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Thursday January 17 2008

Session Times Thursday / Friday

Thursday (both venues) 10 1.30 5.00

Friday (Rydges) 10 1.30 5.00

Friday (Hellenic Club) 10 1.30

Bus One

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave

The full route is

- Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave
- The Pavillion
- Capital Executive Apartments
- Saville Apartments
- James Court

- Rydges Lakeside

(about 15 minutes to here from start)

Then

- The Statesman Motel, Curtin
- The Hellenic Club

Bus Two

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Rydges Lakeside

The full route is

- Rydges Lakeside
- Bentley Apartments, Manuka
- The Pinnacle Apartments, Owens St, Kingston
- Eyre St Apartments (around the corner from Owen St)
- The Hellenic Club

Buses leave both The Hellenic Club & Rydges Lakeside 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time for the session and return participants to their accommodation.



Tim Bourke's Problem

2. THE RIGHT ORDER

Dealer South. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ K J 5 2
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 6 5 3
♣ A

SOUTH

♠ A 9
♥ A Q 10 5 3
♦ A Q 2
♣ 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All pass	

The two notrump response was Jacoby, promising at least four-card trump support and a minimum of game-going values. The three notrump rebid indicated a balanced hand with extras and a combination of cue-bidding and Roman Key Card Blackwood soon sees you as the declarer in six hearts.

How do you plan to make twelve tricks in hearts after West leads the king of clubs?

Ron Klinger's Problem

You, West hold

♠ K 7 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q 9 6 .

West	North	East	South
1D	Pass	2C	Dble
2D	2H	2S	3H
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass
?			

*For takeout

What should you now bid?

My Most Memorable Hand

New Zealand international player and regular at the NOT and other major Australian tournaments, Michael Ware recalls an unsuccessful operation.

Playing teams at the Northern club in Auckland, my RHO opened 2♦ multi. I held a 1444 shape with a singleton spade and a nice looking 10 count with pips.

An obvious 2♠ overcall.

LHO doubled, partner passed, and RHO passed. I found the obvious redouble.

This perplexed my partner, who asked about the auction. Unlike many opponents, these gave clear explanations – double was definitely take-out and the conversion to penalties showed either a weak 2 in spades or 20-22 with 4 spades.

My partner held 4 spades herself and could see that this didn't add up. She pondered for a while, got a repeat explanation of the auction and mulled over that for a while.

Suddenly after about 6 minutes, you could see the light bulb flash in her head. "The little bastard's psyched!" she said. "I'll teach him!" she continued and passed!

-2800 (not vul) with 3C cold.....

And I had to explain it to teammates!



Second in the Seniors' Last Train were
Paul Brown and Tony Burke

Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

Let's see what happened when the deal was played in a local team game:

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

After winning the first trick with the ace of clubs, the original declarer drew trumps, cashed the ace of spades and then led the nine of spades. West covered this with the ten and dummy's jack of spades was taken by East's queen. When the inevitable diamond return came declarer had no option but to play the queen of diamonds. When West took this with the king the slam failed by one trick.

When declarer moaned about his luck in going down in a 75% contract, as is often the case, dummy was not sympathetic. "You had the nine of spades, didn't you? After drawing trumps you should have played a spade to the nine. This succeeds in producing three spade tricks whenever East has the ten of spades. If the nine had lost to the queen of spades, you would have two discards for your diamond losers immediately. Here, West would win with the ten and, after ruffing ruff the club return, play a spade to the ace. After returning to dummy with a club ruff, the king of spades is cashed. As the cards lie the queen of spades falls and the contract is home – you make three spades, five trumps, a diamond, a club and two club ruffs. Finally, if the queen failed to drop under the king, you would still have had the diamond finesse as a last chance. This way you would combine three chances instead of two you were satisfied with

Ron Klinger's Problem

The Bearable Lightness Of Bidding

The modern penchant among the young and the young-at-heart is to open light and to open often. Having done so there is a natural tendency to back-pedal later in the auction. That this can be costly can be seen on this layout

West dealer; N-S vulnerable

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2♣	Dble
2♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
?			

What action should West take now? Even at this vulnerability, the 1♦ opening was quite light. After South's double, passing would show a nondescript minimum opening but the length in diamonds should be confirmed. Rebidding the 7-card suit appeals more than the 3-card club raise

When East doubled 3♥ for takeout, West naturally showed the delayed club support. West later chided himself for bidding only 4♣, which partner raised to five. 'My right bid, I think' commented West, 'is 5♣ because of the ♠K, the singleton heart and the three trumps. A kind of picture jump. In the context of earlier non-support, it is quite descriptive.' After 5♣, East would have little trouble in bidding six. For the 4♣ bid, West's clubs might have been no better than a doubleton.

Many bids make light openings work.

Courtesy of www.ronklingerbridge.com

And Ron's thought for the day:

Accept losses philosophically, especially those by your opponents.

Listen To The Bidding

Two examples from the second round of the Seniors to illustrate this point.

First up, we have a successful eavesdrop to produce a grand slam.

Dealer : W	♠ Q 10 8 6 3 2		
	♥ 9		
	♦ 7 4 3 2		
Vul : EW	♣ 8 3		
♠ K 9 7		♠ A	
♥ A J 10 2		♥ K 7 4	
♦ A K 9		♦ Q J 10 8 6	
♣ A 9 4		♣ K Q 7 5	
	♠ J 5 4		
	♥ Q 8 6 5 3		
	♦ 5		
	♣ J 10 6 2		
Teams 2/16			

West opened 1♣ and North put in a weak jump of 2♠. East/West then cruised off to 7♦.

South tried a trump lead which declarer took. He drew trumps and eliminated spades. Three rounds of clubs were taken and declarer collated the information available: North had 4 trumps, 6 spades for the overcall and 2 clubs. This left space for only one heart. The King was cashed and a 100% finesse of the Jack of hearts provided trick 13.

The next saw Ted Chadwick listening in to generate a handy double.

Dealer : E	♠ 10		
	♥ K J 10 7 5 3		
	♦ A 8 2		
Vul : NS	♣ J 6 3		
♠ K Q 3 2		♠ J 9 7 5 4	
♥ Q 2		♥ A 9	
♦ 10 5		♦ Q J 7 6 3	
♣ K Q 10 8 2		♣ 9	
	♠ A 8 6		
	♥ 8 6 4		
	♦ K 9 4		
	♣ A 7 5 4		
Teams 2 / 2			

TP Ranasinghe opened 1♠ as dealer. (Not, I think, to everyone's taste) Ted passed and Dennis Yovich bid 2♣. Martin Bloom put in a sprightly vulnerable 2♥ overcall. (Not, I think, to everyone's taste) TP found yet another bid on his 8 count - 3♦. (Not, I think, to everyone's taste.) Ted raised to 4♥ and Dennis to 4♠. This ran back to Ted who decided that, with his pointed 11 count facing a vulnerable overcall, enough was enough, so he reached for his axe.

300 was the income which may seem inadequate when DeepFinesse has 620 available in hearts. However, as usual, DF has been peeking. In 4♥, declarer needs to ruff dummy's spade losers and play just one round of clubs before giving up the third diamond. This will reduce East to only spades and diamonds and force him to concede a a ruff/sluff. It seems that in the real world, declarer may well try for a doubleton club honour which will not be crowned with success.

I'm sure that Hugh Kelsey would have some words to say to Dennis on the subject of daisy-picking. Has he responded 4♠ to TP's opener, then that would surely have taken North-South out of the auction and the damage would only have been 100.

Ted had a less successful listen later in the match. He put in a speculative double of TP's 3NT bid. It subsequently eventuated that the auction had not been properly alerted and explained. Director Kelso established the facts and then instructed the players to continue. TP wrapped up 10 tricks and Laurie returned. Ted's opening shot for the prosecution was worthy of note:

"I wouldn't have doubled if I'd known it was cold."

Martin was still in sprightly mood a couple of hands later. Ted suggested after the auction that Martin had really enjoyed himself with 2 psyches and a pass of a forcing bid although Martin had the last laugh when he was able to point out that his actions had got them to DF's par.

The phone number for the Bridge Desk at Rydges is

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Dealer : N	♠ K Q 9 5 3		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 8 7		
Vul : NS	♣ A 10 9 7 3		
♠ 8 4		♠ A J 7 6 2	
♥ Q J 9		♥ 10 2	
♦ K 10 2		♦ J 9 6 3	
♣ K J 8 6 4		♣ 5 2	
	♠ 10		
	♥ A K 7 6 5 4 3		
	♦ A Q 5 4		
	♣ Q		
Teams 2/5			

Martin opened 1♠ as dealer. (Not, I think, to everyone's taste) and Ted responded 2♥. Martin now found 3♣. (Not, I think, to everyone's taste). A new suit at the 3 level and no chance for Ted to bail out at 2♠, how forcing can you get? A mark time 3♥ from Ted saw Martin pass! 3♥ making 3, just a boring par!

Ted also enjoyed this one which he played in 4♥ after opposition competition in clubs.

Dealer : S	♠ A 9 8 2		
	♥ 8 7 6 3		
	♦ A 6 4 2		
Vul : Nil	♣ 5		
♠ Q J		♠ 10 5 4 3	
♥ A Q		♥ 10 4	
♦ K J 7		♦ Q 9 8 3	
♣ Q J 10 7 4 2		♣ K 9 8	
	♠ K 7 6		
	♥ K J 9 5 2		
	♦ 10 5		
	♣ A 6 3		
Teams 2/11			

Dennis led the Q♣ which ran to Ted's Ace. He ruffed a club, came back to hand with the King of spades and ruffed his last club. He went back to table with the Ace of spades and led the 9♠ to East's 10. This established dummy's 8 as a resting place for Ted's diamond loser.

Bobby Richman also played 4♥ but he paid a little too much attention to the opposition bidding. Bobby opened 1♥ and West made a take-out double. Sara Tishler raised to 4♥ and

again West led a club. Bobby took that and ruffed a club. He then played a trump towards hand for West to score and take a second round. The Jack of clubs was continued to dummy's ruff and Bobby was at the crossroads.

He played a small spade off table and, when East followed small, Bobby remembered the auction. Surely, the double showed some tolerance for spades - 3 at least if not 4. 3 would be fine as dummy's long spade could be set up to take care of declarer's diamond loser while 4 would also be OK as long as East had honour x. Accordingly, Bobby played the 6 of spades. Oops.

The Sucker One-Two

Andy Braithwaite found himself being sucker punched on the first 2 boards of the Senior Teams. Although, he walked into the punches, the contracts were sufficiently execrable for Andy to end up on the plus side of the ledger.

Dealer : N	♠ J 10 4		
	♥ A 9 5 2		
	♦ A 10 5 3 2		
Vul : Nil	♣ Q		
♠ A 9		♠ K 6 2	
♥ Q J 10 8 6 4		♥ K	
♦ K 4		♦ Q J 7 6	
♣ 10 6 2		♣ K J 9 7 3	
	♠ Q 8 7 5 3		
	♥ 7 3		
	♦ 9 8		
	♣ A 8 5 4		
Teams 1/1			

After an adventurous 1♠ overcall from South, North competed his way to 3♠. Ace of trumps and 2 more trumps would seem to hold this to 6 tricks but Andy found a more pedestrian Queen of hearts lead. The Ace, King and 3 completed the trick. Declarer played a trump, thus giving Andy a second bite at the 6 trick apple. However, Andy decided that declarer knew best and, if he wanted to draw trumps, then Andy wouldn't do it for him. He cashed the Jack of hearts, noting Ron Klinger's ♣3 which expressed an interest in that suit. Dutifully, Andy switched to a club. The Queen, King and Ace saw declarer in hand and he now embarked on

a heart/club cross ruff. The Ace of diamonds was cashed and then the King of diamonds saw a defensive crossruff beat the contract by one.

The next board saw:

	♠ Q J 5 4 3	
Dealer : E	♥ A Q 7	
	♦ A 4	
Vul NS	♣ 9 6 2	
♠ 10 9 6		♠ A 7 2
♥ J 10 5		♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ K 5 2		♦ 9 6
♣ A K 8 4		♣ Q 10 7 3
	♠ K 8	
	♥ K 6 3	
	♦ Q J 10 8 7 3	
	♣ J 5	
<i>Teams 1/2</i>		

North-South were still bidding them up and reached a revolting 3NT contract. Ron led the 8 of hearts (attitude). Declarer ducked in dummy and when Andy played the 10, he also ducked in hand!

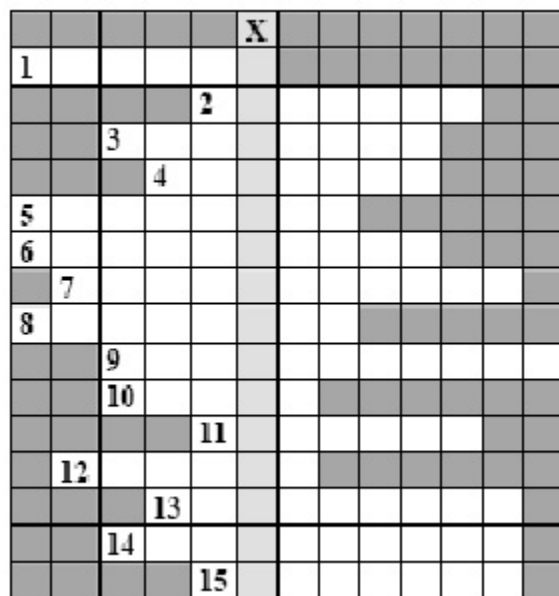
Thoroughly confused, Andy didn't play a club but rather he continued hearts to declarer's Queen. A spade switch saw Ron duck and dummy's King score. A second spade (what was declarer's objection to diamonds?) saw Ron take his Ace and switch to the club. The defence cashed 4 tricks and then played a third round of hearts. The somewhat embarrassing crash of the Ace and King also meant that declarer now had to play diamonds away from his own hand for 3 shy.



**Women's Last Train winners
Eva Caplan and Julette Alexander**



**Runners up in the Women's Last Train
Nicoletta Giura and Cathy Mill**



Insert answers and read in column headed X a well-known bridge expression.

CLUES

1. If I sat out of the set you'd have a much better player. (5)
2. What pros are paid for. (6)
3. Beastly 7.4.1.1. (7)
4. Squeeze on the rocks (6)
5. Famous batsman who usually takes the trick (7)
6. "Partner, this running match may take us far away but get us home." (9)
7. UK convention named after Aust player? Quite the reverse! (5,5)
8. Dinner deal? (7)
9. Sounds like Hughes is upset...by a squeeze no doubt! (5-5)
10. Measure a player (4)
11. Formerly a little insolent but now a top player. (5)
12. Athlete's convention?
13. Bathhouse squeeze. (8)
14. By the way ...the way to capture an extra trick (2, 7).
15. Finish off. (3,4)