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Some personal words of thanks:

To all the courteous Aussies who have made me welcome and been so helpful this past fortnight

To those who have taken the trouble to write articles for the NOTNews

Especially Barbara Travis who contributed two particularly interesting articles last week when I was desperate for copy and to Richard Hills who contributed anonymously one article and, I suspect, another pseudonymously

To the staff of the Festival who have been unbelievably patient in dealing with Kiwi ignorance

To all the experts who have gone out of their way to find material for me, even under the stress of the highest level of competition

Very special thanks to

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Ron Klinger and Andy Braithwaite who were the source of so many hands and so much expert analysis

Scorers, Martin and Bob, who were unbelievably helpful and who, if nothing else, enlarged my scatological vocabulary and whose company I so much enjoyed and to 13 year old caddy Laura who kept me constantly amused by her ability to manage Martin and Bob at their worst.

Thank you all

Alan Taylor



Tim Bourke's Problem

12. RIDING YOUR LUCK

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

NORTH

♠ A 9 2
♥ A
♦ J 10 8 5
♣ A Q J 10 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q 7 5 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ A 9
♣ K 6 5

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

* 5+ spades

+ pre-emptive

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**The two Jill's with the trophy for the
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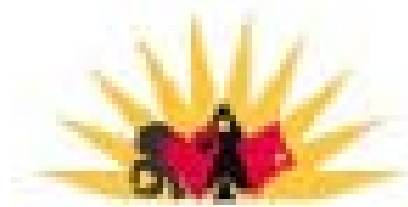
Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

The first move is to count your tricks. If trumps are 3-2, you can make all of the tricks – five trumps, a heart, a heart ruff, the ace of diamonds and five clubs. However, there is a good chance that West's pre-emptive raise to three hearts is based on a trump shortage. Suppose the full deal is:

♠ A 9 2	
♥ A	
♦ J 10 8 5	
♣ A Q J 10 3	
♠ 4	♠ J 10 8 6
♥ 10 9 8 4	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ K 7 3 2	♦ Q 6 4
♣ 9 8 7 2	♣ 4
♠ K Q 7 5 3	
♥ J 7 2	
♦ A 9	
♣ K 6 5	

Now you have a loser in trumps, but all that does is reduce your thirteen tricks to twelve – provided you are careful. Your plan should be to lose a trump trick at a convenient moment. In fact, the only way to make the slam on this layout is to duck a round of trumps at Trick 2. Suppose East wins and switches to his singleton club. You win with the king, ruff a heart with the nine of trumps and cash the ace of trumps. You can then return to your hand with the ace of diamonds, to draw the remaining trumps. You have made six tricks already (three trumps, a heart, a heart ruff and a club) and there are six more waiting to be cashed (a trump, a diamond and four clubs).

Why were you “riding your luck”? Well, because on the above layout any non-heart lead from West sees the slam fail!



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The Secret Seven

“Enid Blyton”

DeepFinesse states that 6NT by North makes on board 17 of match 14 of the South West Pacific Teams.

17	♠ K3	Dir: N
	♥ AQ6	Vul:
	♦ KQ7	
	♣ AK863	
♠ T6	♠ QJ82	
♥ JT972	♥ K53	
♦ 9842	♦ T5	
♣ J9	♣ Q542	
21	♠ A9754	♣♦♥♠ NT
2	♥ 84	N 6 5 - 5 6
8	♦ AJ63	S 5 5 - 5 5
9	♣ T7	E - - - -
		W - - - -

The secret of the contract’s success is South’s ♣7. At one table, North duplicated the DeepFinesse line when declaring 6NT. East helpfully nudged declarer, Richard Hills, away from the losing line (playing for spades to break 3-3) by choosing the deuce of clubs as the opening lead.

Dummy’s ♣7 was covered by West’s 9 and declarer’s King. The ♣A now dropped West’s Jack and, thanks to that ♣7, declarer’s ♣8-6 were equals to force out East’s ♣Q-5.

Establishing the clubs only secured eleven tricks but Richard Hills read East’s twitching in the end game. Richard avoided the heart finesse in favour of the more successful major suit squeeze.

The end position, after the clubs have been cleared and the diamonds cashed is:

	♠ K 3	
	♥ A Q	
	♦	
	♣ 3	
♠ 10	W	♠ Q J 8
♥ J 10 9 7	E	♥ K 5
♦	S	♦
♣		♣
	♠ A 9 7	
	♥ 8 4	
	♦	
	♣	

with declarer in the South hand. He crossed to the King of spades, cashed the Ace of hearts and the ♣3 squeezed East.

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The 0 is a zero, not a letter

A Biddable Suit?

The standards for biddable suits seem to be going down all the time but I doubt that many would consider ♠ 8 5 3 to be biddable especially when the suit has to be introduced at the three level. Nye Griffiths found that doing so was a highly profitable venture in round 13 of the SWPT.

9		♠ J32	Dir: N
		♥ 76	Vul: E-W
		♦ T3	
		♣ AKJ865	
♠ AQT8	♠ K6		
♥ JT4	♥ AKQ92		
♦ J84	♦ AQ765		
♣ Q72	♣ T		
		♠ 9754	♣♦♥♠NT
9		♥ 853	N 1 - - - -
10 18		♦ K92	S 1 - - - -
3		♣ 943	E - 5 5 5 1
			W - 5 5 5 4

Justin Williams opened the North hand with 3♣ and East doubled. Nye now bid his tasty heart suit. West put in 3♠ and East raised to the sub-Moysian game.

DeepFinesse has 4♠ as a make, presumably via the direct route – four trumps, five hearts and a diamond. In practice though, declarer, probably anticipating all sorts of non-existent distributional problems, meandered to two off.

Missed Opportunities

The round of 16, session 2 of the NOT, saw several missed opportunities at one table.

Declarer strip squeezed the defence on the first exhibit but then failed to read the position in the endgame.




4		♠ 10752	Dir: W
		♥ 107	Vul: Both
		♦ QJ7	
		♣ 8742	
♠ 986	♠ KJ43		
♥ J9542	♥ A3		
♦ 842	♦ AK		
♣ KJ	♣ A9653		
		♠ AQ	♣♦♥♠NT
3		♥ KQ86	N - - - - -
5 19		♦ 109653	S - 1 - - -
13		♣ Q10	E 4 - 3 4 3
			W 4 - 3 3 3

East was playing 3NT and received the lead of the ♦3 to North's Jack and the King. A successful finesse of the Jack of clubs was followed by the King of clubs being cashed. Declarer came off table with a spade to the King and Ace.

South persevered with diamonds and declarer was once more in hand. He cashed the clubs and, when the third one landed, the position (with declarer needing three tricks) was

		♠ 10 5 2	
		♥ 10 7	
		♦ 7	
		♣	
♠ 9 8			♠ J 4 3
♥ J 9 5			♥ A 3
♦ 8			♦
♣			♣ 6
		♠ Q	
		♥ K Q	
		♦ 9 6 5	
		♣	

The ♣6 forced South to give up a diamond winner. If East now exits with a spade South can cash his two remaining diamonds but then must put East back in to take the last two tricks with the ♠J and ♥A.

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At the table, declarer mispicked the position and cashed the ♥A. The South hand was now high for one off.

Then each side had a chance at defending 3♦x. Neither took the chance, opting instead for an inadequate part-score in one case and going down in game in the other

6	♠ 954	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>	
	♥ J		
	♦ AK976		
	♣ QJ83		
♠ KQ103	♠ J2		
♥ AKQ1062	♥ 974		
♦ K62	♦ QJ532		
♣ K62	♣ 974		
11	♠ A876		
17	♥ 853		
4	♦ 1084		
8	♣ A105		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N	- - - -
		S	- - - -
		E	- - 4 1 1
		W	- - 4 1 1

After two passes, West opened 1♣ (precision-type). North interjected 1♦ and, after East's pass, South raised to 2♦. 2♥ from West saw North advance to 3♦. This ran back to West who doubled. Somewhat to my surprise the tray came back showing that East had not passed 3♦x but had chosen 3♥. The auction ended and declarer had little problem in making ten tricks.

Running the hand through Bridgify (the downloadable free double dummy analyser recommended by Avon Wilsmore in NOTNews last week) suggests that 3♦x is in line to score 500 for East/West.

Two hands later and it was North/South's turn to pass up a handy penalty

8	♠ AK9	<i>Dir: W</i> <i>Vul: None</i>	
	♥ J1097		
	♦ K4		
	♣ KQ53		
♠ 743	♠ Q102		
♥ 652	♥ 843		
♦ QJ865	♦ A103		
♣ 97	♣ AJ84		
16	♠ J865		
3	♥ AKQ		
11	♦ 972		
10	♣ 1062		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N	3 - 3 3 2
		S	2 - 2 2 1
		E	- 1 - - -
		W	- 1 - - -

West passed and North opened a precision-type 1♣. South responded a game forcing 1♦ and West assessed his highly impressive values and offered 2♦. North passed and East raised to 3♦. If there had been a penalty double available or a penalty pass of a takeout double then North/South were looking at +300.

Instead, North bid 3♥ in the passout position. South tried 3♠ and North drew proceedings to a close in 3NT.

Ace of diamonds lead and a diamond continuation led to a very rapid +50 for East/West.





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Good Enough Support, Partner?

It's always nice to put a string of trumps down in dummy. Andrew Mill got to put down

Q J 8 7 5 4 2 of trumps

but was disappointed to see partner, Phil Markey, lose no fewer than five trump tricks.

1	♠ AK95	Dir: N
	♥ J73	Vul: None
	♦ 2	
	♣ AK1093	
♠ 87		♠ Q10432
♥ A10		♥ K9
♦ Q8		♦ KJ976
♣ QJ87542		♣ 6
	♠ J6	
15	♥ Q86542	
9	♦ A10543	
7	♣	
		♣♦♥♠NT
		N - 1 5 1 2
		S - 1 4 1 2
		E - - - -
		W - - - -

Espen Erichsen opened 1♣ as dealer and Phil put in 2♣ - showing diamonds and spades. Boye Brogeland passed and Andrew chose between Phil's suits by passing!

A spade to the Ace saw Espen return his singleton diamond. A diamond continuation saw Espen's ♣3 score and he still had four trumps to score by weight of cards.

A Profitable Run

Ian Berrington is playing the Mixed teams as part of an all-Kiwi team. The team members come from two different S.W.P.T. teams and they are playing in mix and match partnerships.

Ian and partner, Kathy Boardman ran into a little systemic confusion on their second board this afternoon.

The auction and the alternative views from the two sides of the table are presented.

The auction began in an orderly fashion when Kathy opened 1♠ and Ian replied 2♣. Kathy raised to 3♣ and, thereafter, views diverged.

The remaining calls are given with the alternative views of the partnership.

Ian - 3♠ - may as well show my support

Kathy - oh! A cue for clubs

Kathy - 4♦ - a return cue for clubs

Ian - Oh! A cue for spades

Ian - 4NT - RKCB for spades

Kathy - RKCB for clubs

Kathy - 5♣ - only the one keycard - ♦A

Ian - Can't possibly be only one spade keycard, must be 4 - ♠AK, ♥A, ♦A

Let me count our tricks - five spades, two top hearts, at least one diamond and then there's my lovely clubs. OK

Ian - 7♠

And then another country was heard from -

West - double

This ran back to Ian who reconsidered his calculations.

Ian - Still the same top tricks but it's obviously Lightner and he's going to ruff the club lead. Still that means I can finesse against East's club holding if necessary.

Ian - 7NT

And to Ian's satisfaction, this became the final, **undoubled**, contract.

He awaited the lead with confidence. Confidence which dissipated quite quickly when the ♥J was led and dummy appeared.

9	♠ KJ983	Dir: N
	♥ 8	Vul: E-W
	♦ AKJ	
	♣ T842	
♠ A		♠ 6542
♥ JT974		♥ AK6532
♦ T632		♦ 985
♣ J97		♣
	♠ QT7	
12	♥ Q	
6	♦ Q74	
15	♣ AKQ653	
		♣♦♥♠NT
		N 4 - - 4 -
		S 4 - - 3 -
		E - 1 4 - -
		W - 1 4 - -

The lucky heart break saw Ian escape for a mere 7 off = -350, not, I suspect, a particularly common score. The damage in 7♠x looks like 500, so Ian's run from the "Lightner" showed a profit

Why the defence chose not to double must remain one of life's deep mysteries. Of course, had West had a second red card the -1700 would not have vindicated Ian's decision.

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Table	Team	Total
1	Thomson I Thomson, R Brightling, I Robinson, A De Livera, J Williams, N Griffiths	28
	Horwitz H Horwitz, P Gill, M Green, I Del'Monte, S Hans, T Nunn	63
Table	Team	Total
2	Leibowitz T Leibowitz, P Gosney, P Lavings, M Wilkinson	64
	Brogeland T Brogeland, H Erichsen, D Stern, R Grynberg, M Cornell, V Cornell	46
Table	Team	Total
3	Marston P Marston, S Burgess, B Jacobs, B Thompson, J Free, C Boylson	29
	Hughes N Hughes, D Morgan, T Antoff, A Simpson, M Abraham	49
Table	Team	Total
4	Beale F Beale, R Van Riel, M Bourke, B Hirst, D Hoffman, A Hirst	49
	Milne L Milne, M Whibley, M Porter, E Barnes, M McManus, M Ware	40
Table	Team	Total
5	Irens N Irens, U Tundal, B Brogeland, G Groetheim, E Erichsen	31
	Markey P Markey, A Mill, D Appleton, P Reynolds	52
Table	Team	Total
6	Burke T Burke, M Prescott, G Bilski, R Jedrychowski, B Neill	59
	Haughie B Haughie, A Braithwaite, R Klinger, M Mullamphy, D Lilley, Z Nagy	58

NOT QUARTER FINALS 2009 - winners progress to the semi-finals.

Table	Team	Total
1	Thomson I Thomson, R Brightling, I Robinson, A De Livera, N Griffiths, J Williams	72
	Milne L Milne, M Whibley, M Porter, E Barnes, M McManus, M Ware	78
Table	Team	Total
2	Leibowitz T Leibowitz, P Gosney, P Lavings, M Wilkinson	112
	Hughes N Hughes, D Morgan, T Antoff, M Abraham, J Sher, A Simpson	57
Table	Team	Total
3	Markey P Markey, A Mill, D Appleton, P Reynolds	51
	Haughie B Haughie, A Braithwaite, R Klinger, M Mullamphy, D Lilley, Z Nagy	101

Section Winners In The South West Pacific Teams

1st Overall – Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, Ian Robinson, Arjuna Delivera, Justin Williams, Nye Griffiths

Veterans – Margaret Draper, Anne Small, Ronald Smith, Michael Draper

Seniors – Helen Milward, Robert Milward, Les Varadi, Elly Urbach

Mixed – David Beauchamp, Elizabeth Adams, Louise Leibowitz, Barbara Travis

Women – Rosemary Grund, Anne Harris, Jill Lawson, Jill Allanson

Country – Mike Parfait, Chris Dibley, Paul McGrath, Michael Seldon, Julie Gleeson

Novice – Donald Beer, Jenny Brogan, Susan Hegarty, Jill Cromer, Ella Beer, David Luck

Youth – Samuel Schulz, Lauren Travis, Rhys Cooper, Shane Harrison, Jane Reynolds

Section Winners In The National Open Teams

ACT – Jeanette Grahame, Denis Grahame, Anne Powell, Peter Grant, Tim Davis, Tony Marinos

Zone 7 – Ian Berrington, Grant Jarvis, Jan Cormack, Alan Turner, Kathy Boardman



SWPT winners : Richard Brightling, Arjuna Delivera, Nye Griffiths, Ian Thomson, Ian Robinson and Justin Williams

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FLIGHTED SWISS PAIRS Round 6 - 2009

Place	Name	Score
1	A Ferguson, L Ma	117
2	P Corrigan, P Purbrick	116
3	S Klofa, R Livingston	115
4	N Maclaurin, K Berry	109
5	H Hutton, T Hutton	109
6	R Hills, H Ali	104
7	C Barlow, K Lemon	97
8	V Nabarro, B Samuels	97
9	K Douglas, K Tant	96
10	G Hollands, S Hollands	96
11	M Phillips, C Slaughter	96
12	S Tishler, P Gue	95
13	P McGlew, M Campbell	94
14	M Jefferson, M Medhat	91
15	C Parkin, C Macquarrie	91
16	K Colbert, L Moss	90
17	J Glenn, A Hamilton	90
18	P Trass, S Jarvis	89
19	W Boxall, N Van Vucht	89
20	G Allen, R Polya	89
21	D Flynn, J Percil	88
22	G James, D James	87
23	T Bodycote, P Bendelstein	83
24	D Delgado, J Kelly	82
25	M Tough, M O'Donohue	81
26	M Darley, D Ryan	79
27	J Hutson, B O'Donohue	77
28	P Nilsson, D Nilsson	76
29	L Norden, K Early	73
30	R Wylie, M Wylie	73
31	R Rhodes, M Rhodes	72
32	A Brogan, B West	71
33	C Tough, J Helman	70
34	C Nicholson, S McCoy	64

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AUSTRALIAN MIXED TEAMS Round 6 - 2009

Place	Name	Score
1	Gardner	125
2	Courtney	115
3	Scott	115
4	Steffensen	110
5	Irens	108
6	Humphries	107
7	Thornberry	106
8	Fischer	104
9	Weston	104
10	Miller	100
11	Lyons	100
12	Tredinnick	95
13	Watts	95
14	Forster	94
15	Pussell	94
16	Moses	93
17	Ewart	93
18	Mill	92
19	Hegedus	92
20	Dixon	92
21	Walker	86
22	Leach	85
23	Kefford	85
24	Brennan	83
25	Kovacs	80
26	Field	79
27	Stephens	79
28	Attwood	78
29	Lisle	75
30	Bourke	69
31	Thorne	69
32	Waizer	66
33	Ingold	56
34	Carver	52
35	Allanson	49
36	House Teams	31