

# Session Times – Thursday and Friday

Seniors', Women's, Life Masters', Non-Life Masters' and Novice Teams

10.00 am 1.30 pm 8.00 pm

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## Tim Bourke's Problem

- 2. SCOOPED
- Dealer South. E-W Vul. NORTH ♠ Q 9 8 4 ♥ 7 6 ♦ A ♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2

#### **SOUTH** ♠ A 6 3

- ♥ A K Q 3 ♦ K 7 6 5
- A 8

West	North	East	<b>South</b> 2NT
Pass	3 <b>♣</b> *	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT+	All pass	

\* Stayman

+ Promised four spades

West leads the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace and East follows with the two, indicating an odd number of diamonds. As your hand does not fit well with dummy's, there seems only a slim chance of developing your total of seven winners into nine tricks. What is the best way of achieving that outcome?

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The shuttle timetable below is NOT the same as was published yesterday. An additional stop has been introduced, leading to some other time changes

## Summer Festival Bus Route

- Kingston Terrance Apartments 16Eyre Street, Kingston (cnr Leichardt Street)
- Pinnacle Apartments 11 Ovens Street Kingston
- Kingston Apartments 4 Tench Street Kingston
- Hyatt Hotel Commonwealth Ave <u>Pickup is at back of Hotel</u>
- NCC
- Olims Hotel –Cnr Ainslie & Limestone
   Ave
- Capital Executive Apartments . <u>Pickup</u> <u>at Marque Hotel</u>
- Quality Suites Clifton on Northbourne -<u>Pickup at Margue Hotel</u>
- Medina Apartments
- NCC
- Liversidge Court, ANU
- University House Pickup on Liversidge
   Street
- Rydges Lakeside Hotel
- Capitol Tower Apartments (pickup at Rydges Lakeside)
- NCC

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Kingston	60 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Hyatt Hotel	50 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Olims Hotel	40 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Marque Hotel	35 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Medina Apartments	35 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Liversidge Court	20 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	
Rydges Lakeside Hotel	15 minutes before
the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	

Times are approximate – please be at one of the pickup points at least 5 minutes before the scheduled departure from that stop

# Time Bourke's Problem – Solution

As the diamonds appear to be 5-3, there is little point in playing on clubs for against best defence that approach all but requires East to have begun with exactly 4=3=3=3 shape along with &K-J or &K-10 and with &K-Q-J.

A better plan is to attack spades in such a way that you can make three tricks from the suit when the suit lies favourably. Most of the time, this will rely on East beginning with a singleton king of spades or with precisely &K-7, &K-5 or &K-2. Suppose the full deal is



On this layout, you must lead the eight (or nine of spades) at trick two, planning to run it if East follows with a low spade. On the next round of spades, you will cash the ace and, here this fells East's king of spades. As a result, dummy's ♠Q-9 will provide two tricks as you will take a winning finesse against West's remaining spade honour.

The defence will fare no if East plays his king of spades at trick two. You will win the ace of spades and lead a low spade towards dummy's ♠Q-9-4, planning to duck when West plays the jack or ten of spades. On the deal shown, this will leave you with the ♠Q-9 over West's remaining honour, which will provide you with your eighth and ninth tricks. (If West plays a low card a trick three, you will finesse the nine of spades and have your eighth trick immediately with the queen of spades to come as your ninth.)

You will make nine tricks also when East began with either ♠K-J or ♠K-10 doubleton and he follows to the first trick with his lower honour. After letting this card hold, the king will fall under the ace and you will again make two tricks with dummy's ♠Q-9. (Incidentally, this is why East should play the king of spades at trick two when holding it singly guarded; it reduces declarer's chance of making three tricks in the spade suit from five cases to three.)

Also, if West has the king of spades you can never make more than two tricks in the suit. If it was singleton or doubleton, East would have a spade stopper to prevent you cashing more than two tricks in the suit. Whenever West has at least &K-x-x, then he can deny you a third spade trick by withholding his king of spades until the third round of the suit.

# The Unbid Suit.

A freak hand produced by the computer for the Auckland Club Teams Championships last year saw a couple of West players forced to an unfortunate guess.

West was dealt :

▲AJ1098 ♥95 ♦Q8 ♣KQ106

and, at one table, East opened a standard 2♣. South intervened with 2♦, so West tried 2♠. This lit partner's fuse and a 4♣ Gerber ask was East's next move.

And West had a wee accident bidding THREE ♥. The director explained the Law - as 4♥ would be conventional, West could make any correction he liked but East was barred for the rest of the auction. (Note that this was played before the most recent Law changes. Chief Director, Laurie Kelso, tells me that under the new Laws, it is the NATURAL insufficient bid which is most likely to cause the disqualification. Conventional insufficient bids are more kindly treated than previously.)

West closed his eyes and shot  $6 \pm$ , after all East had gone ballistic when  $2 \pm$  hit the table.

The director had hardly settled down when the call went up from another table. North-South were a spot more active here.

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (precision)	2♦
2♠	4♦	4NT	Р
4♦			

Once again, the director explained West's options (and East's lack of any). Once again West opted for 6♠ but this time the axe descended as well.

After making their guesses, both Wests awaited dummy with some interest. Whilst spectacular, it did not materially assist the cause in  $6 \bullet$ .

**▲**K ♥ A K Q J 10 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ **♣** 8 7

Now, it isn't often that god gives us a 10 card suit; even more seldom one with 150 honours. These two Easts not only didn't get to play with their ten bagger as trumps, neither of them managed to bid the suit at all! And as a final irony, there were two entries to dummy in the ten card suit!

The full layout :

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	<ul> <li>▲Q 7 5 3</li> <li>♥ 8</li> <li>♦ K 10 7 3 2</li> </ul>	
	<b>◆</b> 953	-
▲ A J 10 9 8 ♥ 9 5	N	♦ K ♥ A K Q J 10 7 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 ♣ K Q 10 6	W E	♦ ♣ 8 7
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	♦ A J 9 6 5 4	
	♣ A J 4 2	

As can be seen, 6♥ is cold. But how to bid it? If you are not playing a relay system then can you get there with CONFIDENCE even if North-South don't compete vigorously in diamonds? What is the best strategic approach to the auction?

In one of his books, Terence Reese discusses bidding freaks. He hung his discussion on how to open a thirteen card club suit. His key point was that you want to play in clubs; the level is less important. How then to approach this one? When the hand came up, I polled a number of NZ experts (plus Australia's Peter Gill) for their opinions on how you should approach the auction. Peter Gill replied with refreshing candour:

I really don't have any idea what is best.

Against people who look like they might defend 4♥X just because they have lots of high cards, I might open 4♥, planning to bid 5♥ if pushed, missing slam sometimes. Otherwise, I would open 1♥, planning to rebid 4♥.

Andy Braithwaite (then a kiwi but now a Queenslander) was almost as confused:

I have no idea how to bid 10 card suits - I was never taught. I have heard the expression many times - never have the last guess - and this has worked well for me so I open  $6\Psi$  - 4 with an 8 card suit, so 6 with a ten card suit. Simple maths from an old maths student so that is my approach.

Not the scientific approach which one has come to expect from the good doctor.

The New Zealand panel found bids ranging over 29 cards from the bidding boxes – all the way from a cunning pass (made, I am ashamed to admit by my N.Z. representative brother) to 6♥. None of them fancied a 2♣ opener at all. All, except big brother and Michael Ware, did get hearts into the auction immediately.

How would Australian experts handle the situation? They, too, don't fancy a game force to start proceedings though there is considerable variation in the level of opening chosen. At the lowest level we have:

### Ron Klinger - 1•

I reject a 4♥ opener – this is too good. 2♣ suffers from a lack of high cards and a similar lack of defensive values. 1♥ will discover the values and intent of the opposition without any pressure on them and will put me in a better position later to judge further action.

Paul Lavings thinks similarly but dismisses 2. as not worthy of thought. He comments:

#### Paul Lavings - 1•

This is too good for  $4\Psi$  but not good enough for  $5\Psi$ .

While the next opinion reinforces the experts' distaste for  $2 \ge 2$ .

but elaborated with:

#### Ted Chadwick - 1♥

I reject  $2\clubsuit$  - whereas I do have a game force, it does not satisfy Eisenberg's rule – "If I open a game force and the opponents bid a slam – they are going <u>down."</u> If the opponents bid a slam on this one over my  $2\clubsuit$ . I will be SAVING!

Others up the ante:

#### Terry Brown - 5♥

Likely to be forced to bid this anyway. Partner knows to raise with a void and good cards. Anyway, who knows who can make what - so let's make it harder for them to guess.

And showing excellent partnership harmony:

#### George Bilski - 5¥

2 will just draw an overcall and the opponents are likely to find spades.

Meanwhile, 5 yards from the pin, with his driver in hand is

#### Paul Wyer - 6♥

I really have no idea but 4♥ is just too wet and will only get 4♠ from the opposition.

Out on his own in not bidding hearts and running the risk of an insufficient bid and a  $6 \pm$  contract by partner is

#### Eric Ramshaw – 4NT

A specific Ace ask – this gives me the best upside. Failing this 6♥ - let's all guess.

The problem with a specific ace ask is that partner might hold no club cards but the Ace of spades. Now, when he bids 5♠, you're committed to 6♥ despite knowing that you probably have two club losers.

Eric tells me that scorers Martin Wilcox and Bob Geyer want to make a multi-4 opener both Gerber and Namyats and as Morcambe and Wise used to say – "There's no answer to that!"

# **Problem Corner**

Four problems from a match which I watched in the first round of the Seniors.

1) You, North, hold

**▲**Q964 ♥K54 ♦J94 **♣**KQ2

You pass and East opens 2♦ - multi. West replies 2♥ and this becomes the final contract.

You lead the  $\bigstar$ 4 and dummy tracks with:  $\bigstar$  3  $\checkmark$  A J 10 9 7 6  $\blacklozenge$  Q 7 2  $\bigstar$  7 5 3

Partner plays the  $\bigstar$ K and declarer wins with the Ace. He then plays the  $\bigstar$ J and you play...?

2) You, South, hold

▲AQ73 ♥J2 ♦AJ3 ♣AJ108

The auction begins

West	North	East	South
2♦ (multi)	Р	2♠	

2 was progressive if partner had hearts but did not show any interest in spades. And it's your call...?

3) This time you're East and hold

**▲**Q543 ♥A4 **♦**Q2 **♣**J8765

South opens 1♣ and partner bids 5♦. North tries 5♠ and it's your turn...?

4) A lead problem this time. You hold:

**▲**A92 ♥65 **♦**A8743 **♣**QJ8

The opponents have this uninterrupted auction to 3NT.

West	East
1≜	2♦
2♠	3♣
3NT	

Your lead ...?



1) The whole layout :



Terry Brown was playing 2♥ after a multi sequence. He took the spade lead with the Ace and immediately played the ♣J. North ducked the trick – to her partner's Ace?

Terry cashed the Ace of clubs and ruffed a spade in dummy. A club back saw his singleton trump midget score. He now ruffed another spade with the 9 but, this time, South overruffed. A diamond was returned and dummy's Queen scored.

When the smoke cleared, Terry had wrapped up ten tricks. A club honour and trick two and a heart switch would surely see declarer held to eight.

2) It felt like frustration won the day on this next one.



Terry opened a multi 2♦ and Paul Wyer gave South a problem with a 2♠ pass or correct type bid.

South decided to try a double, wishing no doubt, that it were penalties. It wasn't and

North came out with (the inevitable?) 3♥. South was more or less obliged to try 3NT. Terry led the ♥Q and South kissed dummy's long suit goodbye. As DeepFinesse suggests seven tricks were the limit.

3) Then Paul got one wrong.



South opened 1♣ and Terry exerted maximum pressure with a 5♦ overcall. North jumped in with 5♠. I will admit to being somewhat surprised when Paul found 6♦. I would have thought that the decision was between Pass and Double – either of which would have brought a profit while 6♦ wound its way to the inevitable one off.

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North had to find a lead on this layout.



It seemed to me (and, rather more significantly, Terry agrees) that West has surely got a solid heart holding to bid 3NT in this position so I'd try the  $\clubsuit$ Q.

North, however, opted for a heart and after that the only question was whether or not Terry could find an overtrick – he couldn't but +400 was very acceptable. A club lead means one off before declarer has caught his breath.

In the second match, one of Terry's opponents made a wee slip in discarding and Terry produced an non-simultaneous double squeeze for a fairly inconsequential second overtrick.



Terry was in  $4 \pm$  from the West seat. North led a heart, taken by South with the Ace. South switched to the  $\pounds$ K. Terry took that in dummy and started on the trumps.

By the time he'd played six rounds, the position was



When the  $\pm 2$  hit the table, North had a problem. If he pitched a heart, then declarer would discard a diamond and take the last four tricks with two hearts and the two top diamonds. Accordingly, North pitched a diamond. This only delayed the inevitable. Terry discarded the  $\P$ 7 from dummy and South could spare the  $\clubsuit$ J. The King of hearts which followed was, however, too much for South. He could either give up the only remaining defensive diamond guard or else concede a trick to declarer's  $\clubsuit$ 10.

Making twelve.

If, South hangs onto both his hearts, then the end position will be



and when the ♠2 is cashed, North can happily discard a heart while South discards a club. The ♥K no longer causes a problem as the positions of the 9 and 10 of diamonds means that North's Queen is secure.



# **Double Dummy**

In the third round of the Seniors', John Lester took quite some time to make one less trick than DeepFinesse allocated to him. Mind you, with a sight of all 52 cards, Convenor Sean Mullamphy took even longer to reach the specified quota.



John and Gaby Loretz had a confused auction to 6♥ after South, Tom Moss, had butted in with a 2♦ jump over Gabi's 1♣ opener.

Robert Grynberg led the ◆2 which John took on table. He cashed the Ace of trumps then ruffed a diamond with the ♥10 while Robert discarded a spade. A club took declarer back to the table and again he ruffed a diamond with a high trump – Robert shedding another spade. John cashed the ♠A (a precaution in case North got rid of all his spades) and crossed the table with another club.

He ruffed yet another heart with the King of trumps to bring about



John now ruffed another spade and played a diamond which he ruffed with his last trump.

North over-ruffed but, when the  $\clubsuit$ J was played, John was able to ruff with the 6 and claim.

This looked pretty good to me but I was still puzzled as to how declarer is supposed to unlock the thirteenth trick. Sean offers this key:

After the same play to tricks one and two, declarer plays a trump towards dummy. North splits his 8 9 of hearts and dummy's Ace wins. Declarer plays four rounds of clubs, ruffing the last low to produce



After cashing the Ace of spades, a cross-ruff gives the last five tricks with North's trumps being caught *en passant*.

If North doesn't split his trumps at trick three, then declarer must finesse the ♥6. (Remember, this is double dummy!) In the end position, North's trumps are trapped in front of dummy's Ace and Queen.



## National Senior's Teams Round 3 - 2009

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>1</u>	Neill	69
2	<u>9</u>	Ashworth	67
3	<u>11</u>	Dudley	64
4	<u>2</u>	Hoffman	63
5	<u>3</u>	Newman	62
6	<u>4</u>	Lavings	60
7	<u>24</u>	Kalmin	58
8	<u>5</u>	Bloom	57
9	<u>49</u>	Fallet	57
10	<u>7</u>	Robbins	57
11	<u>25</u>	Russ	56
12	<u>32</u>	Afflick	56
13	<u>17</u>	Reiner	56
14	<u>10</u>	Urbach	55
15	<u>13</u>	Strong	54
16	<u>12</u>	Crichton	53
17	<u>23</u>	Johnman	52
18	<u>30</u>	Briscoe	51
19	<u>8</u>	Hutton	50
20	<u>34</u>	Ashton	50
21	<u>27</u>	Lindsay	49
22	<u>16</u>	Smee	49
23	<u>14</u>	Livingston	48
24	<u>45</u>	Young	48
25	<u>6</u>	Stuart	48
26	<u>19</u>	Milward	46
27	<u>20</u>	Danta	46
28	<u>47</u>	Thompson	46
29	<u>15</u>	Kahler	45
30	<u>53</u>	Daglish	45
31	<u>18</u>	Miller	45
32	<u>59</u>	Carmody	45
33	<u>31</u>	Mitchell	45
34	<u>29</u>	Barva	45
35	<u>46</u>	Glasson	44
36	<u>28</u>	Colmer	42
37	<u>51</u>	Tulpule	42
38	<u>36</u>	Storr	42
39	<u>22</u>	East	42
40	<u>60</u>	Rhodes	41
41	<u>52</u>	Slaughter	40
42	<u>26</u>	Kefford	40

Place	Team	Name	Score
43	<u>39</u>	Mellings	39
44	<u>41</u>	Mangos	39
45	<u>44</u>	Edwards	39
46	<u>21</u>	Pick	38
47	<u>37</u>	Rothwell	37
48	<u>56</u>	O'Toole	35
49	<u>42</u>	Seymour	31
50	<u>50</u>	Courtemanche	31
51	<u>40</u>	Dixon	31
52	<u>48</u>	Logan	29
53	<u>38</u>	Crockett	29
54	<u>57</u>	Gilbert	25
55	<u>58</u>	Hitchcock	25
56	<u>43</u>	Jeffery	23
57	<u>33</u>	Hardie	23
58	<u>54</u>	Cariola	22
59	<u>55</u>	Hanna	22
60	<u>35</u>	Stavik	21

### National Women's Teams Round 3 - 2009

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>3</u>	Hoffman	66
2	<u>4</u>	Havas	66
3	<u>11</u>	McKinnon	58
4	<u>23</u>	Yuill	58
5	<u>18</u>	Abbenbroek	54
6	<u>2</u>	Jagelman	53
7	<u>5</u>	Lowry	52
8	<u>9</u>	Evans	51
9	<u>22</u>	Van Der Hor	51
10	<u>26</u>	Howell	50
11	<u>6</u>	Moses	50
12	<u>13</u>	Mott	50
13	<u>14</u>	Carmichael	48
14	<u>1</u>	Bourke	48
15	<u>12</u>	Stephens	46
16	<u>21</u>	Guttmann	45
17	<u>7</u>	Millar	45
18	<u>10</u>	Tishler	44
19	<u>28</u>	Kotkin	44
20	<u>17</u>	Hopwood	40
21	<u>16</u>	McCartney	40
22	<u>25</u>	Thomson	40
23	<u>8</u>	Adams	36
24	<u>15</u>	Мау	36
25	<u>20</u>	Darley	31
26	<u>27</u>	Kilvert	30
27	<u>29</u>	Halmos	28
28	<u>30</u>	House Teams	27
29	<u>19</u>	Samuel	25
30	<u>24</u>	Obenchain	17

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>11</u>	O'Connor	56
2	<u>7</u>	Waizer	56
3	<u>5</u>	Bugeia	56
4	<u>3</u>	Ferguson	55
5	<u>17</u>	Glass	54
6	<u>6</u>	Butcher	52
7	<u>13</u>	Lane	50
8	<u>16</u>	Hill	46
9	<u>1</u>	Hecker	46
10	<u>15</u>	Gray	43
11	<u>9</u>	White	42
12	<u>18</u>	Fraser	42
13	<u>2</u>	Lewin	41
14	<u>10</u>	Stephens	40
15	<u>4</u>	Bourke	38
16	<u>14</u>	Moss	30
17	<u>12</u>	Kelly	30
18	<u>8</u>	Miller	25

#### National Life Master Teams Round 3 - 2009

## National Non Life Teams Round 3 - 2009

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>4</u>	Munro	63
2	<u>12</u>	Kelly	63
3	<u>9</u>	Knight	62
4	<u>16</u>	Kassam	62
5	<u>10</u>	O'Brien	58
6	<u>13</u>	Hurst	55
7	<u>11</u>	Dalziell	54
8	<u>8</u>	Humphery	49
9	<u>7</u>	Wylie	49
10	<u>20</u>	Kelshiker	49
11	<u>14</u>	Perrin	48
12	<u>3</u>	Jowett	47
13	<u>19</u>	Kite	43
14	<u>18</u>	Geromboux	37
15	<u>1</u>	Gadd	37
16	<u>17</u>	Cook	35
17	<u>21</u>	Waight	32
18	<u>5</u>	Forrest	30
19	<u>15</u>	Lisle	30
20	<u>2</u>	Richmond	25
21	<u>6</u>	Mitchell	25
22	<u>22</u>	House Teams	24

### National Novice Teams Round 3 - 2009

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>3</u>	Skarbek	67
2	<u>Z</u>	Nilsson	66
3	<u>2</u>	Beer	60
4	<u>18</u>	Carson	56
5	<u>6</u>	Aquino	52
6	<u>23</u>	Jeffrey	52
7	<u>8</u>	Hollands	49
8	<u>14</u>	Bednarz	49
9	<u>21</u>	Ashcroft	49
10	<u>1</u>	McRae	48
11	<u>4</u>	Weir	47
12	<u>15</u>	Hansen	47
13	<u>13</u>	Breden	47
14	<u>11</u>	Nehmy	46
15	<u>17</u>	Marriott	45
16	<u>5</u>	Higgins	43
17	<u>22</u>	Balkin	42
18	<u>10</u>	Willis	39
19	<u>16</u>	Donald	39
20	<u>9</u>	Jacka	37
21	<u>25</u>	Ма	37
22	<u>26</u>	House Teams	33
23	<u>12</u>	Gooding	33
24	<u>19</u>	Devlin	32
25	<u>20</u>	Farmer	17
26	<u>24</u>	Macklow	10