

Monday January 21 2008

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Tim Bourke's Problem

6. MINOR BREAKS

Dealer East. E-W Vul.

NORTH

	K Q 8	5
\heartsuit	943	
\diamond	A K 8 2	2
*	A 5	

SOUTH ▲ A J 3 2

$\heartsuit \mathbf{Q}$	
$\Diamond \mathbf{Q}$	J 9 3
	QJ6

WestNorthEast
3♥South
DblePass4♥Pass4♠Pass5♠Pass6♠All passSSS

The North hand is far to strong to be content with a simple four spades in response to your takeout double. So your partner showed his showed his strength with a cue-bid of four hearts. Once the spade fit came to light, he showed his extra values with a raise to five spades, while denying a heart control As you had extras as well as a control in the heart suit, you had an easy raise to six spades. West led the six of hearts and East took this with the king and continued with the ace of hearts.

You ruffed with a low trump, as West followed with the two of hearts. All seemed easy until you cashed the ace of trumps only to find East discarding a heart. After checking with East that he was sure he didn't have a trump, how do you plan to make the slam (assuming West began with exactly two hearts)?

Ron Klinger's Problem

Opening Lead Problem 1

Teams, dealer East : N-S vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

What should West lead from:

▲ K 10 9 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 10 7
♣ A J 7 3



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Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

You can always make twelve tricks as long as West has exactly two hearts and at least two cards in each minor. Suppose the full deal is:

♠ K Q 8 5	
♡943	
◊ A K 8 2	
🛧 A 5	
109764	★ -
♡62	♡ A K J 10 8 7 5
◊ 10 5 4	◇7 6
se 9 8 3	\Lambda 10742
🛧 A J 3 2	
$\heartsuit \mathbf{Q}$	
◊ Q J 9 3	
🕭 K Q J 6	

Your first move is to lead the three of trumps. West will surely play nine of trumps and dummy will win the trick with the queen. Then you cash the ace-queen of diamonds and continue with the ace and king of clubs. Next you play the queen of clubs. When West follows, you discard a diamond from dummy and persist with the jack of clubs. West ruffs and you overruff. As West has 5-2 in the majors and three clubs, his original distribution must have been 5=2=3=3 and so it is safe to cash another diamond. You have taken ten tricks and make the last two on a high cross ruff.

The play is similar when West holds four clubs, in which case you will discard two diamonds from dummy and only then lead a third diamond. West will ruff and dummy will overruff cheaply. Again You will score the last two tricks on a crossruff.

It would not matter if West could ruff the third club for then his original distribution would be 5=2=4=2. You would overruff and cash the two remaining diamond winners before taking the last two tricks, as before, on a high crossruff.

The overall chance of success when West began with five spades and two hearts is a surprising 87%.

Ron Klinger's Problem - Solution

When they bid 1-Major : 4-Major, the major asset in dummy is likely to be some ruffing value. You can reduce the value of this ruffing potential by leading trumps.

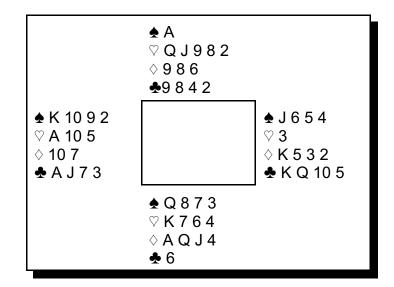
Usually a trump lead would not appeal from a holding such as A-10-x as the lead might easily cost a trick. On this sequence partner is likely to hold a singleton trump and so the trump lead is unlikely to cost. A short suit lead such as the \$10 is not as attractive when you have a strongish hand since partner may be weak and not have an entry to give you a ruff later.

It is preferable to lead a low trump just in case partner's singleton is the king.

Awards: ♥5: 100; ♥A: 80; ♦10: 70; ♠10: 50;

Tip: When dummy's main value is likely to be the ability to score ruffs, repeated trump leads may be best.

The actual deal:



In an international teams event, West started with a spade. On a non-trump lead, declarer can score six trump tricks, the A and three winners in diamonds. The 10 lead is particularly damaging.

After a low heart lead followed by ace and another heart when West comes in a club, declarer should be one trick short. As it happens, ♥A and a second heart at once will also work. At the other table:

West	North	East Pass	South 1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

With eight losers in the North hand and six with South, this was not an enterprising sequence. While 4♥ might fail, it is still where you want to be, particularly at teams when vulnerable.

(This problem appeared originally in Australian Bridge magazine. Subscription details are available from PO Box 1426 Double Bay, NSW 1360, Australia or mail@australianbridge.com for email. See www.australianbridge.com for their website.)

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A Bidding Problem

You, South, hold

♠97432 ♥AJ ♦105 ♣9863

You are playing Swiss at favourable and the auction commences

West	North	East	South
1♦	2*	2♠	P ?

And it's your move.

I suspect that there are not many who would find a bid. Further I suspect that there are even less who would find the piece of inspired lunacy that Ashley Bach did.

3NT!

Ash's aim was to try and steal the contract, not minding if he went several down. He succeeded in this as three passes ensued. The outcome, however exceeded expectation

	 ▲ A 6 ♡ 10 4 2 ◇ A 9 ♣ K Q 10 7 5 4 	
▲ J ♡ Q 9 7 6 ◊ K J 8 7 4 2 ♣ A J		 ▲ K Q 10 8 5 ♡ K 8 5 3 ◊ Q 6 3 ♣ 2
	 ♦ 9 7 4 3 2 ♡ A J ◊ 10 5 ♥ 9 8 6 3 	
Swiss 1 / 3		

West led the \bigstar J which Ashley took with dummy's Ace. The King of clubs was taken by West who exited with an unfortunate heart. Ash wrapped up a most ungodly 9 tricks.

An hour later, Ash's partner, Tony Leibowitz was still shaking his head in disbelief. Imagine how East-West feel.

In the same match at a different table Michael Ware and Matthew McManus managed a game which is certainly beatable although the necessary defence would be almost impossible to find at the table.

Dealer : S Vul: All	♠ Q 8 7 3 ♡ A Q 7 4 ◊ 10 ♣ 10 7 6 3	
<pre></pre>		♠ A K 6 ♡ ◊ K J 9 8 7 4 ♣ A K Q 9
	 ▲ 10 9 2 ♡ 10 8 5 3 ◇ A Q 5 2 ▲ 4 2 	
Swiss 1 / 7		

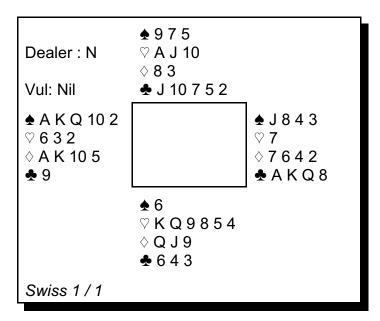
After three passes, Michael opened a game forcing 2♦. South passed and Matthew bid 2♥ which showed some values and hearts. North doubled and Michael bid his diamonds. Matthew now went for the 9 trick game. This went round to South. From this seat the defensive values looked very well placed with North controlling Matthew's hearts and South Michael's diamonds. He doubled.

North led a dutiful ♦10 covered by the Jack and Queen. An equally dutiful ♥10 was returned to another Jack/Queen combination, with Matthew discarding dummy's small spade.

Unable to find any more diamonds, North played a spade, taken, perforce, on table. It merely remained for Matthew to knock-out the A and claim his 9 tricks.

Despite the apparently happy position of the defensive red honours, it looks to me as if North has to lead a small heart to beat the contract. South's 10 dislodges the Jack. Then, when the two diamond plays lose to South, he can continue hearts and North's ♥A, ♥Q and ♥7 of hearts all become winners

Ed Barnes and Matt Porter solved a bidding problem which a datum of 470 to EW suggests was beyond most pairs.



South opened 2♥ and Ed overcalled 2♠. North tried 3♥ and Matt a 4♣ cue in support of spades. 4♦ from Ed and 4♥ from Matt saw Ed shoot the successful 6♠.

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Meanwhile in the Senior Teams final, Andy Braithwaite and Ron Klinger were negotiating a low level sacrifice

Dealer : E Vul: Nil	 ▲ A K Q 6 5 ♡ A 7 ◊ J 10 ♣ A 10 4 2 	
 ▲ J 7 4 ♡ 8 6 3 ◇ A K 9 5 4 3 ♣ 6 		 ▲ 10 9 8 2 ♡ K 9 2 ◊ Q 8 2 ▲ K Q 3
	 ▲ 3 ♡ Q J 10 5 4 ◊ 7 6 ♣ J 9 8 7 5 	

Ron passed as dealer and so did South. Andy popped in a lead directing 1♦ for North to double. Ron bid his tasty spade suit and everyone gave up. As Ron had a spade trick, a heart trick, two diamonds and two clubs, North was probably disappointed to register only +50.

A dive off the low board against the making 2♣, 2♥ or 1♠ by North-South. However, Bill Haughie and David Lilley were using the high board in the other room and 4♥ down one saw no imps change hands.

Australian Bridge Directors Ass ⁿ .
New Laws Forum
The new laws will be implemented in Australia in June/July of this year.
All directors are invited to participate in a forum on these on
Wednesday January 23rd
in the Executive Room, Rydges at 8 pm
The forum will cover topics such as
 The transfer of tricks after a revoke What to do about an insufficient conventional bid and any other topics of interest

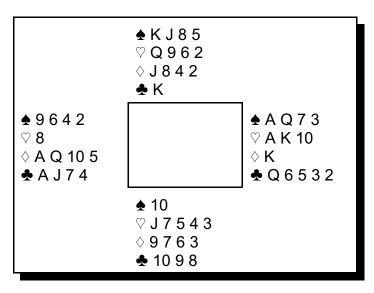
Safety First

You are in 6♣ from East and South leads the ▲10. The Queen scores and it's your move.

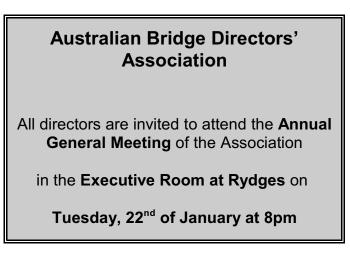
♦ 9642	▲ A Q 7 3
♡8	♡ A K 10
♦ A Q 10 5	\diamond K
뢒 A J 7 4	🛧 Q 6 5 3 2

You play?

Ishmael Delmonte points out the correct line. As the lead had eliminated your only potential off suit loser, your sole concern now is not to lose two trumps. The particular danger here is that the ▲10 lead looks awfully like a singleton. If you lose the lead to North then he may well give South a spade ruff to beat your contract. Since you don't mind one club loser, you play a trump to the Ace and are richly rewarded when the actual layout is:

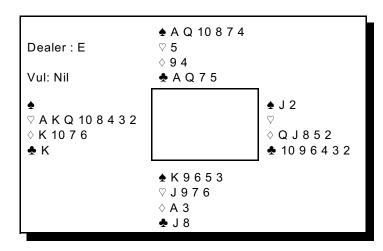


For some reason, Ishmael declined to tell me what the result at his table was.



Second Sight

Yesterday, I recounted how Mike Prescott had played for a 0.96% lie of the cards as the only way to make a slam on this set-up

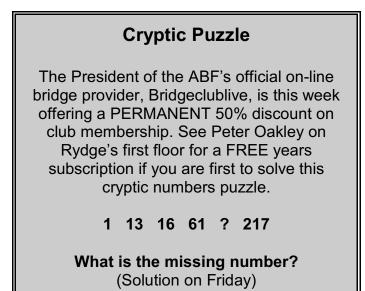


Mike was in 6 \bigstar and, after the \forall A was cashed, needed to find a resting place for his diamond loser. He banged down the Ace of clubs and was subsequently able to discard the diamond on the \bigstar Q.

Kieran Dyke and Andrew Peake pointed out to me today that Mike isn't just lucky, he's also an anti-percentage butcher - passing up a 4.05% alternative.

Their solution is to lead the Jack of clubs. As long as the King is onside and accompanied by the 10 and 9 only or the King is onside and the 10 9 are doubleton or trebleton in the other hand, then the \clubsuit 7 will provide the necessary resting place.

However, Mike assures me that the auction and play to the first two tricks had effectively ruled out these possibilities.



Bid What You've Got (Or What They've Got, If You Prefer)

Some auctions from the last couple of days in which bidding the suits held by opponents seems to have paid some good dividends though not in all cases.

Kieran Dyke and Renee Cooper were not amused by this one from the Mixed Pairs

Dealer : N	▲ A 9 7 3 2 ♡ A 10 5 ◊ K J 6 2					
Vul: All	♣ 5					
≜ 8 6 ♡ K 9 7 6 3 2		★ K Q J 10 5 ♡ J				
♦ A K Q 10 6		◇ A 10 4 ♣ J 9 8 2				
	 ▲ 4 ♡ Q 8 4 ◇ Q 9 8 7 5 3 ▲ 7 4 3 					
MultiPairs 2/13						

Kieran opened 1♠ and this ran round to David Horton in the West seat. David found a fairly obvious Michaels and Alison Stralow (East) decided that 2♠ was a good place to play. To Kieran and Renee's disgust, it was, as most EW pairs got overboard and making 8 tricks in Kieran's suit represented a near top for David and Alison.

Seamus Browne and Jessel Rothfield saw each opponent bid Seamus's suit but run out of steam short of the commonly bid slam which foundered on a foul trump break.

Dealer : S Vul: Nil	 ▲ A 10 8 3 ♡ J 10 3 2 ◊ K 10 ♣ 10 7 2 	
 ▲ J 7 ♡ 8 7 4 ◇ A 7 6 4 3 ▲ A 9 5 		▲ K Q 9 2 ♡ A K Q 9 6 ◊ ★ K Q J 3
	 ▲ 6 5 4 ♡ 5 ◇ Q J 9 8 5 2 ▲ 8 6 4 	

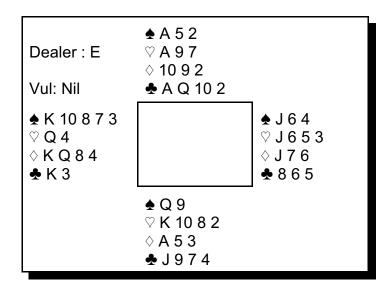
After three passes, East opened $2\clubsuit$. Seamus popped in a fearless $3\blacklozenge$ (it is left to the double dummy experts to compute the outcome in $3\blacklozenge x$) but, in real life, West passed and East tried again with $4\blacklozenge$. West now showed her suit with $5\blacklozenge$!

Everything petered out when East finally admitted to the very adequate heart suit - 5Ψ . Many pairs, who didn't have the assistance of Seamus, reached 6Ψ and ruefully cursed the dealing programme. A datum of 210 for EW meant lots of imps for 450.

Ed Barnes and Matt Porter also benefitted on this one when Siggy Konig and Jimmy Wallis's system bit its parents.

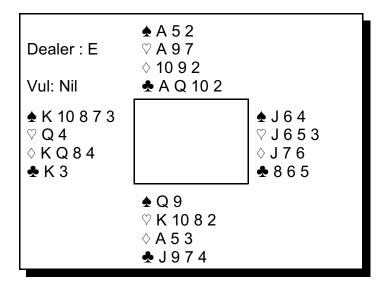
After two passes, North opened 2Ψ which, in the Ozarks of Queensland, indicates a three suited hand with a short minor. Ed passed to await developments and West balanced with $3\clubsuit$. (It is left to the double dummy experts to compute the outcome in $2\Psi x$ if West re-opens with a double.) Ed now tried 3Ψ and Matt repeated his diamonds. $4\clubsuit$ from Ed closed proceedings. Making $4\bigstar$ instead of going down in 6Ψ yielded a very palatable 420 against the datum of -210..

New Zealand internationals, Viv and Mike Cornell enjoyed this one where an opponent unilaterally abandoned the system.



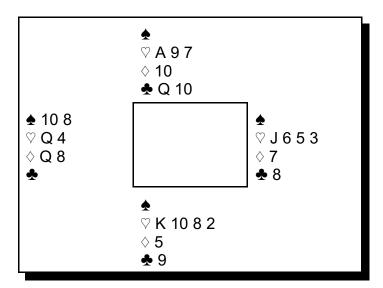
After two passes, West opened a 1♥ transfer opening. North passed and East decided to take the momentum out of the auction with another pass. In fact, the momentum became nonexistent as 1♥ became the final contract and Viv and Mike managed the defensive game by taking 10 tricks. +350 was very acceptable against a datum of +110. This board also saw Adam Sarten produce a neat endplay, sadly, only for a minor suit overtrick.

Hand repeated for convenience



East opened $1 \triangleq$ and Adam overcalled $2 \clubsuit$. Sarah Tishler raised to 3 and that became the final contract.

A spade was led to the Queen, King and adam ducked. West produced the King of diamonds and Adam ducked again. A small diamond collected the 9 and Jack and dummy's Ace. Adam now ran the Jack of clubs successfully and then took East's ♣K with the Ace. He cashed the Ace of spades and ruffed a small spade in dummy to bring about:



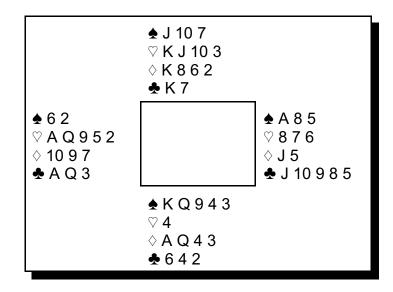
The small diamond was led, taken by West with the Queen. West now could give up a ruff / sluff in either spades or diamonds or, alternatively, open up the heart suit. The latter course was chosen but, even though the Queen was led, Adam was sufficiently confident of his assessment of the situation to finesse against East's Jack on the next round.

Solution To Thursday's Puzzle

					Х							
1	s	Е	R	Е	S							
				2	Т	R	Ι	С	K	S		
		3	G	Ι	R	Α	F	F	Е			
			4	W	Ι	Ν	К	L	Е			
5	Т	R	U	Μ	P	E	R					
6	Е	L	0	Ρ	E.	м	E	Ν	Т			
	7	s	М	Ι	Т	н	Ρ	Е	Т	E	R.	
8	G	0	U	L	A	S	Η					
		9	С	R	Ι	S	S	С	R.	0	S	S
		10	G	Ι	L	L						
				11	E.	х	Ρ	Е	R	Т		
	12	L	А	Ν	D	Υ						
			13	В	А	С	Κ	W	А	s	Н	
		14	Е	Ν	P	Α	s	S	А	Ν	Т	
				15	E	Ν	D	Р	L	А	Υ	

Terry Brown's Challenge

DeepFinesse has 4♠ going down on this hand from the Senior Teams final. Terry challenges you to find the defence to beat it.



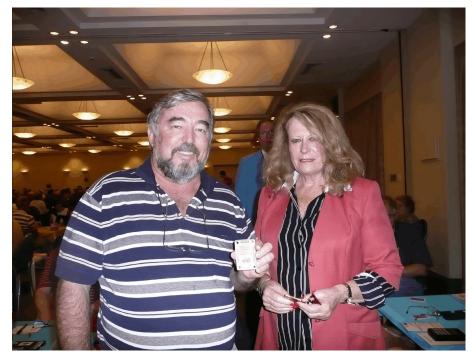
I'll publish Terry's solution tomorrow.



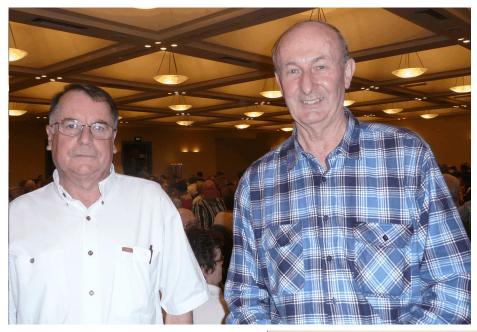
Completing three very successful days were Margaret Perley and Murat Genc of Dunedin, New Zealand who won the Open Last Train and were second in the AMP Mixed Pairs



Christine Williams and Helena Dawson who won the AMP Women's Pairs



The AMP Seniors' Pairs was won by Paul McGrath and Robyn Fletcher



Winners of theAMP Novice Pairs -Graham Hislop and James Sunderland

Winners of the National Women's Teams - Rena Kaplan, Julie Hoffman, Jenny Thompson, Paula Schroor, Sheila Bird and Karen Preet





Winners of the National Seniors Teams :

Bill Haughie, Ron Klinger, David Lilley, Andy Braithwaite, Gaby Lorentz and John Lester