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Saturday January 26 2008

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Tim Bourke's Problem

11. EASY - WHEN YOU SEE IT

Dealer South. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 4
♣ Q 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ A K Q J 9 8
♦ K J 2
♣ A 10 6

West North East South

2♣
Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠
Pass 4♥ All pass

When North failed to cue bid over three spades it suggested that the control he promised by raising two hearts to three was in the spade suit. Consequently, you were content with game.

How do you plan to make ten tricks after West the queen of spades and your bare ace wins the trick?

Australian Youth Team

As a result of the play-offs at Youth Week, the Australian Youth Team for 2008 is

Andy Hung - Nabil Edgton

Griff Ware - Daniel Krochmalik

Nye Griffiths - Paul Gosney

Australian Bridge Teachers' Association

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

The date is still to be finalised

Comedy Of Errors

Those who normally find themselves playing below the salt probably imagine that the top wall features accurate, errorless bridge. Well, do I have news for you!

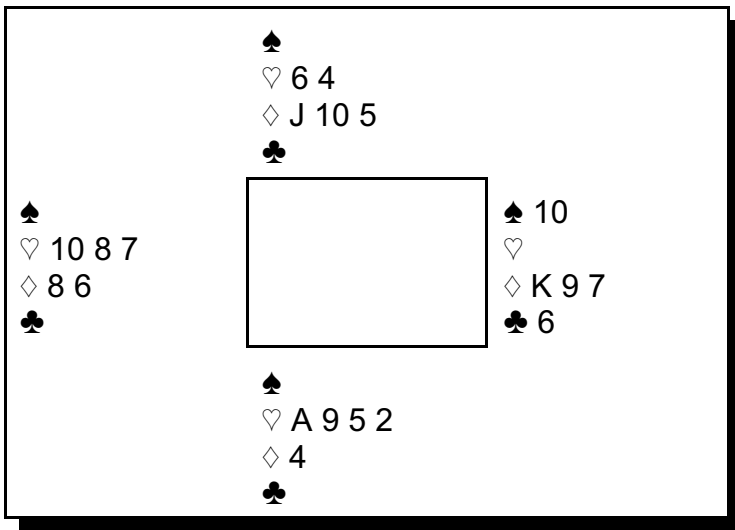
On Friday morning, I settled down at table 4 to kibitz the match featuring two Kiwis (Margaret Perley and Murat Genc playing one and a half Aussies and half a Kiwi (Nigel Rosendorff and Andy Braithwaite). It seemed to be a matter of whose turn it was to produce the next stuff-up. As a person known for his sensitivity, I shall resist the temptation to assign players to seats, thus saving four blushes.

The first board that I saw was

Dealer : S	♠ K 7 2 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ J 10 5 2 ♣ J 10 2	
Vul: S		
♠ 8 5 3 ♥ Q 10 8 7 3 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ 9 7		♠ A J 10 9 ♥ ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ A K 8 6 5
	♠ Q 6 4 ♥ A J 9 5 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ Q 4 3	
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South opened a systemically necessary 1NT which passed to East's penalty double. South extricated himself to 2♥ which West axed with some enthusiasm.

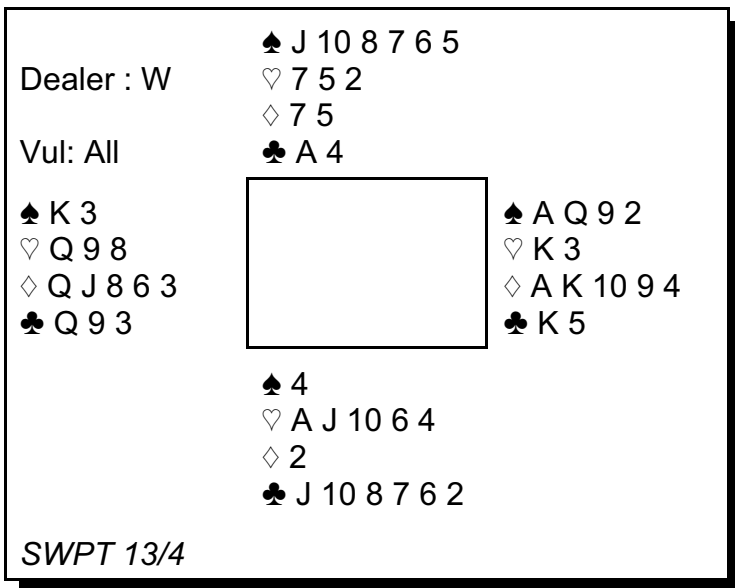
Two high clubs were cashed and the third was ruffed by West. The ♠8 went to declarer's Queen and he tried the Jack of hearts, covered by the Queen, and taken by North's King. Declarer came off table with the ♦2 to the Queen and Ace. Two more tricks went to the defence via the spade suit to bring about this position with declarer having taken two tricks.



East chose to cash the King of diamonds and play another diamond ruffed by declarer. Declarer exited a small trump and West had to concede the last two tricks and the defence collected 500.

In the diagram position, after cashing the ♦K, a spade exit from East leaves West with a diamond exit after taking the first trump trick and the trump endplay no longer exists - defence 800.

Then a systemic misunderstanding on the next.

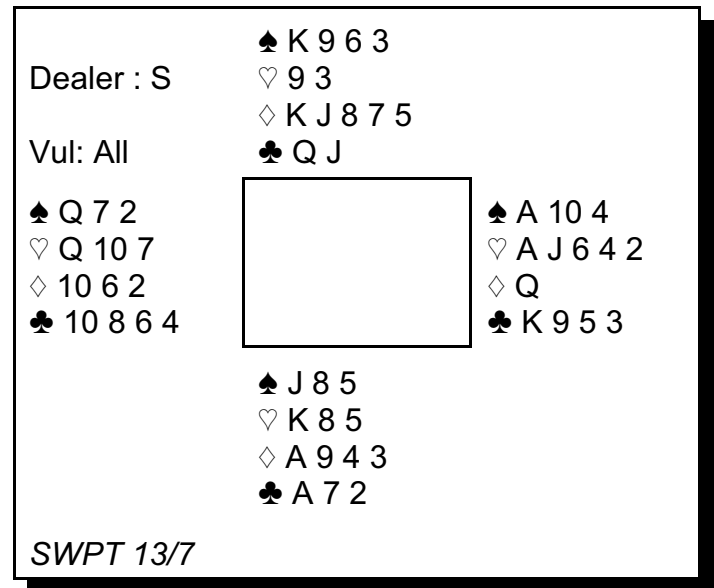


After two passes, East opened 1♦. South overcalled 1♥ and East put in 3♦. This was passed out and South asked "What was 3♦?"

"Bergen" said West.
 "Limit" said East with some disgust.

"Oh, it was an overcall not a double." said West as the vulnerable game passed by on the other side.

A few boards later and

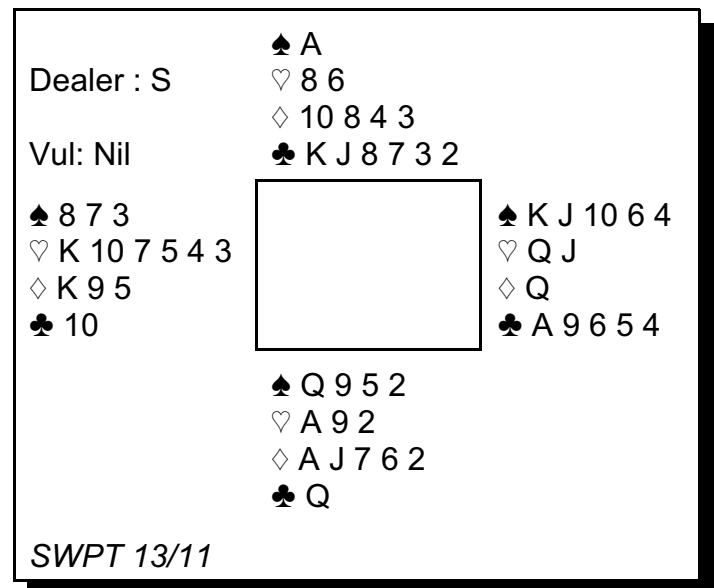


After a no trump from South, East showed either hearts or the blacks with a 2♦ overcall and West's 2♥ closed proceedings.

It appears that the defence is due two spades, one trump, one diamond, two clubs and a ruff for two off. However...

North led the ♣Q, covered and taken by South's Ace. This worthy promptly cashed his Ace of diamonds before continuing clubs and the defensive ruff had just disappeared. Only one off.

Then, to prove that practice makes perfect (or something)



The defence appears to be able to collect 5 tricks against 4♥ after negotiating a spade ruff for two off. However..

North led the Ace of spades and switched to a

diamond. South took his Ace and drew North's trumps. One off.

Then North stepped up to the plate with some underbidding:

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

SWPT 13/ 15

South opened 2♠. North appears to have a choice of actions. One approach would be to splinter with 4♣, after which a 4♥ cue should see 1430 on the board. Alternatively, a 2NT inquiry, followed by a maximum-showing response would have the same effect +1430.

North found 4♠ +680.

Then West produced a truly revolting sequence of bidding.

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

SWPT 13 / 17

East opened 1♦ and South tried a sprightly 2♠. 3♥ from West looks normal as does 4♣ from East. West now produced a 4♦ bid which I am at a loss to explain. Not unnaturally, East was excited by

this and reached for 4NT - surely RKCB for diamonds. West now bid 5♥! Maybe this was a desperate attempt at a sign off but, to East, it must look like two keycards (which West doesn't have) and no ♦Q (which West does have.) Armed with this slightly misleading information, East bid 6♦. West "corrected" to 6♥ and another 50 went into the NS book.

Then a small irony on the next board:

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

SWPT 13/18

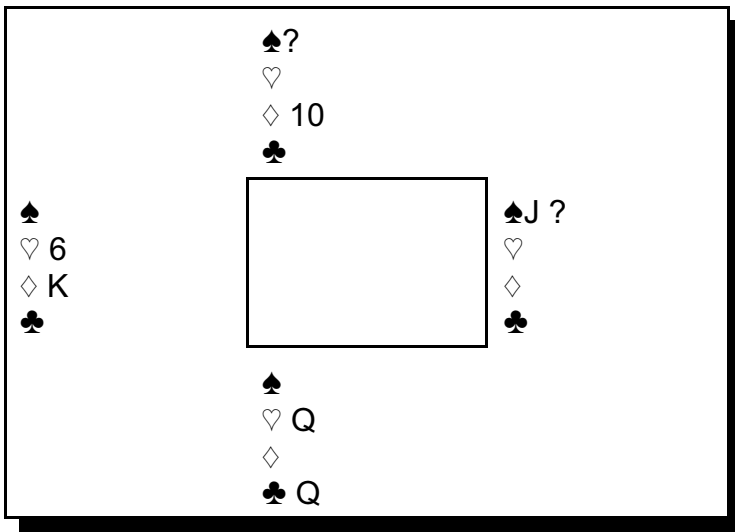
East opened 1♣ and West replied 1♦. East continued 1♥ and West closed proceedings with 2♣.

The irony?

The only game that DeepFinesse has available to EW is in spades, the one suit they couldn't get into the auction!

The play of the hand only contained one point of interest - a display of expert's hubris on the part of South.

A diamond was led to 10 and Queen and two rounds of hearts were taken. A third heart was ruffed with dummy's 8 and over-ruffed by North's 9. A club was returned to table's King A diamond was ruffed back to hand and a heart was ruffed with Ace. Another diamond ruff saw declarer play a round of trumps which North took with the Jack. North cashed the Ace of spades and played a second spade, taken by declarer with the King. From South's point of view, this was the 2 card ending:

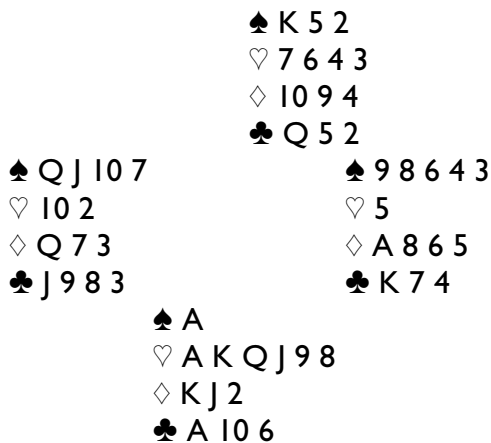


with the Queen and 8 of spades somewhere.

East led the Jack of spades. Now you or I might well ruff this and take our Queen of hearts. This South, however, was sufficiently confident of his own card-reading to throw the Queen of hearts away. Sadly, his card-reading was accurate and North took the Queen. But don't I wish...

Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

If only you could swap the your seven and dummy's eight of trumps for then you would have ten easy tricks; two spades, six hearts, a diamond and a club. Still, ten tricks are always available – as long you play the hand correctly. Suppose the full deal is:



After drawing trumps you should play the king of diamonds! If East takes this with the ace and returns a diamond, you play the jack. If West takes this with the queen, the ten of diamonds will be an entry to dummy. The situation is no better for West if he lets the Jack of diamonds hold for then you will continue with a third round of diamonds. West will have to take that and lead a spade or a club and, the latter, you will make certain of two tricks in clubs by playing low from dummy.

What would happen if West had the ace of diamonds? If he takes the king of diamonds with the ace and exits with a low diamond then either dummy's nine will hold or East take it with the queen. As long as you unblock the jack in the latter case you will have an entry to dummy.

The only other wrinkle happens is when the king of diamonds holds. Then, you will continue diamonds and the defence can do no better than cash its two diamond tricks. We have seen what happens if West wins the defence's second diamond. If East wins the second diamond trick and exits with a low club you will let that run to dummy, making certain of a second club trick. A spade exit gives you the tenth trick immediately and a fourth round of diamonds achieves the same (you will discard a club from hand and ruff in dummy).

While there are will be other ways to make the contract double dummy no matter how the missing cards are distributed, all require some prior knowledge of how the minor suits lies whereas the recommended line does not.

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Board 15

in the final round of the South West Pacific teams produced all kinds of excitement

Dealer : S	♠ 8 4 3		
	♥ A Q 7 6		
	♦ J 4		
Vul: NS	♣ Q J 9 4		
♠ 2		♠ 9 6 5	
♥ 10 9 8 5 4 2		♥ K J	
♦ 3		♦ 9 8 6 5	
♣ A 8 7 5 2		♣ K 10 6 3	
	♠ A K Q J 10 7		
	♥ 3		
	♦ A K Q 10 7 2		
	♣		
SWPT 14 / 15			

Andy Braithwaite couldn't see a problem as South. He had a club in his bag which he'd been carrying for many years without using it and now was the chance.

Andy started with 4NT - the direct ace ask. Partner is required to bid 5♣ with no aces, 5 of the suit in which he has an Ace and 5NT with the ♣A. 6♥ from Nigel Rosendorff saw Andy bid the spade grand in just three steps.

In the other room, South went more slowly and lived to regret it. A Precision 1♣ from South saw Bill Haughie put in a double showing clubs and hearts. North bid 2♦ which showed a balanced hand with about 8 - 10 points. David Lilley tried 3♣ and South 6♠. Bill decided that he didn't have too much defence and offered the sacrifice in 7♣. North doubled this, no doubt with some confidence. His confidence was not misplaced but 1100 was inadequate compensation for the 2210 collected by Andy and Nigel.

A P♣ opening bid wasn't always unsuccessful though Gaby Lorentz and John Lester needed a little push from the opponents. Gaby opened 1♣ and West stepped in with 2♠ to show two odd suits. John doubled to show either 5-8 or 9+. East tried a pass or correct 4♣ and Gaby shot 6♠. This ran round to East who took the dive in 7♣. This enabled Gaby to make a forcing pass and John now bid the grand.

Jan Cormack also had a direct ace ask in her bag but either couldn't find it or else thought that partner, Alan Turner, wouldn't remember what it meant. So Jan opened 2♣.

Alan responded 2♠ to show a balanced hand with 8 - 10 points. Jan rebid 3♦ which got a natural 3♥ from Alan. Jan now suit set with 4♦ which enabled Alan to cue the Ace of hearts.

Jan now suit set (again) with 7♠. Another variation on the choice of opening occurred when South opened 6♠. Sitting West was Ted Chadwick, who describes himself as playing Youth Bridge.

He lived up to his own description by producing 6NT. North didn't think that this was making (he was right to the tune of 3200) and doubled. Jean Reitzer rescued Ted into 7♣ and, after the formality of a double, Jean found her way to minus 1100 and another huge pickup.

Another West tried a different form of deflection at one table. She opened a multi 2♦, out of turn. South decided not to accept this and despite having 4NT in the toolbox (being another to fear a Memory Coup by either North or South) opened 2♣. The director had explained West's options and she decided to take all the unauthorised information out of the auction by bidding 3♥. This, of course, silenced her partner but, in the event, that wasn't very significant.

North doubled and South shot 6♠. The auction ended somewhat sooner than it might have done.

Perhaps the most exciting situation on the board was at the table where Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson sat East and West respectively.

South opened 2♣ and Julie, never one to shy from an overbid, found 3♥. North, never one to shy from an overbid, found 6NT. South, never one to shy from a misdescriptive bid, found 7NT. Julie, never the one to shy from an optimistic bid, found a double.

This left Patrick fairly and squarely in the hot seat. For myself, the double rules out hearts and I'd probably still be at the table trying to decide between the other three suits.

Patrick tried the effect of the King of hearts. North-South tried the effect of + 2490!

This was the second board of the match. In the next four boards, they bid two non-making games and a slam off two cashing Aces.

The match score was 64 to 16 to Julie and Patrick's team and 25 VPs despite this splendid start.

Grand Consolations

In common, I'm sure with many other pairs, Kate Davies and Johnny Patterson thoroughly enjoyed their match against Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski of the Green team.

The match result showed 25 VP s in the out column but Cezary and Adam are so enjoyable to play against that it didn't seem so important. Mind you, also Kate and Johnny found some material consolation on two boards.

Dealer : E	♠ 8 5 2		
	♥ Q 10		
	♦ 9 8 4 2		
Vul: EW	♣ Q 9 8 7		
♠ A Q 10 9 4		♠ K J	
♥ K 8 6		♥ A J 9 7	
♦ K Q 6		♦ A 10 5 3	
♣ A 5		♣ K 3 2	
	♠ 7 6 3		
	♥ 5 4 3 2		
	♦ J 7		
	♣ J 10 6 4		
SWPT 11/ 6			

Johnny opened the East hand with 1♦, to which Kate responded 1♠. Johnny showed his count with 1NT. This inspired Kate to try 4♦ which by agreement was Keycard for diamonds. Johnny dutifully showed his two keycards and that was enough for Kate - 7NT. The play did not present a problem. 2220 sat nicely against the small slam in the other room.

Then there was:

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

Kate opened 1♥ and Johnny responded 2♣. Kate raised to 3♥ which inspired Johnny to keycard. 5♦ from Kate showed three keycards so Johnny cued with 5♠. This was enough for Kate to bid 7♥. You may not approve of Johnny's correction to 7NT but 2220 was another major plus against another small slam in the other room.

Modern Technology

Two hands from the Rothfield team show youth triumphing over experience when applying slam technology

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

Veterans, Bob Scott and John Wignall sat East and West for Rothfield. John opened 1♦ and Bob made a strong jump shift to 2♥. John offered 3♣ and Bob 4♥. That inspired John to keycard but two keycards and the Queen of trumps forced a 6♥ bid that John no longer wanted to make.

In the evening, the younger generation of Rothfield, Ishmael Delmonte and Paul Gosney showed one way to avoid this type of disaster

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

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Paul opened 2NT as South and Ish responded 4♣ as a mild slam try in hearts. Now that hearts had been set, Paul was able to use 4♠ as keycard. This means that the 2+the Queen response which so embarrassed Bob and John would now be 5♥ and no embarrassment. In this case, of course, Ish called 4NT which showed one keycard and Paul shot the slam.

Ish and Paul also enjoyed another slam hand from the same set.

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

1♠ from West saw Paul try 3♠ - offering 3NT if Ish could look after the spades. West raised to 4♠ and Ish, knowing Paul's suit, bid 5♣. 5♠ from East got 6♣ from Paul. West passed and East doubled.

After the contract was made, West commented that he would have bid 6♠ if East had passed rather than doubling!

(With East in the passout seat?)

The NOT

Marston	90	Markey	37
Neil	70	Rosendorff	105
Green	70	Hung	104
Jacobs	95	Ebery	66

Losers of the above matches go into a further knockout round with the winners of the matches below

Morrison	88	De Jong	35
Rothfield	92	Noble	57
Genc	127	Stern	58
Turner	49	Robinson	72

SWPT Hellenic Club Final Standings

Place	Name	Score
1	Marston	272
2	Neill	265
3	Hung	257
4	Ebery	256
5	Morrison	253
6	Rothfield	249
7	Robinson	245
8	Stern	244
9	Gumby	241
10	Bloom	240
11	Cherry	239
12	Walsh	238
13	Powell	235
14	Creet	235
15	Kiss	235
16	Callaghan	234
17	Ellery	231
18	Cooper	230
19	Danta	230
20	Wilks	230
21	Fallon	229
22	Currie	228
23	Finikiotis	227
24	Hills	226
25	Crichton	224
26	Grenside	219
27	Gariepy	219
28	Rogers	218
29	Williams	218
30	Crockett	217
31	Thorpe	216
32	Fordham	216
33	Miller	215
34	Dunn	215
35	Clarke	215
36	Holford	214
37	Fanos	214
38	McMahon	214
39	Wilkinson	213
40	Bugeia	212
41	Hackett	212
42	Riddell	212
43	Stewart	212
44	Beytus	211
45	Zurawel	209
46	Weston	209
47	Kwok	208
48	Atkinson	208
49	Buchanan	207

Place	Name	Score
50	Ascione	206
51	Lynch	205
52	Dressler	204
53	Hill	204
54	Larinton	204
55	Lant	203
56	Anlezark	202
57	Quach	201
58	Dudley	201
59	Macleod	201
60	Kefford	200
61	Phillips	200
62	Rich	199
63	Joss	199
64	Wilkinson	199
65	Zuber	199
66	Bates	198
67	Steele	198
68	Hunter	198
69	Monahan	197
70	Tobin	197
71	Mason	197
72	Fitz-Gerald	195
73	Gangal	195
74	Tulpule	195
75	Atkins	193
76	Walker	193
77	Roxburgh	190
78	Daynes	188
79	Beer	188
80	Duncan	187
81	Redfern	186
82	Metcalfe	185
83	Boxall	184
84	Mare	183
85	Boyce	183
86	Harris	182
87	Logan	180
88	Butcher	179
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90	Taylor	176
91	Whigham	174
92	Bailey	173
93	Merrylees	173
94	McKay	172
95	Kelly	168
96	Toohy	166
97	Campbell	155
98	Lavender	82

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1	Green	285
2	Jacobs	275
3	Markey	268
4	Rosendorff	266
5	Genc	252
6	Turner	241
7	De Jong	240
8	Noble	239
9	Leibowitz	238
10	Scudder	237
11	Carter	236
12	Gal	236
13	Varadi	234
14	Canning	233
15	Butts	231
16	Sheather	231
17	Vaughan	230
18	McLeish	225
19	Van Abbe	225
19	Smee	225
21	Snashall	222
22	Parfait	221
23	Steer	221
24	Beauchamp	221
25	Banks	220
26	Livesey	219
27	Law	219
28	Combes	217
29	Hart	217
30	Horsman	217
31	Ewart	217
32	Jacobs	217
33	Henton	217
34	Sarten	216
35	Garbutt	216
36	Small	216
37	Rabey	216
38	Carter	216
39	Pettitt	214
40	Brookes	214
41	Limaye	213
42	Lowry	213
43	Shaw	213
44	Maclaurin	213
45	Mottram	212
46	Touton	212
47	Purbrick	211
48	Allgood	211
49	Andrews	211
50	Foster	210
51	O'Connor	210
52	Hardie	209

Place	Name	Score
53	Yovich	209
54	Henry	207
55	Freeman	207
56	Ridgway	207
57	Goldstein	207
58	Errington	207
59	Fallet	205
60	Kent	205
61	Mabin	204
62	Lucas	203
63	Blecher	203
64	Eastaugh	203
65	Russ	202
65	Carola	202
67	Schaap	201
68	Darley	201
69	Obenchain	201
70	Jain	200
71	Kovacs	199
72	Barva	199
73	Thompson	198
74	Feeney	197
75	Rhodes	197
76	Dyer	197
77	Andrew	195
78	McDonald	194
79	Carmichael	194
80	Hegedus	194
81	Whitmee	191
82	Lau	191
83	Dickson	190
84	Gallagher	189
85	Cornish	188
86	Lewin	186
87	Perosin	185
88	Pryde	185
89	Carter	184
90	Yeates	184
91	Mack	183
92	Horan	178
93	Read	176
94	Jones	175
95	Kelso	174
96	Saleeba	174
97	Fraser	170
98	Campbell	169
99	Lachs	168
100	Foots	166
101	Puntunero	166
102	Shannon	163
103	Cruickshank	142
104	McCulloch	120

DATUMS

SWPT Rydges

Session 13

Board	Score
1	450
2	60
3	-240
4	-630
5	550
6	-360
7	30
8	-350
9	-350
10	40
11	30
12	-350
13	-110
14	390
15	810
16	110
17	-210
18	-130
19	420
20	140

Session 14

Board	Score
1	-450
2	490
3	430
4	-640
5	-260
6	150
7	-120
8	150
9	420
10	-640
11	80
12	-390
13	490
14	-380
15	1870
16	-120
17	-330
18	-190
19	260
20	-510

SWPT Hellenic Club

Session 13

Board	Score
1	440
2	110
3	-420
4	-620
5	420
6	-270
7	170
8	-350
9	-440
10	110
11	-40
12	-390
13	-20
14	380
15	880
16	120
17	-230
18	-120
19	340
20	130

Session 14

Board	Score
1	-440
2	440
3	420
4	-460
5	-180
6	170
7	-50
8	90
9	380
10	-630
11	70
12	-370
13	500
14	-450
15	2010
16	-250
17	-430
18	-180
19	350
20	-660

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