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*Sunday January 20 2008*

## Session Times Sunday / Monday

### Sunday

11.00 2.00 7.30

### Monday

11.00 3.00 8.00

### 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

### 5. ALL DONE?

Dealer South. N-S Vul.

#### NORTH

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

#### SOUTH

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

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

The four diamond bid was an artificial slam try in hearts, saying nothing about the diamond suit and so you drove to the small slam in hearts.

How do you plan to make the contract after West leads a trump?

## Ron Klinger's Problem

### THE OLD MASTER PLAYS BRIDGE #2

"Old Master, would you say there is a universal, common characteristic for all mankind?"

"Yes, the one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers."

Dealer : W	♠ Q 6 5 ♥ ♦ A K Q J 9 5 ♣ J 9 6 4
Vul: EW	
	♠ A 10 9 7 3 2 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ 3
	Old Master

West	North	East	South
Willy	Nat	Eddie	O. M.
P	1♦	x	1♠
3♠	x	4♥	4♠
5♥	P	P	5♠
x	end		

Willy started by leading the ♣A and continued with the king, ruffed by the Old Master who paused to consider his next move.

"So, what did Willy mean by bidding 3♠ over my 1♠?" thought the Old Master. 'If he really had spades, he would have doubled 1♠. Since he is a passed hand, he must be trying to tell Eddy that he has an excellent hand, perhaps enough for a slam. Yes, I think Willy must have a void in spades and support for hearts and clubs. I can afford to lose only one trump trick, so how do I manage that?'

It did not take the Old Master long to find the solution.

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## Lucky Or Not?

Leigh Matheson

Hoi-Ming Chan has developed a reputation for being lucky. Often his "luck" is due to taking the correct view of a hand. Sometimes, however, the cards just fall favourably.

Take this deal from Youth Week as an example:

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

After a Precision 1♣ opening and an incorrectly bid set of relays, Hoi-Ming Chan declared the South hand in 7♣.

The ♥J was led, taken by the Ace. Two rounds of trumps were drawn and a heart returned to the King. East, unable to ruff, discarded a diamond. (You see what I mean about being lucky?) The trumps were played off, followed by the ♦A, ♠K and ♥Q to ring about:

	♠ 4	
	♥ 5	
	♦	
	♣ 3	
♠ Q 5		♠ 10 9
♥ J		♥
♦		♦ K
♣		♣
	♠ A J	
	♥	
	♦ Q	
	♣	

The ♣3 was tabled and East (who has to keep the ♦K) discarded a spade. Ming pitched the now useless ♦Q and West, needing to hang

onto the Jack of hearts, also pitched a spade. The cards were just right for the double squeeze!

So was this a lucky ending? Not quite. The situation was not totally clear and Ming concluded that West had the ♦K and East two spades. So, at trick 12, he finessed the Jack of spades. Two down!

## Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

This is another taken from a local teams game where the full deal was:

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

One declarer drew trumps, cashed the top clubs and when they failed to break 3-3 he led a spade to the king. West was not troubled to cash two spade tricks. South felt he done as well as he could by combining his chance in the black suits.

At the score up, he said "Minus 100." And the reply was "Minus 1430. That's 17 away."

The declarer at the other spotted an extra chance, that the Q-J-x of diamonds would fall in three rounds. After drawing trumps, he cashed the ace-king of diamonds then crossed to dummy with a club to ruff the seven of diamonds. As you can see, dummy's ten of diamond ten was established for the twelfth trick.

Of course if the diamond play had failed, the second declarer would have tested the clubs and only when they failed to break would he lead up to the king of spades.

## Ron Klinger's Problem - Solution

The full deal was:

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

After ruffing the second club, the Old Master played a diamond to dummy and led the ♠Q, covered by the king and taken by the ace. He then ruffed a heart in dummy and led dummy's last spade. Whether Eddy took the spade jack now or not, the Old Master could restrict the trump losers to just one and still keep control of the hearts and trumps with no problem in returning to dummy's diamonds later.

Nat commented, "I can see that the one thing that unites all bridge players, regardless of standard, is that deep down inside, we all believe that we can play this game properly. In the Old Master's case, that observation is accurate."

### Australian Bridge Directors' Association

All directors are invited to attend the **Annual  
General Meeting** of the Association

in the **Executive Room at Rydges** on

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January at 8pm**

## The Twilight Zone

Many years experience of reporting Siggy Konig and Jimmy Wallis's doings have almost inured me to the way in which, in every session, at least one table momentarily enters the Twilight Zone where things happen which can only be explained on the paranormal plane. Saturday morning saw yet another extra-terrestrial event.

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

Siggy opened a multi 1♣ as dealer and Jimmy showed 0-11 with 1♦. 1♥ now showed 17+ and Jimmy bid 1NT to show 6-8 with no 5 card major and possibly unbalanced. A 2♣ Baron enquiry saw Jimmy own up to his 4 diamonds. Siggy tried the effect of a lead-deflector with 2♠, ostensibly natural. Jimmy showed his second four card suit with 3♥ and Siggy shot off to 6NT which became the final contract.

Some may be surprised at this - looking at the North hand, one might expect the contract to be 6NTx. The reason for this became apparent when North busied himself with his paperwork while South put the ♥9 of hearts on the table.

Jimmy called for the sheriff and ascertained that he could accept the lead and put his own hand down as dummy. Deciding that there may be some advantage in having Siggy's hand hidden, he exercised this option and became dummy.

There was indeed an advantage - 5 tricks worth I think!

## The Trojan Horse

Leigh Matheson

In the matchpoint pairs final at Youth Week, I played this deal.

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

The auction was :

West	North	East	South
1♣ P	x 2♥	1♦ end	P 1♥

The ♦Q was led, taken by the Ace and the ♥Q ran to West's Ace. Another diamond was taken by the King while a club was discarded from the closed hand. A heart to the King was followed by the Queen of spades going to East's King. A spade was continued.

After cashing the Jack and 10 of spades, I ruffed a club in dummy to leave these cards:

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

A diamond was led from dummy and (deliberately) ruffed with the 9. West over-ruffed and, realising that he had just endplayed himself, returned a small club. I was now able to claim the rest of the tricks, making two valuable, matchpoint, overtricks

If West refuses to over-ruff then declarer cannot come to more than 9 tricks.

Moral: Don't accept too readily gifts from opponents.

## The Confusion Coup

Andy Braithwaite found himself totally confused by the opponents' plays to tricks 1 and 2 in this hand from match 3 of the Seniors Stage 2. Consequently, he played at torturous speed to make a contract that my chow would have made in 2 minutes. Nonetheless, Andy's confusion generated one of the cutest end positions that I've seen in a long time.

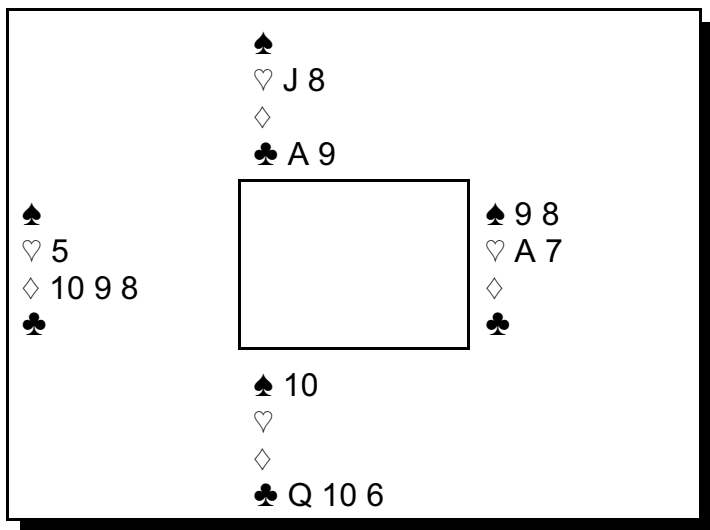
Dealer : E	♠ J 3		
	♥ J 8 6 2		
	♦ 6 4 2		
Vul : EW	♣ A 9 7 5		
♠ 2		♠ A K 9 8 7 4	
♥ K Q 9 5		♥ A 7 4 3	
♦ A Q J 10 9 8 7		♦	
♣ J		♣ 8 4 2	
	♠ Q 10 6 5		
	♥ 10		
	♦ K 5 3		
	♣ K Q 10 6 3		

Andy was playing 4♥ after a relay auction which had told NS absolutely nothing about Andy's hand. North sowed the first seeds of confusion by underleading his ♣A. South took the trick with the Queen, thus planting in Andy's mind the notion that South had started with ♣AKQ. South now compounded matters by switching to a small diamond. Andy finessed the Queen and became even more confused when this scored. South had ♣AKQ and ♦K but hadn't entered the auction?

Whatever, the diamond switch convinced Andy that that suit was not breaking well. He decided that he'd better set up the long spades so he cashed the Ace and King, noting with some foreboding North's Jack. Nonetheless, he

continued a third round and, when South dropped the Queen, Andy was again confused - was North falsecarding with J10x or South with Q10xx? He ruffed with the 9 and North discarded.

Andy thought that he'd better try the Ace of diamonds and to his relief this stood up as he pitched a club off dummy. Well, although he had no idea as to who had what, things weren't going too badly. Not until he cashed the ♥K and Q to find that North had a trick there. He now led the Queen of diamonds and pitched another club off dummy. This brought this position about with South on lead:



If South returns a spade then declarer will ruff. North can over-ruff but then dummy will be good. South opted instead to give the ruff/sluff by returning a club. Andy ruffed in hand, discarding one of dummy's spades, and led the 10 of diamonds. North ruffed and Andy discarded dummy's second spade. This left the Ace and 7 of hearts sitting *en passant* over North's Jack. Notice that if Andy were to over-ruff at trick 12 then he would have to concede the last two tricks to North.

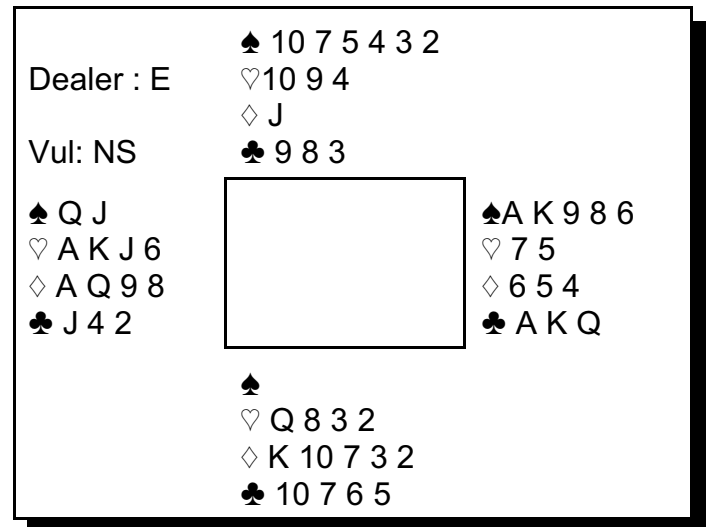
Meanwhile, Guinness (my chow) had ruffed a diamond in dummy at trick 3, drawn 3 rounds of trumps and peddled diamonds until North ruffed in for a flat board but Andy had more fun. Eventually.

### You Go, Girl

Richard Webb

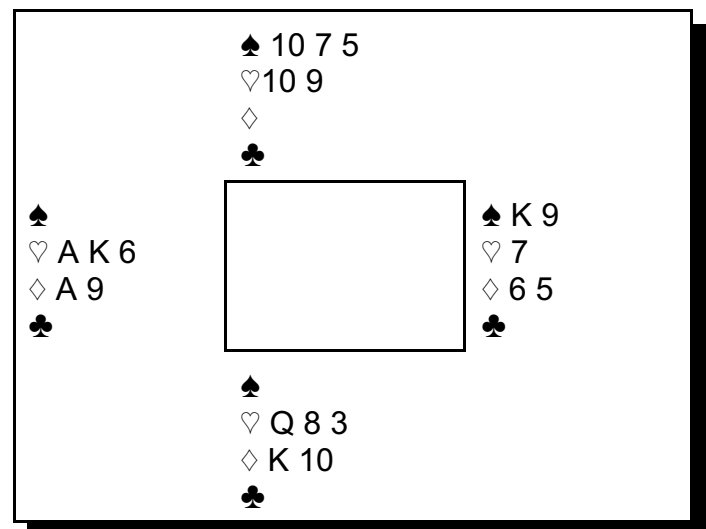
Candice Berman took an optimistic (!) view in the bidding after finding out that her partner, Liz Havas, held 16-17 hcp and 5 spades. She drove the partnership to 7NT on the layout below with

Candice in the West seat..



The ♣5 was led, taken by the King. Liz realised straight away that the contract was a little (!) lffy and so she led a heart to the Jack, knowing that she needed two finesses for her contract. She then led the Queen of spades getting the bad news that she needed more than two finesses for her contract.

The ♠J was next, followed by a club to the Ace. Liz then took the diamond finesse, noting the fall of the Jack. A club to the Queen saw South start to come under some pressure. The Ace of spades was cashed, on which South discarded a diamond Liz now led the ♠K and South was gone in this ending:



7NT, bid and made!

Later, Paul Marston came across Candice in the lobby and asked her if she was the one who had bid 7NT, needing two finesses and a squeeze. Candice, rather sheepishly admitted as much, to which Paul's smiling reply was, "You go, girl!"

## The Double Retribution Coup That Wasn't

Brian O'Hara was not a happy camper. For the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row, he was playing the Men's Pairs with Stephen Burgess. Brian had lunched well, if not wisely, and lunch was fighting back. Indeed, he had had to excuse himself for a loo dash half way through the auction on the second board of the set. Two further comfort stops had done little to ease the situation. Consequently, his play was somewhat below his usual Olympian standard. Stephen is not one to suffer fools gladly, nor, indeed, anyone else for that matter and the mere fact of invalidity did nothing to soften his lash. Stephen's temper had not been improved by this board on which he had had to demonstrate his declarer skills on a sub-Moysian fit.

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

Stephen, North, passed and East opened 2♠. Brian doubled (how else could he get to the toilet?) West raised to 3♠ and Stephen, never one to shy away from a challenge, took on the Moysian (4-3) heart fit or so he thought until he saw dummy.

East led his singleton and Stephen scored with dummy's Ace. He played a trump to the King and then a spade. West took this and gave his partner a diamond ruff. A club was continued, taken on table for a second heart, which West took with the Ace. Obviously(?) East couldn't have a trump left, so West cashed a high spade and then gave up a ruff/sluff by playing a second spade. Stephen gratefully drew East's impossible trump and claimed for only one off.

Nonetheless, the hand did little to change Stephen into Little Mister Sunshine. By the time

the last hand of the session hit the table, Brian had very obviously had enough. Sneaking a look at the hand record, I thought that board 21 might be interesting:

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

Stephen paused in his dissection of Brian's defence on board 20 to open 1♥. East passed and I leaned forward with interest to see Brian's response.

He passed!! A Retribution Coup if ever I saw one. West tried 1♦ and Stephen announced his good 2-suiter with a 2♥ continuation.

Brian went deep into the tank. It really looked to me as if I might see the ultimate Double Retribution Coup - pass the first time and raise the hyper-critical partner to slam the second time. Then all I'd have to do would be to pray for East to find a spade lead and then find a bomb shelter before Stephen's explosion. (After all 6♥ by Brian can't be beaten and a 1♥ response would surely have got them there.

Sadly Brian emerged with a paltry 4♥, so I went to the bar.

Later, it eventuated that Brian had been wool-gathering and hadn't actually seen that Stephen had opened.

That just brought the lash out again as Stephen now wanted to know why Brian hadn't "opened" his hand with a multi 2♦.

In the third session, Mike Prescott was misled by a false card from Stephen but a neat ending saw him get his just share of the spoils anyway.

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

Mike was playing 3NT from South after Stephen had shown a 5-carded weak two in spades.

Stephen led the ♦9 which Mike took in hand. He now led the Ace of clubs and Stephen contributed the King! Not unnaturally, Mike abandoned this suit and led a diamond to the Jack, on which Brian discarded a heart. A successful finesse of the 10 of hearts came next and Mike continued the ♠Q. Stephen took this and returned the Jack of spades, taken in dummy with the King.

A heart saw Brian play the 9 and Mike the Ace. The last diamond was cashed to bring about :

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

Mike exited with the ♥8 which enabled Brian to suicide squeeze Stephen when he continued with the Jack of hearts. This meant that Mike had the eleven tricks which the lead of a small club at trick 3 would have produced without all the drama.

A couple of days ago, I reported Mike taking the experts line in a poor contract. He worked out the exact distribution which would be needed

and played for it to exist. Today, we have the most extreme example of this that I have ever seen in real life or in the literature of the game.

Mike and Simon Stancu had had an undistinguished (he said mildly) auction to propel the partnership into 6♠ on the hand below.

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

After the Ace of hearts was cashed Mike had to find somewhere to put his losing diamond. There was exactly one chance - If the King of clubs came down singleton then the ♣Q would provide a pitch. By my reckoning, this is a 0.96% chance.

Michael laid down the Ace of clubs and was somewhat surprised by West's contribution.

Yes, Michael there is a Father Christmas and an Easter Bunny and a Tooth Fairy.





*Second in the 0 - 149 Teams event were : John Knight, Etta Rogoysta, Ian Dalziel and Colin Beaton*



*Second overall in the Non-Life Masters Teams were : Ruth Gallagher, Rhonda Thorpe, Robert Hurst and Val Carmody*