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9.00	1.00	NOT	(Rydges) 6.45	Spe	edball ⁻	Teams (Rydges) 8.00	
			Satur	day				
	9.00 (NOT)	Other events 1	0.00	2.00	8.00		

Top 10 at Rydges		To	Top 10 at Hellenic			
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Tim Bourke's Problem

10. MAKING SURE Dealer South. EW Vul.

NORTH
♠ 6
♡ A Q 8 7 6
♦ 7 5 3 2
📥 A 7 6
SOUTH
🕭 A K J 8
♡KJ 1095
◊ A Q 4
♣ 2

West	North East	South 1♥	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	All pass	

After North's splinter bid in spades, you asked for key cards and found that all were present. So, you bid five notrump, intending to bid the grand slam if partner could cue bid the king of diamonds. When he could not you were content with the small slam in hearts.

West leads the queen of clubs to dummy's ace and East follows. How do you plan to make your contract when trumps are 2-1?

Early Guess

Ben Thompson

Bill Jacobs put Paul Lavings to a guess early on this board and Paul's choice wasn't so lucky.

Dealer : W	≜ K 10 4 2 ♡ K 9 7 ◊ 4	
Vul: All	✓ 4 ▲ A J 10 6 4	
 ♠ 9 7 6 5 ♡ A J 6 4 ◊ A 9 2 ♣ K 3 		 ▲ A Q 3 ♡ Q 5 ◊ K Q 5 ♣ Q 9 8 5 2
	 ▲ J 8 ♡ 10 8 3 2 ◇ J 10 8 7 6 3 ◆ 7 	
SWPT 9 / 4		

The auction:

West	North	East	South
1♥	P	2 ♣	P
2NT	P	3NT	end

Bill led \bigstar 4, playing <u>fourths</u>. Paul played low and I won the Jack and returned \bigstar 8 to dummy's Queen, Bill following with the 2.

Paul continued with a club to the King and Ace. Bill returned a low club immediately, rather than the bland spade. Paul looked askance, one might say very askance, at Bill's little club.

Paul's problem is that if he can make three club tricks, then he's home. If he only makes two, he needs the heart finesse. Sure of the spade layout, but unsure of the club position, Paul decided to cater for me having ♣Jx or ♣10x ny hopping with the Queen.

Very reasonable, but... unlucky.

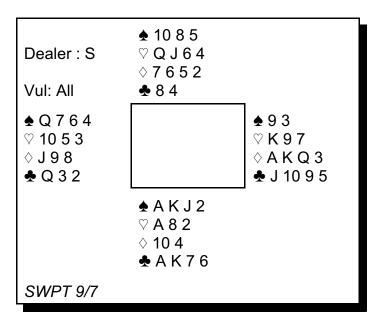
Yesterday, I recounted a lead problem which Paul had faced. On that case he was also unlucky. From the same match came his one:

You hold:

▲Q764 ♥1053 ♦J98 **♣**Q32

Your rho. Opens 1 + and all pass.

Paul argues that a trump lead is mandatory. Obviously, partner has some values, but he isn't competing. There can only be one reason - he has club length - it's not impossible that he has more than declarer.



Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

You may be surprised to learn that the contract can be guaranteed whenever the trumps are 2-1!

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♠ 6
         ♡ A Q 8 7 6
         ♦ 7 5 3 2
         🛧 A 7 6
♦ Q 10 3 2
                      ◆9754
♡32
                      ♡4
◊ K 9 6
                      ◊ | 10 8
♣ Q J 10 4
                      🛧 K 9 8 5 3
         ▲ A K | 8
         ♡K| 1095
         ◇ A Q 4
         4 2
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When trumps break 2-1 the contract can be guaranteed with an elimination play. At trick two you ruff a club with the nine of trumps. After you play a trump to the ace to ruff dummy's last club, you re-enter dummy with a trump to the queen. Finally, you make the crucial play of a spade, intending to cover East's card.

If he plays low, West wins with the ten of spades and must give away a trick on whatever he returns.

Obviously, a spade or a diamond will give you a twelfth trick immediately. The only other possibility is a club, which will give you a ruffand-discard. You will discard a a diamond from dummy and ruff in the South hand. You can then discard two of dummy's remaining diamonds on the ace and king of spades. At this point there will be two trumps and one small diamond left in dummy, giving you the rest of the tricks.

What would happen if East played the nine (or ten) of spades on the six of spades? You would cover with the jack and if that lost to the queen the A-K-8 would produce three tricks on a spade return because only the ten (or nine) from the original defensive holding of \pm Q-10-9 would be still outstanding in the suit.

Seeing Red

A letter to the Convener by Warren Lazer

(with some help from Andy Roddick and John McEnroe)

You cannot be serious!! Why are you giving us these red cardboard wallets to play with yet again? Every year I complain to you and the directors that you can't tell who's vulnerable, but to no avail. Why do we have to play with them yet again – it's a disgrace. Why haven't they been thrown out?

Are your ears attached to your head? It seems not! Or maybe it's just a memory problem, so maybe having it in writing will help. Every year you agree we shouldn't use them and every time they're back the following year. Ditch them! Burn them! Rip them up! Or you could even sell them – I know someone who's interested in buying them.

And if you think this rave is in part prompted by the fact that our opponent on board 13 (not realising he was vulnerable) opened a very weak hand showing both majors that kept our partners out of 6S, you'd be right. Or were we just unlucky that Pauline knows the vulnerabilities?

And whilst I'm ranting, those nice bright red table cloths should be given the flick too, especially now that we're using bidding boxes. Just ask the pair who wrote down -1700 because the X card is exactly the same shade of red and was beautifully camouflaged during the auction.

So let me say this very slowly so that you can understand me.

GET RID OF THE REDS!!

The Missing Cryptic Number

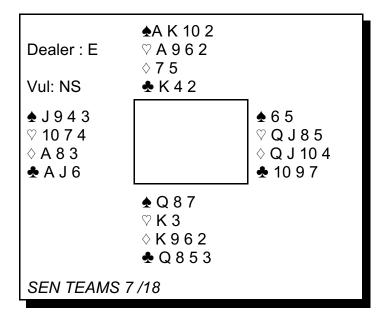
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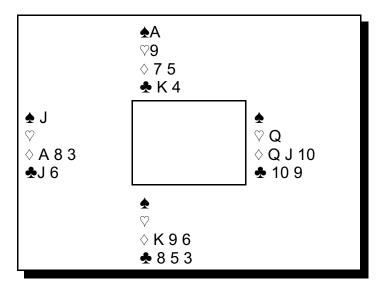
Creating An Illusion

Bruce Neill was most impressed by the way in which an opponent discarded a winner to beat a game which Bruce thought was cruising home. The hand was played last week and sadly Bruce can't identify precisely who his opponent was.



Bruce was playing 3NT from North. A small heart was led, taken by the King on the table. Bruce played a spade to the King and then a club to the Queen and West's Ace. The ♥10 was tabled and allowed to stand. Bruce took the next heart and played a spade to the Queen. A successful finesse of the €10 saw East discard a diamond.

The situation now was

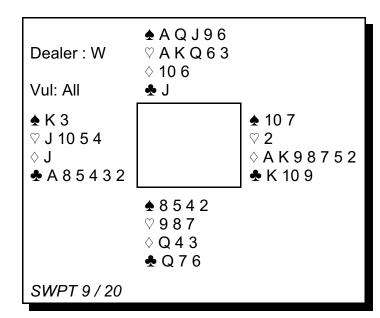


Bruce cashed the Ace of spades and stopped in his tracks when East discarded the ♥Q! In reality, Bruce makes in some comfort by cashing the Ace of clubs and, providing East does not unblock the Jack, he can then use East's \clubsuit J as a stepping stone to dummy's King of diamonds and long club.

The ♥Q convinced Bruce that the minor suit distribution was other then it was and a moment later, his endplay against East was crowned with failure.

Restricted Choice

Kieran Crowe-Mai brought this one to me which shows an interesting example of applying this principle.



North led a diamond against West's 5. Declarer took that and played a second diamond ruffed in hand. A club was played towards dummy and the King took the Jack.

Now in the classical situation, declarer now finesses against South's Queen. However, this time, the King of diamonds was cashed, dropping the last defensive diamond and diamonds were continued. Whenever South ruffs in, West will simply over-ruff, draw the last trump and cross back to the carefully preserved third trump on table.

But It Works For The Rueful Rabbit

One of the characteristics of Victor Mollo's Rabbit was his ability to mis-sort his hand and thereby produce a masterpiece of card play. In real life, things are often different.

Dealer : W Vul: NS	 ▲ J 5 ♡ K J 10 8 6 5 3 2 ◊ 5 ♣ 6 2 	
 ▲ A K 9 8 7 ♡ 3 2 ◇ A 10 4 ♣ K Q 10 		 ▲ 6 4 3 2 ♡ Q ◇ Q 9 7 ◆ 9 8 5 4 3
	 ▲ Q 10 ♡ A 9 7 4 ◊ K J 8 6 ▲ A J 7 	-

West opened an unexceptionable 1NT and North tried 3Ψ . East had nothing to say and South raised to 4Ψ .

10 tricks were made without too much difficulty. I'm not sure at what point West became aware that her hand actually was :

▲AK987 ♥ **♦**A10432 **♣**KQ10

although I am sure that East, the irascible Mike Cornell, would have pointed it out with his usual tact.

This enabled Michael Ware and Matthew McManus to convert a disaster in the other room to a tidy pick up.

Michael had sorted his hand correctly and so opened 1♠ (although having a void is not necessarily an impediment to Michael opening 1NT). North overcalled 3♥ and Matthew 4♠. Michael is a firm believer in the dictum that you don't pre-empt over a pre-empt so he assumed that Matthew had values. 6♠ was not a triumph and Michael was not looking forward to explaining a double figure swing to team-mates.

In the event, the score-up was perfectly amicable.

Many of you will have noticed that this is the hand which generated the appeal which led Mike Prescott to pen a somewhat heated commentary in yesterday's Bulletin. I presumed to write a little commentary and today I received some further observations from Mike.

Many of the points in the second edition repeat or strengthen those in the first so I'll just summarise the additional points.

- Mike whole-heartedly agrees that a meritless appeal, over which an advisor has not been consulted, certainly should be pinged. However, he is more convinced than ever that this appeal had merit. (His polling of experts is now 33-2 in favour of bidding 4♠).
- Mike believes that having the advisor at the other venue makes it difficult to use the system
- I will quote Mike's other point verbatim -

"We are all working to keep bridge alive and we know that this is no easy task. Over the last decade, with computers and on-linebridge, numbers have declined. Now we have an AC penalising players who are non-experts but who have asked experts for advice. What is more they were penalised WRONGLY. This will just drive more people from the game. I have sat on thousands of committees over the years and have always argued against penalising players who believe that they have been hard done by by the director. It is our job to explain why the decision has been reached and to go out of our way to encourage and support the lessexperienced players. These are the people whp are going to keep our game going in the future.

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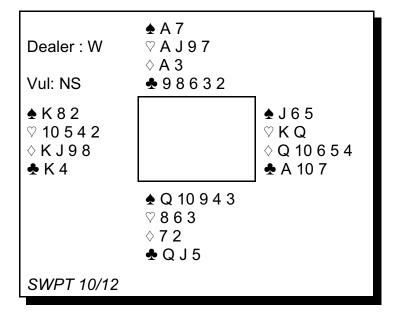
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Even Homer Nods

though in this case it was more like a wind up Noddy toy on amphetamines.

First board on the table was:

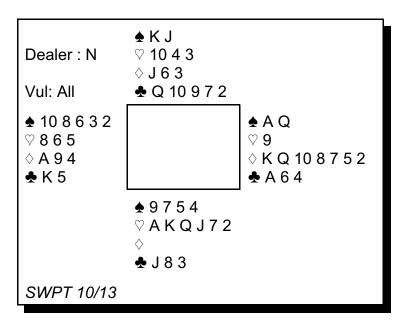


Ed Barnes opened a weak no trump after a pass from dealer. South transferred and Ed duly played in 2. DeepFinesse has seven tricks available to East-West in a spade contract and so it proved. Kieran was 2 off.

"4 light," says Ted Griffen and Mike Hughes writes down 400 on his sheet.

"That's a bit cruel," says Kieran and, after a little checkback, 200 was agreed.

Onto the next:

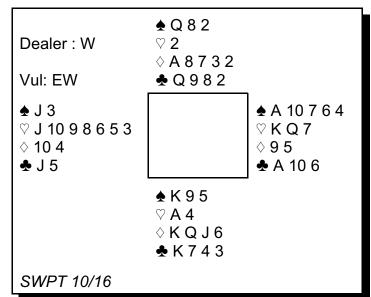


The contract was $6 \Rightarrow x$ by West. The first round of trumps saw South show out. Declarer played three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last with the Ace and took the spade finesse.

When this succeeded, he claimed, saying to Ed "I'll finesse against your Jack."

For practice presumably.

Three boards later and it's Kieran's turn to nod.



Ted opened 1♠ after two passes and South overcalled 1NT. Mike out in 2♥ and, Kieran, a negative double. South tried 3♣ and Kieran 3♥.

Kieran waited for a while and asked "has everybody passed? He then suggested that Ted might like to lead.

On the layout above 3♥ by North is probably lucky to escape for only five light.

"% light, says Ted and Mike writes 1100 on his scoresheet.

"That's a bit cruel," says Kieran. It was at this point that Kieran was introduced to the double with which Ted had greeted his 3♥ bid.

When he was waiting for the auction to finish, everyone else was waiting for his bid but Kieran preferred to invite Ted to lead. Ted and Mike preferred that as well.

Mind you, the person that I have sympathy for is Matt Porter, sitting South and trying to play a serious bridge match at th Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

An Unusual Lightner

Sue and Richard Grenside were amused by this one from the Seniors' Teams.

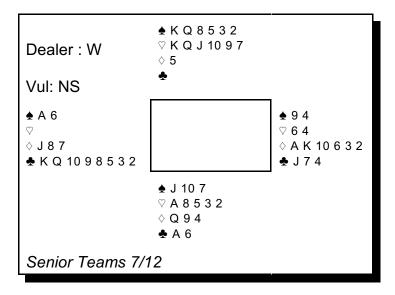
After a pre-empted auction IN WHICH Sue had bid clubs, Richard was on lead against $6 \pm x$, Sue having produced the Lightner.

♠94 ♥64 ♦AK10632 ♣J74

To Richard, looking at his own hand, a diamond lead looked to be what Sue wanted. He banged down the Ace of diamonds which stood up while dummy had three cards and Sue discouraged.

That seemed only to leave hearts as the reason for Sue's double so Richard switched to the $\Psi 6$.

Sue ruffed! North-South had managed to lose a fairly spectacular suit fit on this layout:



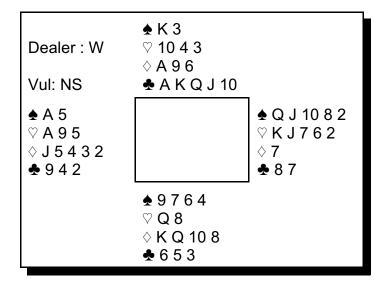
Julie Atkinson and Patrick Carter also managed to select a fairly inadequate fit in the twelfth round.

Julie was admiring:

▲A5 ♥A95 **♦**J5432 **♣**942

North opened 1♣ and Patrick overcalled 2NT. Now Julie KNEW that the system book says that this the unusual, for the minors. She raced exuberantly off to 5♦ and South doubled.

The Ace of clubs was led and then dummy appeared (although someone less kind than myself would suggest that he had been in the East seat throughout the auction.)



The defence was not extended to collect 1700 off its non-vul opponenets.

Patrick was SURE that he had written "Any two suits" in the system book.

He hadn't.

Australian Bridge Teachers' Association

The AGM has been moved to the Gold Coast Congress next month.

The date has yet to be finalised.

Editorial Apology

I apologise for the particularly inadequate Bulletin today. Unfortunately, a nasty attack of food poisoning has prevented me from reaching my usual mediocre standard and length.

SWPT Hellenic Club After Round 12

Place	Name	Score
1	Marston	238
2	Neill	224
3	Rothfield	222
4	Morrison	222
5	Ebery	221
6	Hung	219
7	Bloom	215
8	Gumby	213
9	Robinson	212
<u> </u>	Kiss	210
10	Currie	210
12	Stern	207
12	Grenside	205
13	Hills	
14	Wilks	202
	Walsh	201
16	Finikiotis	199
17	Cherry	198
18	Holford	197
19	Fanos	197
20	Callaghan	197
21	Callaghan	195
22	Crockett	195
23	Fordham	194
24	Hackett	194
25	Fallon	193
26	Ellery	193
27	Atkinson	192
28	Williams	192
29	Powell	192
30	Crichton	191
31		191
32	Cooper	189
33	Miller Weston	189
34		189
35	McMahon	188
36	Gariepy	188
37	Rogers	187
38	Kwok	186
39	Macleod	185
40	Wilkinson	184
41	Danta	182
42	Tarlinton	182
43	Buchanan	181
44	Bugeia	179
45	Ascione	179
46	Clarke	179
47	Wilkinson	177
48	Hill	176
49	Thorp	176

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51	Dudley	175
52	Stewart	175
53	Zurawel	175
54	Steele	174
55	Quach	173
56	Riddell	173
57	Beyfus	172
58	Tant	172
59	Atkins	171
60	Mason	170
61	Boxall	170
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71	Tobin	165
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3	Markey	233
4	Rosendorff	222
5	Genc	217
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7	Turner	207
8	Noble	205
9	Van Abbe	205
10	Leibowitz	203
11	Steer	203
12	Smee	203
13	Vaughan	201
14	Varadi	200
15	Butts	200
16	Snashall	199
17	Ewart	199
18	McLeish	198
19	Canning	198
20	Partait	197
21	Gal	197
22	Sheather	196
23	Scudder	195
24	Law	194
25	Sarten	193
26	Combes	193
27	Carter	193
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29	Hart	191
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31	Shaw	191
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97	Fraser	141
98	Lachs	140
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Hellenic Club

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1	30	1	40	1	410
2	70	2	-20	2	-20
3	380	3	-1430	3	-120
4	90	4	550	4	-610
5	-180	5	440	5	-70
6	50	6	-1670	6	-50
7	160	7	100	7	-130
8	460	8	-250	8	200
9	400	9	340	9	450
10	70	10	630	10	-720
11	30	11	420	11	60
12	-90	12	40	12	20
13	-440	13	-610	13	50
14	70	14	700	14	-630
15	-410	15	590	15	-330
16	-150	16	180	16	-550
17	40	17	20	17	50
18	10	18	100	18	-430
19	220	19	40	19	320
20	190	20	-320	20	140

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