

Canberra Tuesday January 20th 2009

Session Times Tuesday & Wednesday

Tuesday – S.W.P.T.

10.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm

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Christine Boylson and Stephen Burgess

Winners of the National Swiss Pairs





Tim B	ourke's l	Problem				
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Dealer	South. E-\	W Vul.				
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 ★ 7 4 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ 10 9 5 4 2 ♣ K 9 5 						
West North East South 1♥						
Pass Pass	Pass 4 ♥	Double All pass				

West leads the three of trumps. East takes this with the ace of trumps and returns the five of trumps, West following. Assuming that East has the king of spades, what is your plan to make ten tricks?

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The Bus Route Times

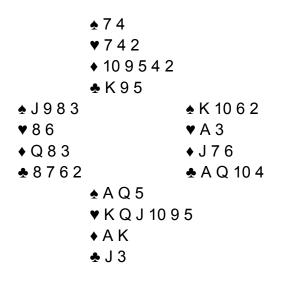
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Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

If you still have the five of trumps in your hand after trick three, you have five trumps, two diamonds and presumably two spades. As the seven of hearts is an entry to dummy, then if you can set up a club trick in dummy, that trick and the spade finesse will be enough for the contract. As East probably has the ace of clubs for his double, it seems the contract may require West to hold the ten of clubs.

However, there is an extra chance! You should cash the ace-king of diamonds before leading the jack of clubs. Suppose the full deal is:



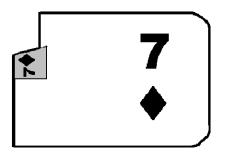
East take the jack of clubs with the queen but he has no good return. A diamond return is hopeless because the suit is 3-3; you would ruff high and then cross to the seven of trumps to take two discards on dummy's diamond winners. If East plays a spade instead, you will finesse the queen, cash the ace and ruff your spade loser in dummy. The only remaining suit is clubs, but ace and another club will give the lead to dummy's king.

A final point about the given layout – if you followed with the five of trumps at trick one or two, then all legitimate chances of making four hearts had expired by the time you came to lead at trick three.



The First Bid Of The Week

Matthew McManus produced a spectacular effort for his very first bid of the week. The first bidding card which he pulled out was



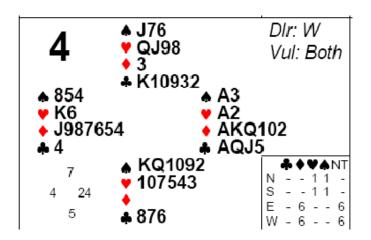
Partner had opened 3 as dealer at all vul. and Matthew held

▲A3 ♥A2 ♦AKQ 102 **♣**AQJ5

Not bad, is it?

Five trumps, five keycards and 100 honours!

Sadly, Matthew was playing with Michael Ware so it just wasn't enough on this layout:.



This hand created problems at other tables.

George Smolanko and Paul Wyer had a smooth auction to the top spot:

West	East
	2♣
2♦	2NT
4♦	4 ≜
6♦	

but in the other room things were not so successful

	2♣
2♦	2NT
3♠	4♠

Apparently, the 3♠ bid was some sort of minor suit show and East produced a Memory Coup.

It seems rather undignified to play your 3-2 fit with a 7-5 side suit!

Perhaps the biggest surprise, though, was for Khokan Bagchi who led his singleton diamond, hoping to score a ruff; only to find that he'd given partner, Matthew Thompson, one.

Against Ron Klinger, the opponents did better than McManus/Ware.

A 3^s transfer pre-empt saw East settle for the small slam. Ron's team-mates Andy Braithwaite and Bill Haughie had to cope with a little interference in order to push the board:

Their auction:

West	North	East	South
Р	Р	2♦	2♠
Р	Р	2NT	Р
3 ♣ 4♦ 5 ♣	х	3NT	Р
4♦	Р	4♥	Р
5♣	х	Р	Ρ
5♦	Р	5♠	Р
6♦	END		

2♦ was Andy and Bill's big bid, 3♣ was a major suit enquiry and 3NT denied a four or five card major. 4♦, 5♣ and 5♠ were cues and the board was flat.

Others did not handle interference quite so successfully:

Where I watched, East opened 24 after two passes. South, Nick Irens, captain of the top seeds, tried his luck with 2. West passed and Epsen Erichsen raised to 3. This gave East a problem which he attempted to solve with a double. West passed as did Epsen. West then led the ♦A, out of turn. The director explained Nick's options and he chose to accept the lead and have Epsen play the contract. Epsen ruffed this and played the **A**Q which was allowed to stand. He continued a small heart which West took with the King to switch to a club. The 10, Jack and 6 made up the trick. East cashed his ♥A before playing the ♦K. The secret diamond suit yielded a ruff and discard for declarer as Epsen shed a club from table. Declarer continued the Jack of spades to East's Ace and the final indignity for the defence came when West ruffed his partner's Ace of clubs continuation. One off was not a triumph for the defence.

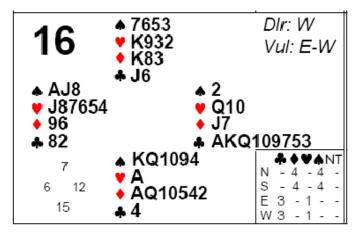
Another board from the same round saw New Zealand father and son combination, Brett and Tyrel Glass in imaginative mode. Try a lead problem:

You hold

▲KQ1094 ♥A ♦AQ10542 **♣**4

LHO opens 2+ - game force or weak two in a major and RHO bids 3NT. In your wisdom, you choose to pass and lead...?

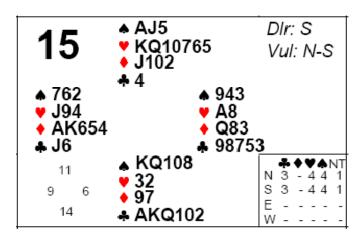
Against Brett and declarer, Tyrel, South chose a spade. This was eighth best on



Any diamond or the \mathbf{VA} (followed by a diamond switch) would have been more satisfactory than the chosen \mathbf{AK} .

Graciously, Tyrel exposed his hand and claimed nine black tricks.

Michael and Vivien Cornell, also trans-Tasman visitors, combined to good effect in the defence of another hand in this set:



The suction had been

West	North	East	South
1◆	1♥	2♦	1 . 1.≜
P End	3♥	Р	4♥

Vivien led the Ace and King of diamonds and then switched to a trump. Michael took the King with his Ace and played the •Q to tap dummy. Now declarer could not finesse against Vivien's ♥J. Notice that, if it is Vivien who plays a third diamond, declarer can prevail by finessing the ♥10.



ANC 2009 Canberra 3-18 July at Hellenic Club

Butler Stages 1 to 3 have two sections – Open and Womens. Butler Stage 1 will be held over 12 matches of 10 boards from 7.30 pm Friday 3 July with the last session beginning 2 pm Sunday 5 July. You can play in Butler Stage 1 without being obliged to play in Stage 2. Come for the weekend if that is all the time you have available for this quality bridge.

Butler Stage 2 begins at 7.30 pm on Sunday 5 July and has 14 matches with the last session beginning at 3 pm on Tuesday 7 July. Butler Seniors A has 12 matches beginning at 10 am Monday 6 July. Butler Stage 3 and Butler Seniors B begin on Wednesday 8 July.

Once Butler Stage 2 or Butler Seniors A is over, why not flow on to the ANC Swiss Butler Pairs that begin at 10 am on Wednesday 8 July for 6 sessions with the last session beginning at 2 pm on Friday 10 July?

If you are a restricted category player, you could consider the Restricted Swiss Pairs that begins at 10 am on July 6 for 4 sessions. Restricted players have less than 300 masterpoints at 30 June 2009. There are no evening sessions for these events.



A feature of the Daily Bulletin at the New Zealand National Congress is the "Even Homer Nods" Award which is given annually to the expert player who manages to do the dumbest thing at the table during Congress. Richard Solomon, New Zealand Bridge Development Officer and editor of *New Zealand Bridge* magazine would be a strong contender if I was making a Homer award this week. As a matter of fact, come to think of it, Richard is a strong contender every time I make a Homer Award – funny that!

Richard was admiring

▲ ♥A72 ♦AK542 ♣AKQ102

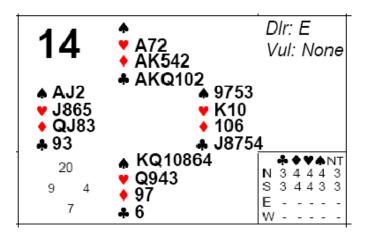
when partner, the long-suffering (though he's only got himself to blame for the company he keeps) Jonathan Westoby opened a weak 2**v**.

"How splendid!" thinks (?) Richard and wheels out a grand slam force – 5NT.

And Richard said

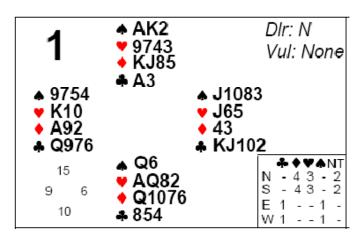


Not wishing to put his hand down as dummy, Richard "rescued" himself to 7NT after West had doubled. This was also doubled. There was no good news on



Two Views

Peter Gill brought this one to my attention on which two members of the Burke team combined to great effect – despite being at different tables.



George Bilski declared 4♥ and, after some preliminary skirmishes, had to play trumps. He cashed the Ace and noted West's 10. George decided that this was a "restricted choice" situation and so he continued the suit with a small one and only lost one trick in the suit.

At the other table, Al Simpson faced the same problem for the opposition. He began with a trump towards the closed hand and finessed the 8. This lost to the 10. On the next round of trumps, Al again played towards the closed hand but Ryszard Jedrychowski dropped the Jack which persuaded Al to finesse.

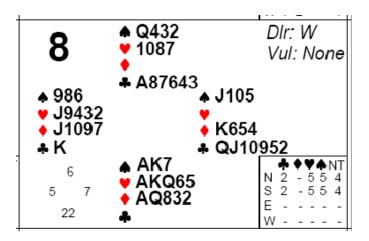
Avon Wilsmore points out that a free double dummy analyser is available to download from

Hwww.bridgify.net

Welcome To Australia

Surely one of the features of the 2009 Summer Festival is the presence of three current Bermuda Bowl champions. Boye Brogelund, Ulf Tundal and Glenn Groetheim were members of the Norwegian team which triumphed last year and are here now as part of the Irens team. Glenn and Ulf received a warm welcome to Australian bridge when they played against Margaret Bourke and David Hoffman in the second round.

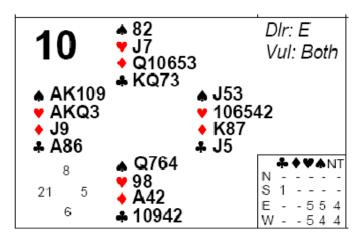
First board up was :



Ulf and David passed and Glenn opened a weak, precision style 2. Margaret doubled for takeout but David didn't. -500 probably didn't feel like a great start to the match.

(I did hear that at various tables, some Easts chose an adventurous 3♣ after two passes and were carted out on their shields to the tune of 800.)

Then two boards later, Ulf and Glenn had a relay mix-up. In fairness, I should point out that, to my surprise, Glenn tells me that he and Ulf are NOT full time professional players, They both have full time jobs and have played little bridge since the Mindsport Championships. I had assumed, like many others I would guess, that they were full time players.



Ulf opened a strong club after two passes and then wound up the relay. Eventually, he bid 6♥

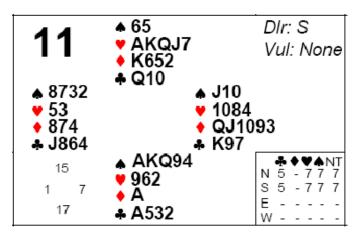


Margaret Bourke and David Hoffman gave Ulf Tundal (left) and Glenn Groetheim

plenty to think about in their second round match

and, in answer to David's query, announced that Glenn had shown a 1-5-1-6 shape. Dummy was something of a disappointment. Ulf found the Queen of spades without difficulty and got one club away on the long spade. Now he only needed a kind diamond position there wasn't one.

Then on the next, Margaret and David bid the excellent grand.

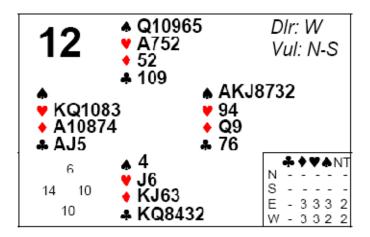


Their auction

Margaret (S)	David (N)
1≜	2♥
3 ♣	3♦
3♥	4NT
5 ♣	5NT
7♥	

3♦ was fourth suit and 5♣ showed 0 or 3 keycards for hearts. 5NT asked Margaret if she wanted to bid the grand – she did and David made thirteen tricks without breathing heavily.

Then on the next, Glenn ran into another foul trump break.



Ulf opened 1♥ and Glenn made a pre-emptive jump to 3♠. This became the final contract. David did not look unhappy at this outcome.

Margaret led the ♣K which Glenn ducked. A second club saw dummy's Jack score and Glenn played a third round with the Ace. David discarded a heart and Glenn a diamond. Glenn cashed dummy's ♦A and then ruffed a diamond. The Ace of spades followed but the King which came next told Glenn the bad news.

He switched to a heart to the King and David's Ace. David returned the suit to the Jack and Queen. Glenn ruffed a diamond in his hand and the last three cards in the North and East hands were



▲ J83



Runners-up in the Seniors' Teams were

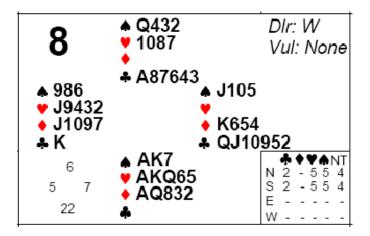
Bobby Richman, Ron Klinger, David Hoffman and George Gaspar

Although each of David's was bigger than the corresponding card in Glenn's hand, he could only take two of the tricks when Glenn exited the 3.

Things quietened down from this point and the Irens team ran out to a narrow victory. Nonetheless, Margaret and David certainly let the favourites know that it will not be an easy ride this week.

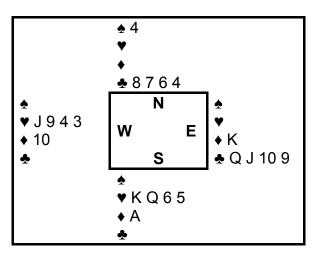
A Trump Endplay

Elizabeth Fanos, playing with Mary Classen overcame a 5-0 trump break to bring home a slam in the second round of the S.W.P.T.



Elizabeth was in 6♥ and received the Jack of diamonds lead. She took this with the Queen and got the bad news when she cashed the Ace of trumps.

She continued by ruffing a diamond on table and cashed the A to dispose of a diamond loser. She went back to hand with a spade in order to ruff another diamond. She cashed dummy's A and crossed to hand with yet another spade. This left

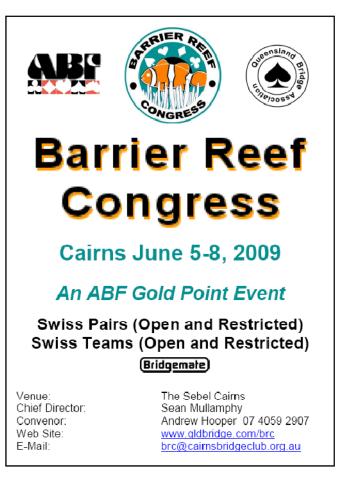


Elizabeth cashed the A, exited a low heart and West was finished.



Runners-up in the Swiss were

Andrew Peake and Kieran Dyke





Helen Stewart and Lyn Turner Runners-up in the Women's Pairs

DATUMS

Session 1

Board	Score
1	-390
2	-260
3	130
4	-1160
5	780
6	-200
7	430
8	-30
9	180
10	-60
11	390
12	-320
13	-460
14	-80
15	280
16	150
17	-20
18	-220
19	-550
20	220

Session 2

Board	Score
1	60
2	470
3	300
4	500
5	-50
6	160
7	0
8	310
9	400
10	-580
11	1100
12	40
13	-60
14	310
15	580
16	-230
17	-40
18	170
19	-190
20	10

Session 3

Board	Score
1	50
2	110
3	330
4	30
5	70
6	-650
7	-320
8	-120
9	90
10	470
11	130
12	-60
13	90
14	-150
15	460
16	-310
17	-20
18	-120
19	-10
20	-180

Place	Name	Score	Place	Name	Score
1	Markey	70	48	Fanos	53
2	Rothfield	70	49	Smolanko	52
3	Beckett	69	50	Horwitz	52
4	Gumby	68	51	Berry	52
5	Burrows	68	52	Carter	52
6	Brogeland	65	53	Jagelman	52
7	Gallus	65	54	Thorp	52
8	Walsh	65	55	Ingham	52
9	Haughie	64	56	Merven	52
10	Beale	63	57	Berrington	51
11	Leibowitz	63	58	Hurst	51
12	Goodyer	63	59	Douglas	51
13	Irens	62	60	Baldry	50
14	Burke	61	61	Randles	50
15	Schulz	61	62	Afflick	50
16	Ewart	61	63	Dalziell	50
17	Hurley	61	64	Yezerski	50
18	Tishler	61	65	Milne	50
19	McCartney	61	66	Bloom	50
20	Marston	60	67	Grahame	49
21	Steffensen	60	68	Tant	49
22	Horowitz	60	69	Greenwood	49
23	Thomson	60	70	Beauchamp	49
24	Hadaway	60	71	Halmos	49
25	Moses	58	72	Roxburgh	49
26	Magee	58	73	Tarlinton	49
27	Bookallil	58	74	Rew	49
28	Squirrell	58	75	Dick	49
29	Van Vucht	57	76	Smee	49
30	Ware	57	77	Mottram	48
31	Miller	57	78	Buchanan	48
32	Lindsay	57	79	Shaw	48
33	Moses	57	80	Sebestyen	47
34	Hughes	56	81	O'Connor	47
35	Nixon	56	82	Milward	47
36	Collins	56	83	Courtney	47
37	Battista	55	84	Livingston	47
38	Hollands	55	85	Butcher	47
39	Konig	55	86	Kiss	46
40	Schmidt	54	87	Ridgway	46
41	Clarke	54	88	Hockings	46
42	Tobin	54	89	Livesey	45
43	Phillips	54	90	Мауо	45
44	Parfait	54	91	Bourke	45
45	Calcraft	53	92	Cannon	45
46	Bugeia	53	93	Wanz	45
47	Motteram	53	94	Hart	45

95	Walters	45	144	Thomas	36
96	Wylie	45	145	Tunks	35
97	Hopwood	45	146	Howell	35
98	Rocks	45	147	Stokes	35
99	Hutton	44	148	Eastaugh	35
100	Thorne	44	149	Allgood	35
101	McManamny	44	150	Dyer	35
102	Manley	44	151	Dudley	34
103	Young	44	152	Jacobs	34
104	Gillard	44	153	Grenside	34
105	Brogan	44	154	Fallet	34
106	Hooper	43	155	Zuber	33
107	Shearer	43	156	Barva	33
108	Couzner	43	157	Parkin	33
109	Riddell	43	158	Freeman	33
110	Wilson	43	159	Flynn	32
111	Draper	43	160	Tulpule	32
112	Dickson	42	161	Williamson	32
113	Cornish	42	162	Cullen	32
114	Clarke	41	163	Pierce	32
115	Strong	41	164	Fleischer	32
116	House Teams	41	165	Boxall	31
117	Havas	41	166	Orr	31
118	Kovacs	41	167	Hill	31
119	Kent	41	168	Saleeba	31
120	Foreman	41	169	Mangos	31
121	Perosin	41	170	Thomson	30
122	Anlezark	41	171	Delgado	30
123	Fallon	40	172	Hecker	30
124	Reitzer	40	173	Marks	29
125	Kahler	40	174	Yandle	29
126	Kingham	40	175	Wilks	29
127	Grund	40	176	Allanson	27
128	Andrew	40	177	Bentley	27
129	Lowry	40	178	Mitchell	26
130	Radcliffe	39	179	Jeffrey	26
131	Banks	39	180	Plummer	25
132	Lachs	39	181	Geromboux	25
133	Norden	38	182	Lewin	25
134	Rowlatt	38	183	Phillips	24
135	Brennan	38	184	Moffat	24
136	Rhodes	38	185	Davies	24
137	Quinn	38	186	Pryde	23
138	Mason	37	187	Kelly	23
139	Fitzpatrick	37	188	O'Donohue	21
140	Dunn	37	189	Hardy	21
141	Toohey	36	190	Merrylees	20
142	Lynch	36	191	Beer	19
143	Glenn	36	192	Mill	18