

# R.O.T. News 9

Canberra Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009

# **Session Times Thursday & Friday**

Thursday – S.W.P.T.

10.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm

Friday – S.W.P.T. Friday – N.O.T.

9.30am 1pm 6.45pm



Winners of the National Women's teams were

Alida Clark, Kate McCallum, Di Jagelman, Leonie Fuller, Jan Cormack & Tania Lloyd



#### Tim Bourke's Problem

#### 9. STUMBLING BLOCKS?

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

#### **NORTH**

- **♦**8
- **♥**753
- ♦ A 10 8 5
- ♣ A K Q J 10

#### SOUTH

- **A** A 9 3
- **♥** K 8
- ♦ K Q 7 4 3
- ◆ 9 4 2

West	North	East	South	
			1♦	
2♦*	3♠	4♠	Pass	
Pass	5 <b>♣</b>	Pass	6♦	
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\* promises 5-5 in the majors

West leads the king of spades against your slam. What is your plan to make twelve tricks?

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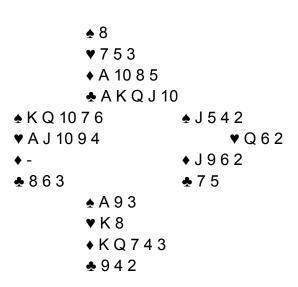
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#### Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

You expect to make five clubs, five trumps, the ace of spades and a spade ruff. The only worry is a 0-4 trump break (as West cannot have four diamonds). As you expect West to hold the ace of hearts and entries to your hand are few, a little care is needed when the full deal is:



After taking the king of spades with the ace, you should ruff a spade with the eight OF trumps. Then, cashing the ace of trumps, you must continue with the ten of trumps.

Presumably, East will cover this with the jack. You will take this with the queen of trumps, cross back to dummy with a club and pick up East's remaining trumps by leading the five of trumps and covering East's card. Then, after drawing the last trump, you will have the twelve tricks outlined above.





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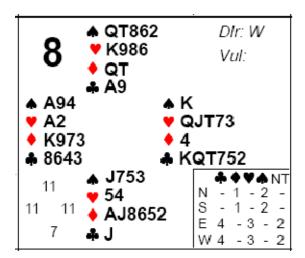
# **Over-clubbing**

This morning I watched one of the most amazing matches that I have ever kibitzed. David Lilley, Zoli Nagy, Paul Marston and Stephen Burgess managed the entire twenty boards without playing a single hand as far as trick 13. Every single board saw a claim or concession at some stage. They averaged less than seven tricks a board. The record was set by Paul on board 12 when he claimed after a just one card had been played. Paul also set the longest hand record when he played one out to eleven tricks.

The speed at which the match was completed is not an indication of sloppy bridge. Only three

of the twenty contracts went down and no sensible game was missed.

At other tables, the club suit seemed to play a pivotal role – for better or worse. Bill Haughie chose this suit for a great lead but then took an unfortunate view at trick 2.



Bill and Andy Braithwaite were in play against Bill Jacobs and Ben Thompson. Bill and Andy over-reached through this auction:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
X			

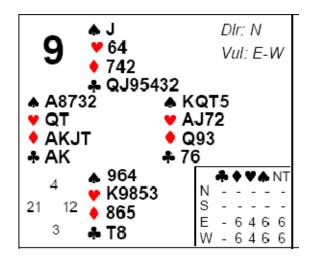
and at this point they were headed for -300.

However, East "corrected" to 5♣.

Bill led the Ace of clubs in order to see dummy before deciding what to lead to trick 2. Andy's 

J was claimed as a partial reason for Bill's switch to a spade. The diamond loser disappeared and 5 duly made. Some time later, Andy was heard explaining that he'd played his lowest club and therefore a diamond switch was mandatory. Equally vociferously, Bill was insisting that Andy had played his highest club and so clearly wanted a spade continuation.

The next board also saw clubs to the fore:



Sartaj Hans and Tony Nunn had to deal with some club interference but coped well

North opened 1♣ and Tony doubled. Sartaj bid 4♣ (showing a good hand) and Tony 4♥. Sartaj now bid 5NT which said "Pick a slam." Since Tony had offered hearts and Sartaj still had some alternative in mind, Tony was only to happy to bid the excellent 6♠.

George Bilski and Bruce also solved the problem of club interference on the hand – by bidding the suit themselves.

3♣ was the opener from North which was passed round to Bruce (West). Bruce doubled and George bid 4♣ - you choose.

Bruce bid 5♣ - no, you choose.

George bid 6♣ - no, I insist, you choose

Bruce bid 6♠.

Bill Jacobs made life difficult for his opponents to find the spade slam when he opened the North hand 24! This ran round to East who tried 3NT and the auction ran off to 6NT. Sadly for Bill, this was also cold.

Then there was board 12, on which clubs were once again the pre-emptive suit of choice:

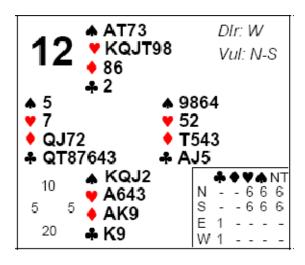
#### From Bruce Neill

Those who know him will recognise the hero of this story ... and his name isn't Herman Munster!

Question, to our hero's partner: "what does his 3C bid mean?"

Partner: "I don't know but" (leaving table) "ask him!"

Hero: "it shows <blah blah blah>, but partner doesn't know ... I only thought of this treatment last night, and I haven't told him yet!"



A couple of pairs at the datum tables, tried their luck with a dive over slam. One managed to escape for -1100 which represents a nice pick-up as long as team-mates could bid a major slam. Another were less successful.

At one table, West opened 4♣ and North put in 4♥. 6♣ from East saw South bid 6♥. West took the dive and South doubled for 1400.

At the other table in this match, North passed the 4♣ opener and East raised to game. South doubled and North set the final contract at 5♥ for + 680 which represented a 12 imp loss.

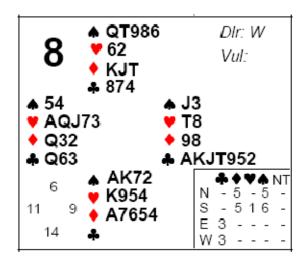
This hand also saw Andy Braithwaite raise Bill Haughie's blood pressure though (just for once) Andy was actually blameless.

West opened 3C and Andy overcalled 3♥. East raised to 4♣ and Bill reached for his driver – 4NT Keycard. West bid 5♣ and Andy responded 5♠; quite properly as, after the 5♣ bid, they were in a DOPI situation. Bill was not amused when he realised what Andy's hand actually was. Some fairly direct comments followed about Andy's inability to reply to a simple Blackwood sequence and a rather pointed question about how Andy could possibly think that he had two keycards and a void. It was some time before Bill was convinced that the 5♣ bid had actually been made and that he, Bill, had simply not seen it.

## **Under-clubbing**

Onto the next set and some spectacular results were obtained by players pretending that they didn't have a club suit.

New Zealander's Grant Jarvis and Ian Berrington did well on this one, though just briefly, Ian was looking straight down the barrel.



lan opened a weak no trump as dealer and Grant (one of NZ's leading pairs burglars) went straight to 3NT.

North lead a spade and Ian was not feeling well. A switch to a heart restored his equanimity, especially when the finesse scored and he had ten tricks.

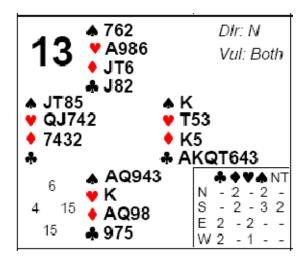
Ryszard Jedrychowski had a little less luck with a similar manoeuvre on the board.

George Bilski opened 1♥ and Ryszard replied 1NT systemically. When George made a conventional 2♣ rebid, Ryszard shot 3NT.

Tony Leibowitz led a diamond to dummy's Queen and Paul Lavings' King. Five rounds of diamonds were followed by five rounds of spades, so the defence made an overtrick in 3NT Six down = -300.

A good result for Ryszard against the making, vulnerable 4♠. Not really, His team-mates dived over 4♠ and were doubled in 5♠, two down and just another push.

Undeterred, Ryszard buried another good club suit on the last board of the match.



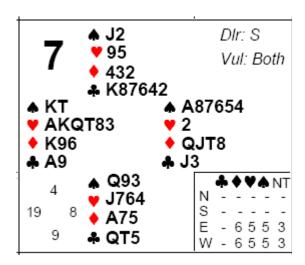
Although DeepFinesse has eight tricks available for South in no trumps, Ryszard made one more as East!

He opened 1♣ and Tony overcalled 1♠. This went back to Ryszard who rebid 1NT. George offered 2♥ but Ryszard was definitely in no trump mode and became declarer in 2NT.

The lead of a small spade gave Ryszard his eighth trick and, at trick nine, Tony was down to ♠ A Q ♥ K ♦ A Q ♣

and Ryszard threw him in with a heart. Tony had to concede trick thirteen to Ryszard's ◆K.

The club suit had a pivotal role to play on another hand where the choice of opening lead saw one team make slam in no trumps at one table and defeat the no trump game by three tricks at the other table.



Bobby Richman and George Gaspar bid the cards this way

Bobby	North	George	South
			Р
1♣	Р	1♥	Р
2♥	Р	2♠	Р
3♣	Р	3NT	Р
5NT	Р	6NT	End

1♣ was Precision-type and 1♥ showed spades.3♣ was ostensibly natural.

South was distracted from a club lead by Bobby's "natural" 3♣ bid. For lack of anything better, he tried a small heart. George picked this as being from an honour and finessed the 10. He conceded a diamond and wrote down +1440.

In the other room, North South stopped in



Winners of the inaugural Life Masters' Teams were
Pim Birss, Bruce Fraser, June Glenn and Alan Hamilton

3NT. This South had no reason not to lead a club and duly did. This East had no reason to finesse in hearts and duly didn't. This East got to write down -300. Just a difference of six tricks and 17 imps on the lead.

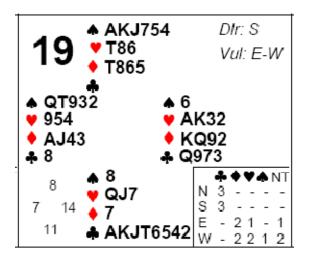
But returning to the theme of over-clubbing in round 9, we have Auckland's Patrick Carter.

He was admiring:

He opened the 3NT – long, solid minor with little outside. This was passed round to East who doubled. Patrick thought nine no trump tricks unlikely so he stepped out to 4♣. West put in 4♠ and this ran round to Patrick.

"Hmm," he thought, "Partner hasn't doubled. I have eight clubs not just seven. The vulnerability is favourable" and he called 5.

It may be some time before Julie Atkinson, Patrick's partner, stops pouting.

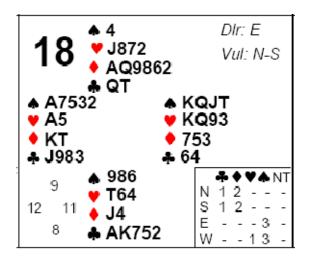


#### **Mistakes I Have Made**

Neville Moses

While I was having medical treatment, DW ("Darling Wife") was touchingly sympathetic. Now that I seem to be on the mend and, after an encouraging result in the Seniors' Teams, I am, once again, fair game.

Witness board 18 of match 7. After West had opened 1♣ and DW interposed in diamonds, West settled in 4♠.



DW (North) led the ♥2 to the 3, 10 and Ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, finessed the ♥9, pitched two diamonds on the ♥KQ and claimed, losing just three minor suit tricks.

"After that lead, we can't beaqt it." I said resignedly. "If you lead your trump..."

The look on DW's face was enough to tell me that I was wrong but it took a while for the penny to drop.

At trick one, I should play the ♥6 not the 10! Declarer is marked with ♥A x on the lead. If his second heart is the 8 or 7, then there is nothing I can do but, if it is the 5, then the 6 will force the Ace. Now, even if he does not draw trumps, we can play them at every opportunity and he is likely to fail.

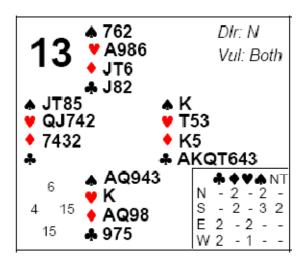
However, DW is mellowing:

"Tim Seres used to say that the lead he hated most making was from J x x x. If I was going to lead hearts, perhaps I should have tried the 8!"



# King's Gambit

In chess, of course, a typical gambit is to give up material in exchange for a positional advantage. Kieran Dyke and Michael Prescott both sacrificed a King (not good in chess!) to gain a necessary positional benefit.

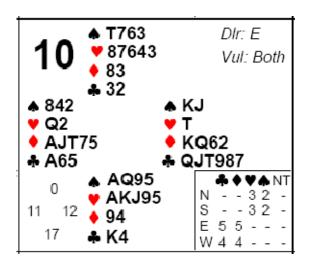


They were each playing 3♠ after auctions in which East had shown good clubs.

Both Kieran and Mike received a heart lead. Both of them recognised that they needed access to table much more than they needed a second heart trick (assuming, of course, that they could ever take it.) K&M went up with the Ace and continued the \$J\$. Both Easts covered and the Ace was taken. They crossed to dummy with the \$10 and played a spade. East, perforce, contributed the King and declarer's Ace scored. Taking the \$K\$ at face value, K&M cashed two more diamonds, discarding a club from dummy on the second. A club was taken by East who cashed the second club and switched back to hearts.

K&M ruffed this and then ruffed a club on table. This was their eighth trick and the Queen of trumps would provide number nine.

Kieran was also pleased by a system twiddle which enabled them to escape the fate of a declarer as described in yesterday's NOTNews.

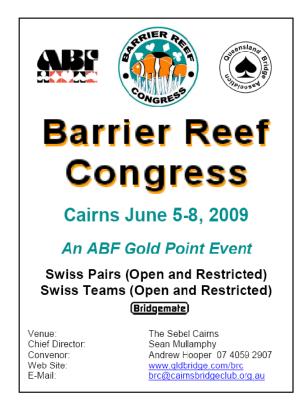


Jessel Rothfield led a small spade against 5♦to defeat the contract by a trick. Any other suit led sees declarer triumphant.

When Kieran and Andrew Peake played the hand, their auction was

West	North	East	South	
		1♣	Χ	
XX	1♥	3♦	4♥	
5♦	Р	Р	Χ	
End				

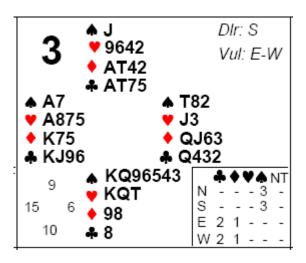
When Ishmael Delmonte doubled Kieran's 1♣, Andrew was able to redouble as a transfer to diamonds. This meant that 5♦x was played by East and, from that side, it can't be beaten.





### Meanwhile, Back In The Twilight Zone

Another Jimmy and Siggy moment occurs.

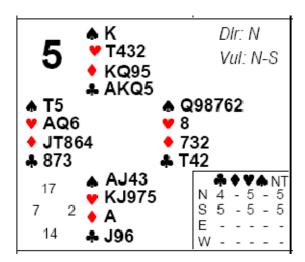


Siggy opened 2• as South. This showed a weak 2 in a major and is frequently only five cards. West was clearly discomforted by this a twisted and fiddled before finally passing. Jimmy strongly suspected that West really wanted to make a takeout double but couldn't quite bring himself to do so.

To see what would develop, Jimmy passed 2♦! East also suspected that West had a takeout double. Indeed, his suspicion was so strong

that he acted as if West had, indeed, doubled. He bid 2NT, intending it as Lebensohl! Of course, in the double-free world of West, 2NT was for real so he bid game. Six down was probably almost a relief.

When he lived in New Zealand, I never considered Ryszard Jedrychowski as an agent of the Dark Side. Having watched him play this afternoon (see "Under-clubbing"), I'm not so sure any more. Ryszard had one other moment which, briefly, promised entertainment for your scribe.



Paul Lavings opened the North hand 1♣ and Tony Leibowitz responded 1♥. Paul liked this and indicated as much with 2♠ splinter.
Ryszard doubled. Tony redoubled and George Bilski passed. Fleetingly, I had the fantasy of watching Ryszard attempt to defeat 2♠xx.
Sadly, Paul bid 3♠ and the boring heart game was reached.

I asked Bridgeify (the double dummy analyser recommended by Avon Wilsmore in yesterday's NOTNews) to play the hand for me. Bridgeify tells me that Ryszard has exactly one lead which does not give away an overtrick – the admittedly obvious ♥8. Once George has taken this trick and cashed a second heart, eight tricks for declarer become inevitable.

# **DATUMS**

# Round

7

Desard	C
Board	Score
1	60
2	-460
3	120
4	650
5	80
6	-20
7	120
8	-250
9	-1280
10	-570
11	-140
12	1270
13	420
14	30
15	-290
16	-10
17	450
18	-110
19	120
20	100

# Round

8

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Board	Score
1	30
2	160
3	290
4	120
5	380
6	-580
7	-630
8	360
9	-300
10	-580
11	-450
12	60
13	10
14	-290
15	-550
16	110
17	530
18	90
19	500
20	190

# Round

9

Board	Score
1	530
2	10
3	390
4	180
5	-310
6	260
7	-700
8	330
9	50
10	-530
11	-20
12	-430
13	-580
14	-760
15	30
16	180
17	390
18	-180
19	-120
20	-150

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2	Burke	174	49	Bugeia	147		
3	Livesey	171	50	Hutton	147		
4	Gumby	169	51	Parfait	147		
5	Rew	168	52	Jagelman	146		
6	Haughie	168	53	Schulz	145		
7	Steffensen	167	54	Foreman	145		
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40	Courtney	149	87	Collins	136		
41	Merven	149	88	Tulpule	136		
42	Ware	148	89	Milward	135		
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