is time to give up a club. Suppose East wins and plays a heart to West, who exits with a second round of trumps. After you win this in dummy, all that remains to be done is to ruff dummy's fourth club with the ten of trumps. You have made two trumps,

four tricks with the ace-kings and taken three ruffs in hand. That is nine tricks and dummy's jack of trumps will be the tenth.

Notice that if you still had the ace and king of trumps when you conceded the club trick

SOLUTION 6

It may seem that you need diamonds to be 3-3 to make twelve tricks. However, suppose the full deal is:

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

The crucial play comes at trick one. When East wins with the ace of trumps you must retain the eight, following with a higher trump. Similarly, you win the second round of trumps high, again keeping hold of the crucial eight.

The next move is to cash the ace and king of clubs before crossing to dummy with the ace of spades to ruff a club high. As the cards lie, this establishes two club tricks and you can reach them and draw the last trump by playing the eight of trumps to dummy's nine. You make two spades, four trumps, two diamonds and four clubs.

Of course, if clubs had not been 3-3 you would have fallen back on the diamond suit. You would cash the ace and king and ruff the third round, hoping to establish two long diamonds.

you would have to win the second round of trumps in hand. Then, with no way back to the table, you would have to concede defeat.

Phil Gue's Problem

Whilst the experts can find those declarer plays that astound the ordinary player, more swings occur through simple bidding choices. If you get the bidding wrong, it matters little how well you play the cards. Let's look at this hand from the Seniors/Womens final.

You're North, with NS vulnerable, and partner opens the bidding 1♦. Your hand:-

♠ J6 ♥ ♦ J85 ♣ AKQJ8763

with this bidding:-

S	W	N	E
1♦	1♥	2♣	2H
P	P	3♥	P
3NT	P	?	

So do you and partner have any agreements here? What now?

Certainly 3♥ is a very reasonable action, perhaps the only way to force. But what next?

Do you pass 3NT or do you bid 4C or 5C?

Phil Gue's Problem - Solution

In the Seniors final, North chose to try 3NT with a disastrous result. Seven tricks was the outcome and a huge loss when 5♣ was chosen at the other table.

Barry Noble, North at the other table, did have the advantage of South opening 2♣, showing any 3-suited hand, and then checked for the shortage and, when South showed a minimum hand and black suit shortage, made the simple decision to play in the solid suit and bid 5♣.

I think that when you have such a solid suit with winners, you should ALWAYS opt to play in the suit unless partner can choose freely to play no-trumps (such as opposite a gambling 3NT – partner will not pass a 3NT

opening with a void in clubs, would they?).
The full hand:-

	♠ J6	
	♥ ----	
	♦ J85	
	♣ AKQJ8763	
♠ K982		♠ A73
♥ QJ653		♥ 10942
♦ K7		♦ Q106
♣ 109		♣ 542
	♠ Q1054	
	♥ AK87	
	♦ A9432	
	♣ --	

I have sympathy for North, they were unlucky to find a club void with South. And, it is possible that 5C is off three tricks. Notice how the overcall and raise have made it hard for N/S. Would you have bid the hand the same way?

Where's The Lotto Shop?

David Appleton offered to provide directions for a percentage of the winnings of West after this little number.

	♠K8	
	♥Q85	
	♦T32	
	♣QT875	
♠743		♠5
♥JT92		♥AK74
♦84		♦AKQJ965
♣AK92		♣J
	♠AQJT962	
	♥63	
	♦7	
	♣643	

Dealer W, Vul Nil

East opened 2C and South bid 3S. West found a somewhat inadequate 2D bid at this point. The sheriff explained that this wasn't allowed and told West that he could make any legal call except double but his partner was barred from the rest of auction.

West closed his eyes and bid 4H.
And the sun came out!

Ishmael DelMonte made his own luck on this hand

	♠98	
	♥JT874	
	♦863	
	♣K94	
♠J64		♠Q7
♥AQ965		♥K3
♦52		♦AKQJ9
♣532		♣QJ87
	♠AKT532	
	♥2	
	♦T74	
	♣AT6	

Dealer W, Vul Nil

After 2 passes, Ish had to choose his opener – 2NT – a tad light perhaps?

Still South could hardly introduce spades now and so the nasty half stopper West and half stopper East problem was circumvented.

If you open 1D then neither of you can claim a spade stopper after South bids and you will struggle to reach game.

Restricted Choice? What's That?

That strange sound you heard beneath your feet yesterday was Terence Reese rotating his way out of the grave as his spirit watched Ed Barnes play this one.

	♠K95	
	♥AKT94	
	♦4	
	♣KQJ3	
♠A742		♠QJ
♥763		♥QJ
♦KQ9		♦AJ762
♣852		♣9764
	♠T863	
	♥852	
	♦T853	
	♣AT	

Dealer E, Vul Nil

Ed was in 4H from North against silent opponents.

The 6 of clubs was led and taken on table by the Ace. Ed immediately finessed the 9 of spades losing to East's Jack. East reverted to clubs and dummy's 10 scored.

Ed played a heart to the Ace and this produced the Queen from East. At this point Ed decided that he needed East to be 2-2-5-4 if he was to make. He embarked on a wee voyage of discovery.

A diamond ran to West's Queen and he returned a heart. Terence turned over as Ed flew the King and successfully dropped East's Jack. A trump to the 8 followed.

East was known to have had the QJ doubleton in hearts and the Jack of spades. He obviously had the Jack of diamonds and probably one of the top 2 honours in the suit – that didn't leave room for the Ace of spades in a hand which couldn't open. So a small spade towards hand and, when West played small, the King went up to drop East's Queen in spite of what Reese may have to say (again) about restricted choice.

2007 WBF Charity Pairs for a New School

The World Bridge Federation in association with ECatsBridge is organizing a Simultaneous Pairs to raise money to build a school in Pakistan, to be called the WBF School. It is to be built in the area devastated by the earthquake. There will be a session at Rydges Lakeside on Tuesday 23 January starting at 8.30pm. This will be a walk in event. Your session will be scored on line through Ecats scoring engine.

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There is no specific entry fee, but a request for donations would be asked for.

Zia Mahmood will be overseeing the distribution of funds in Pakistan, to ensure that they are used specifically to build the school.

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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January 25th, 2007 at 8.30 pm
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WOMENS FINAL 2007

Table	Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
1	Creet K Creet, S Bird, J Hoffman, J Thompson, S Murray-White, H Snashall	19	43	33	9	104
	Bourke M Bourke, D Neumann, F Beale, D Smart, S Lusk, T Tully	30	44	54	29	157

Summer Festival

SENIORS FINAL 2007

Table	Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
1	Noble B Noble, G Bilski, T Brown, P Fordham, A Kowalski, M Milaszewski	12.5	33	29	28	42	144.5
	Newman J Newman, P Buchen, R Krochmalik, P Lavings, C Hughes, D Lusk	0	23	34	44	23	124

**NATIONAL SENIORS
SWISS PAIRS Round 8 -
2007**

Place	Name	Score
1	E Dudley, A Powell	151
2	B Krishan, H Ali	148
3	S Klofa, C Schwabegger	142
4	K Moses, E Urbach	140
5	D Ferraris, F Kennedy	140
6	P Bamborough, C Gallagher	138
7	D Franklin, K Hume	136
8	P Kahler, T Davis	136
9	R Milward, H Milward	136
10	S Coleman, S Mabin	136
11	D Grahame, J Grahame	135
12	J Whitmee, B Whitmee	135
13	T Marker, G Rusher	133
14	J Kahler, J Nicholson	132
15	A Halmos, A Branicki	132
16	T Burke, A Markovics	131
17	K Miller, L Miller	129
18	M Cohen, S Cohen	128
19	R Fletcher, P McGrath	127
20	J Lindsay, L Harkness	126
21	V Mitchell, G Thomas	125
22	T Macoun, J Bell	125
3	A Thompson, B Maniccavasagar	124

**NATIONAL SWISS
PAIRS Round 8 - 2007**

Place	Name	Score
1	J Stark, L Gold	161
2	W Lazer, P Gumby	156
3	B Brogeland, E Erichsen	155
4	T Antoff, A Simpson	153
5	E Barnes, M Porter	148
6	S Hans, T Nunn	144
7	R Parker, P Hainsworth	144
8	A Creet, K Magann	144
9	J Pszczola, V Vajnikonis	143
10	T Collins, L Collins	143
11	N Francis, M Moren	143
12	M Weddell, R Thomson	142
13	P Cizak, M Kolodziejczyk	142
14	M Cornell, A Bach	142
15	R Grynberg, D Stern	141
16	C Miller, R Morawiecki	141
17	B Folkard, S Ingham	140
18	B Howe, N Ewart	140
19	I Del'Monte, T Leibowitz	140
20	I Thomson, W Bradshaw	140
21	B Coles, D Appleton	140
22	M Courtney, P Wyer	139
23	N Maclaurin, K Berry	139
24	R Moss, D Drury	139

25	P Gosney, M Watts	138
26	A Braithwaite, B Haughie	138
27	V Gardiner, B Callaghan	136
28	J Abel, P Jeffery	136
29	K Wilks, M Simes	136
30	T Mangos, L Foran	136
31	C Snashall, D Smith	135
32	E Caplan, G Gaspar	134
33	T Chira, D Hohor	134
34	K Steffensen, T Strong	134
35	B Arnold, B Burza	134
36	S Burgess, J Dawson	134
37	G Fallon, G Deaton	133
38	G Fleischer, R Speiser	133
39	J Gleeson, C Dibley	133
40	R Livingston, P Hill	133
41	H Motteram, P Wagner	133
42	D Jagelman, M Green	132
43	J Wilkinson, S Newton	131
44	J Wyner, D Browne	131
45	V Biltoft, C Ingham	131
46	B Weathered, R Weathered	131
47	M Whibley, J Williams	131
48	K Hart, J Carberry	131
49	D Wawn, C Quail	130