



N.O.T. News 8

Canberra, Tuesday January 19th 2010

Session Times – Wednesday & Thursday

10am

1.30pm

4.30pm

Australian Bridge Directors Association

Annual General Meeting

Immediately after the third session today in the playing room.

All members are encouraged to attend

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The ABF is conducting a player survey regarding the SWPT/NOT.

Those who have played in the teams events this week will have received a bright yellow or purple survey form (more are available at the Festival Desk).

Please fill out your survey forms and place them in the box at the Desk. If you include your ABF number, then you will be eligible to win a prize to be drawn on Friday January 21st.

Your input is important, so please have your say

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Tim Bourke's Problem

8. ACCESS

Dealer East. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ 8 7 4

♥ A Q 6 5

♦ 8 6 5

♣ 7 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 9 6

♥ K J

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

West leads the king of diamonds and East follows with the two, indicating an odd number of cards in diamonds. West continues with the ace of diamonds and, after your queen drops, he persists with the jack of diamonds. How will you play from this point?

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The 0 is a zero not a letter

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- Hyatt Hotel - Commonwealth Ave - **Pickup is at back of Hotel**
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- NCC
- Olims Hotel -Cnr Ainslie & Limestone Ave **50 minutes before 1st Session**
- Fenner Hall
45 minutes before 1st Session
- Rex Motel
- Capital Executive Apartments .
Pickup at Marque Hotel
- Quality Suites Clifton on Northbourne -
Pickup at Marque Hotel 40 minutes before 1st session
- Medina Apartments
- NCC
- Liversidge Court, ANU
35 minutes before 1st Session
- University House - Pickup on Liversidge Street
- Rydges Lakeside Hotel
- Capitol Tower Apartments (pickup at Rydges Lakeside)
- Novotel on Northbourne
30 minutes before 1st Session
- NCC
- Hyatt Hotel - Commonwealth Ave -
Pickup is at back of Hotel
15minutes before 1st Session
- NCC

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Any Slam, Partner

“We need a slam, partner, any slam” snarled the Hideous Hog. “After your masterful bidding, play and defence we are over 1300 down. Just make sure that you are dummy. It is, after all, your forte.”

The Rueful Rabbit gulped nervously and fortified himself with a sip of his cherry brandy while Papa the Greek looked on with a sneer from the North seat.

The Rabbit sorted his cards and assessed his assets.

♠ 5 2 ♥ A K 9 5 ♦ A 9 ♣ A K Q 8 2

The Hog opened 1♠ and Papa passed disdainfully. 2♣ seemed to be a reasonable first step for the Rabbit. Karapet the Unlucky passed, looking as if the worst would happen.

“3 No Trumps!” barked HH and sat back, looking every inch a declarer. Papa passed and RR remembering the Hog’s slam injunction decided that he would have to try and so he bid his second suit - 4♥.

“4NT!” was even more forcefully expressed from the West seat.

As always, the Rabbit responded to 4NT as Blackwood. As usual, he misbid. Furtively counting his Aces and his bids on his fingers below the table, I could hear his mind ticking it off – “5♣ = 1, 5♦ = 2 so”

And he bid 5♥.

As the Hog pushed on with 5NT, RR realised that he had misbid. With a squeal of dismay, he bid 6♥ to show his three Kings. At least the Hog would only have one thing to be angry about. Unhappily the Hog resigned himself to being dummy and

passed. Papa’s fertile imagination sprang to life. Nobody would double with his heart stack so if he did RR would take it as a Lightner double and start looking for Papa’s imaginary void. Anyway, nobody ever went broke doubling the Rabbit. Papa doubled.

The Rabbit passed guiltily, though he was reassured by the thought that he had undercounted his Aces rather than overcounted them. The Hog redoubled with a snarl, not so much because he expected the Rabbit to make twelve tricks, but rather to show Papa that he, the Hog, was not to be trifled with.

Karapet led the ♠J, presumably expecting Papa to ruff. The Hog tabled his dummy with a look of contentment and deftly emptied Papa’s glass of Gevry Chambertin while the Greek was inspecting the dummy.

The Rabbit looked at the Hog’s cards

♠ A K Q 8 7 4 ♥ K J 7 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 4

and then checked his own. The result was horrifying. Not for the first time he had mis-sorted his cards. His hand actually was

♠ 5 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ A K Q 8 2

He had carelessly seconded the King and 5 of diamonds to the heart suit.

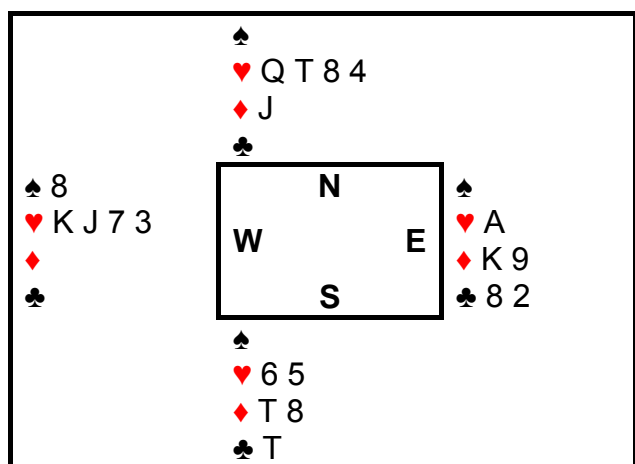
Resignedly, he called for the Ace of spades and was gratified to see Papa follow suit. Now if he could just cash some winners and maybe ruff something he might get out for only two or three undertricks. With trembling fingers he pulled dummy’s ♠K into the middle of the table and was doubly relieved to see Papa follow with the 10.

A hasty count assured RR that he couldn’t cash another spade so he turned his attention to the diamonds, playing a small

diamond to his Ace. He realised too late that he had forgotten to play the Queen first and now he couldn't cash the King.

While he wondered what to do, he absentmindedly played his three top clubs. Then, squaring his round shoulders, he went back to dummy's ♦Q. Desperate to put off the moment when his trump shortage would be exposed to the Hog's wrath, the Rabbit embarked on a discovery play – he led the ♠Q to discover if something good would happen. Papa, however, ruffed with the 2, so the Rabbit was forced to over-ruff.

By this time, I sensed that something strange was happening so I walked quickly round the table to see this position:



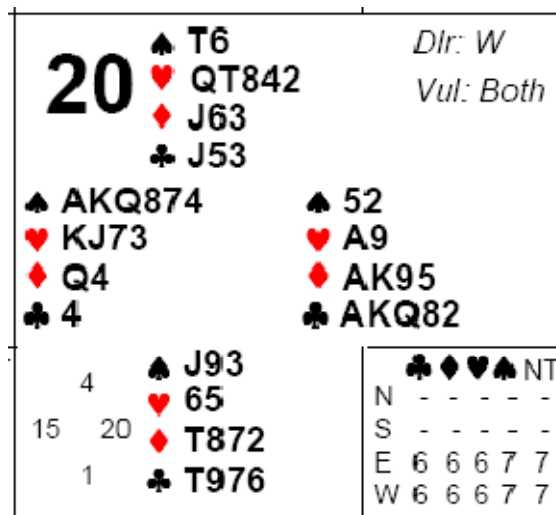
RR took the opportunity to score his ♦K and then played the trump Ace. "What a relief," I could see him thinking, "Ten tricks already and the king of trumps still to come. Only one off!"

He led his last diamond and ruffed small. Papa scored his 8 but then, ignominiously, had to lead into the Hog's King/Jack tenace.

6♥xx and made.

The above invention was inspired by board 20 in round 4 of the SWPT. Deepfinesse indicates that EW can make a slam in every denomination. I don't think I've ever seen that before. The bidding in the invention is

the Rueful Rabbit's; the play is Deepfinesse's on the actual layout



In the real world, Avi Kanetkar (West) and Terry Brown bid the cards :

- | | |
|-----|-------|
| Avi | Terry |
| 1♠ | 2♣ |
| 2♥ | 3♦ |
| 3♠ | 4NT |
| 5♠ | 5NT |
| 6♥ | 7NT |

Making thirteen tricks cost Terry less effort than the Rabbit needed to make twelve.

CARDS, CARDS, CARDS

The ABF has a large number of used cards available for recycling to clubs.

The cards are pre-loved but in reasonable condition. They are not suitable for bar-code dealing machines.

They are available in lots of 40 packs from the Reception Desk at the Convention Centre during the Summer Festival.

Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

A key play comes at this trick. You must ruff the third diamond with the nine of trumps, retaining the six as it might provide a way of reaching dummy. If the queen of trump falls under the ace-king of trumps, you will make an overtrick by unblocking the king-jack of hearts, crossing to dummy with the eight of trumps and throwing your two clubs on the ace-queen of hearts.

However, there is a better plan. Suppose the full deal is:

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

If you fire off the top trumps at tricks four and five, you will go down on this lie of the cards. The defenders will make a trump, two diamonds and a club. The safest way to overcome this layout is to lead the ten of trumps at trick four. If West plays low, you will make six trumps, three hearts (overtaking the second round) and the ace of clubs. If instead West takes the ten with the queen of trumps, you will win his return, unblock the K-J of hearts and draw trumps, ending in the dummy. You will make five trumps, four hearts and the ace of clubs

As long the hearts are not 6-1 or 7-0, this plan also succeeds when trumps are 2-2 . It works too when trumps are 4-0 as long as hearts are 4-3 and East has the king of clubs too. (You can overtake the second,

heart at the appropriate moment and, after discarding the two of clubs on the third round of hearts, you can finesse in clubs.)

I hope you spotted that if you played a high trump at trick four West can find the defence to defeat four spades on the above layout. If you play the ten of trumps at trick five he takes it with the queen and returns the suit, forcing you to fall back on the club finesse. If instead you cash the king and jack of hearts before playing the ten of trumps, West withholds the queen of trumps and you would then have to lose two club tricks.

Directors' Rule for a Phule

by Richard Hills

South West Pacific Teams, Match 4, Board 13

The anti-clockwise auction has proceeded -

RHO	Pard	LHO	Me
3♥	2♠ (1)	Pass	?

(1) Weak jump undercall

I held:

♠K8762
♥7
♦AK
♣AJ543

If pard held perfect cards for his weak jump undercall, then 6♠ would make. However, one of the Rules that Bob Hamman imposes upon his partner is: "Never play Bob for perfect cards, since he never holds them". So I dragged the 4♠ card out of my bidding box, and it was halfway to the table (visible to RHO but not yet visible to pard), when suddenly...

...I realised that the clockwise auction had actually proceeded ->

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Richard Hills		Hashmat Ali
---	1♣ (1)	Pass	2♠ (2)
3♥	?		

- (1) 15+ hcp, any shape
- (2) 8+ hcp, 2+ controls (A = 2, K = 1, but singleton kings not counted), at least 5/5 in the minors

So I put my 4♣ card back into my bidding box, and announced that 2♠ should have been alerted. At this stage East-West called for a Director, to rule upon the status of the phule's hovering 4♣ bidding box card. This provided some entertainment for the entire Directing staff as they parsed the relevant part of the Bidding Box Regulation.

Clause 3.5

"A call is considered made (without screens) when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in such a position to indicate that the call has been made."

So the Directors' rule for the phule was that I could retract my 4♣ bidding card without any further rectification (although my phulish antics were unauthorised information for partner). The auction concluded ->

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Richard Hills		Hashmat Ali
---	1C	Pass	2S
3H	4NT(3)	Pass	5D (4)
Pass	6C	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- (3) Old-fashioned Blackwood
- (4) One ace

The complete deal was ->

13		♠ K8762	Dir: N	
		♥ 7	Vul: Both	
		♦ AK		
		♣ AJ543		
♠ QJ5		♠ A943		
♥ KQJT653		♥ 942		
♦ 7		♦ Q6543		
♣ QT		♣ 9		
	♠ T			
15	♥ A8			
11	♦ JT982			
	♣ K8762			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	6	3	-	2	2
S	6	3	-	2	2
E	-	-	3	-	-
F	-	-	-	-	-

+1370 and 13 imps to the good guys.
Rueful Rabbit redux!

RAYN-OR SHINES

An alternative title for this article could be:
By George, I think they've got it.... Right

Barbara Travis

John Rayner, Canadian international player. It's not such a difficult name, you might think. Well, I entered our partnership in the Multi Mixed Pairs and the Open Swiss Pairs only to find that his name had been changed to Raynor. Even before the Mixed Pairs started I approached two officials to have the correction made. Eventually I approached Martin Willcox about the matter and it was remedied – at least for the Swiss Pairs.

John dragged me through the Mixed Pairs to first place, so then I realised that his name might well appear in this Bulletin incorrectly. Over the years, our editor, Alan Taylor, has come to realise that I will contribute an article willingly; so I emailed him a somewhat threatening email regarding my intentions should he misspell John's name. There was no cause for alarm – the results list for the Mixed Pairs just happened to omit the first placed pair totally, so he clearly did not misspell Rayner!

With much enthusiasm I collected NOT News 6 to finally read the name RAYNER in print. Yes – he'd spelt it correctly. There was only one problem. John had become "George"!

So here's my article – with many references to a correctly spelt "John Rayner".

It's a delight to watch John as declarer, however in the first session I had a string of tricky hands first.

23		♠ 1085	Dir: S	
		♥ QJ5	Vul: Both	
		♦ AQ532		
		♣ K10		
♠		♠ KQJ3		
♥ 9732		♥ 1084		
♦ 86		♦ K974		
♣ AQJ9875		♣ 62		
		♠ A97642		
12		♥ AK6		
7	9	♦ J10		
12		♣ 43		
		♣♦♥♠NT		
		N - 2 1 3 1		
		S - 2 1 3 1		
		E 2 - - - -		
		W 2 - - - -		

You hold AK962, K6, AQ965, 5.

LHO opens 1NT (weak) and partner overcalls 3♣. All bids lack some appeal. If you bid 3♠ and partner has no support you are in trouble... If you bid 3NT and partner has spade support you may be in the wrong contract. After some cogitation I responded 3NT – got it wrong again!

The HQ was led and thankfully my RHO decided I was good enough to bid 3NT with a singleton ♥K (as is his wont). He won the ♥A and returned one, and his partner did not think to unblock her ♥J. With the points now marked on my left, I led three rounds of spades. The ♥J was cashed. A club exit would separate me from dummy but leave me with 9 tricks, but the diamond exit was fatal for East. I could win the ♦J, lead to my ♦A, then cash two more spades, squeezing her hand in diamonds and clubs for the

remainder of the tricks. +430 was going to be a very tidy result for us.

Here's John in action.

The auction had been:

S (John)	W	N (Barbara)	E
1♦	2♠	DBL	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

... and I knew my hand was going to be virtually useless to partner, until he got the lead of the ♠5.

11		♠ AKJ	Dir: S	
		♥ 107652	Vul: None	
		♦ 43		
		♣ 1094		
♠ Q98532		♠ 10764		
♥ J		♥ K83		
♦ KQ5		♦ A2		
♣ Q76		♣ KJ82		
		♠ AQ94		
8		♥ 109876		
10	11	♦ J109876		
11		♣ A53		
		♣♦♥♠NT		
		N - 1 2 - -		
		S - 1 2 - -		
		E 1 - - 2 -		
		W 1 - - 2 -		

John won the ♠A and ♠K to discard his clubs. A heart to the Queen (with the Jack falling) indicated the trump break. Now he needed to keep control and establish the diamond suit too. The ♦6 was won with the ♦Q and a club led to his ♣A. Another diamond was ducked to the ♦A. Now East tapped John with a black card, but he could counter this by leading another diamond and trumping with the ♥10 to extract the ♥K. Whatever was returned, he was able to trump, cash the ♥A to draw the last trump and claim his diamonds.

[For a Canadian he's very poor at claiming beer cards, thank goodness!]

In the second session my favourite hand is this, the first we played:

3	♠ AJ64	<i>Dir: S</i>	
	♥ J106	<i>Vul: E-W</i>	
	♦ 10765		
	♣ 92		
♠ Q8	♠ K1092		
♥ 542	♥ AK98		
♦ AQ82	♦ KJ4		
♣ KJ83	♣ 75		
	♠ 753		
6	♥ Q73		
12	♦ 93		
8	♣ AQ1064		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N - - - -	
		S - - - -	
		E 3 4 4 3 4	
		W 3 4 4 3 4	

As West you have to play 3NT. North leads the ♠4 which runs to the ♠8. You return the ♠Q – it's always demoralising to the opponents when you return their suit in NT. North now tries the ♣9, South winning the ♣A and returning a club. The ♣J wins and the scene seems set for a classic double squeeze. Clearly North protects the spades, South protects the clubs, and neither will be able to guard the heart suit.

You lead to the ♦J, cash the ♠K (in case the ♠J is short), lead the ♦K, cross back to two more diamonds and watch the opponents squirm

	♠ J	
	♥ JT6	
	♦ T	
	♣	
♠		♠ T
♥ 54		♥ AK98
♦ Q		♦
♣ K8		♣
	♠	
	♥ Q73	
	♦	
	♣ QT	

.When the last diamond was played, in order to guard the spades, North came down to 2 hearts; in order to protect the ♣Q, South came down to 2 hearts – and dummy's ♥A, ♥K and ♥9 took the last tricks.

By the way, we won very nice gold medallions, but there appears to be no

trophy on which the name John Rayner can be spelt incorrectly!

Not A Pretty Sight

Some years ago, after a particularly gruesome New Zealand Teams qualifying match, international player Scott Smith announced that “bridge was the loser”.

Having watched four of Australia's finest play in round four, I know exactly what Scott meant. Nonetheless, when David Appleton (North) and Peter Reynolds opposed Avi Kanetkar (West) and Terry Brown there were some hands of interest. I have already referred to the way in which Avi and Terry bid the grand on board 20. David and Peter had managed a Compensation Coup to bid a slam a few boards earlier.

18	♠ K5	<i>Dir: E</i>	
	♥ AQ2	<i>Vul: N-S</i>	
	♦ AJ5		
	♣ KQT43		
♠ JT6	♠ 932		
♥ T64	♥ KJ9875		
♦ KT32	♦ 8		
♣ 875	♣ A62		
19	♠ AQ874		
4	♥ 3		
8	♦ Q9764		
9	♣ J9		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N 5 5 - 6 6	
		S 5 5 - 6 5	
		E - - - -	
		W - - - -	

Avi opened 2♥ and Peter overcalled 2♠. 3♥ from Terry did not deter David who forced with 4♣. 4♦ from Peter saw David reach for Keycard. Peter was feeling guilty about his overcall so he decided to suppress the existence of his Ace. Recently, he and David had agreed to reverse their usual responses when clubs were the putative trump suit so Peter bid 5♣ to show 0 or 4 keycards.

No worries. In compensation, David forgot the system change and accurately

responded to a question by announcing that Peter did have one keycard.

6NT bid (?) and made.

Then some less than optimal defence saw Peter arrange a trump coup to bring home a very ugly game.

1		♠ J84	<i>Dir: N</i>	
		♥ K	<i>Vul: None</i>	
		♦ AQ965		
		♣ K962		
♠		♠ AQ95		
♥		♥ 9743		
♦		♦ 873		
♣		♣ 84		
	13	♠ KT7632	♣♦♥♠NT	
	12	♥ 2	N	3 3 - 3 -
	6	♦ KJ	S	3 4 - 3 -
	9	♣ QT53	E	- - 3 - 2
			W	- - 3 - 2

After an auction which can't be viewed without an Indecent Publications Licence, Peter declared 4♠. The ♥A was led and dropped dummy's King. A diamond was taken by dummy's Ace while Peter unblocked the King from hand. He led the ♠J and Terry stepped in with the Ace to play a heart which gave a gratified Peter a ruff/sluff; ruffing on table while pitching a club from hand. The ♠8 was led to Terry's 9 and Peter's 10 while Avi discarded a club. A club to the Queen saw Avi's Ace score and Avi played yet another heart. This time Peter pitched a club from dummy and ruffed in hand. A diamond to dummy saw Peter ruff another diamond; finally shortening his trumps to the same length as Terry's. A club was led to dummy's King to produce

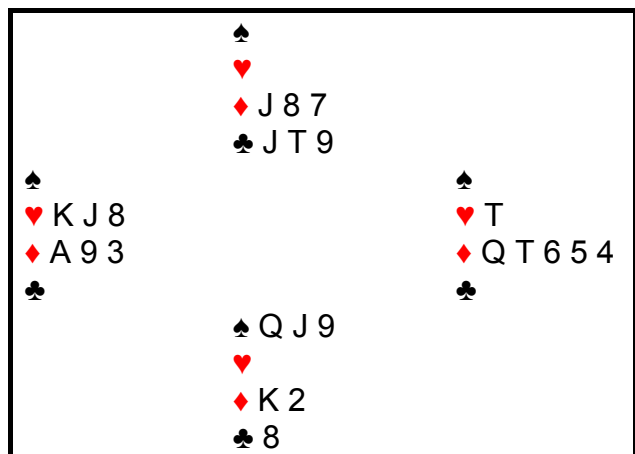
	♠		♠ Q5
	♥		♥ 9
	♦ 96		♦
	♣ 9		♣
♠		♠ K7	
♥ JT8		♥	
♦		♦	
♣		♣ T	

The boss ♦9 saw Terry's trump trick disappear.

Experienced players may wish to skip to the next article. Less experienced players may well benefit from watching Avi handle the diamond suit to make 12 tricks on

19		♠ 84	<i>Dir: S</i>	
		♥ 63	<i>Vul: E-W</i>	
		♦ J87		
		♣ QJT932		
♠		♠ AT		
♥		♥ AQT2		
♦		♦ QT654		
♣		♣ A7		
	4	♠ QJ9763	♣♦♥♠NT	
	14	♥ 95	N	- - - - -
	6	♦ K2	S	- - - - -
		♣ 854	E	- 6 6 - 6
			W	- 6 6 - 6

Avi was playing a heart contract and David led the ♣Q. Avi took this and drew trumps. He played a club to the King, the ♠A and a spade to the King. His last spade was ruffed in dummy to produce:



Avi now led a small diamond and, when Peter followed with the two, Avi played the 9. David could take his Jack but now had to find the ♦K for Ari or else give up a ruff and discard to enable Avi to shed his diamond loser.

Note that however the diamonds are distributed Avi will only lose one trick by covering whatever card Peter plays.

Twilight Zone Report

Special Correspondent Dana Scully

Any rubber bridge player knows that overtricks mount up over the year and, of course, overtricks are the lifeblood of a good matchpoint round. In teams, they have less significance but some will always try to find an extra trick or two and, from this, an extra imp or two.

However, when declarer can count one more trick than he needs at trick one and, in the search for a second overtrick, he then goes down, partner may not be too sympathetic.

So it was in the fourth round of the Teams.

20		♠ T6	Dir: W																														
		♥ QT842	Vul: Both																														
		♦ J63																															
		♣ J53																															
♠ AKQ874	♠ 52																																
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1	♣ T976																																

Ziggy Konig was in 7♠. He has 14 top tricks – 6 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and 3 clubs. But the lure of the second overtrick was not to be ignored.

Take the spade lead, heart to the Ace, heart to the King and ruff a heart – oops!

When interviewed by your correspondent, TZ habitué Ziggy Konig admitted a little shamefacedly, “It was not my finest hour.”

Partner Jimmy Wallis commented ,
 “@#&^%\$# *&\$%# ^&*\$%”

But Ziggy is resilient. In the same match, he bounced back in typical TZ fashion.

Early in the match, their opponents had doubled Ziggy and Jim in 4♥ - making. The opps tried again when our dangerous duo bid 2♠ - just one doubled overtrick. Then came:



12		♠ AK9	Dir: W
		♥ KQJ86	Vul: N-S
		♦ 85	
		♣ 853	
♠ 2		♠ JT875	
♥ A542		♥ 973	
♦ AQ4		♦ T976	
♣ KQ972		♣ 4	
13		♠ Q643	
15	1	♥ T	
11		♦ KJ32	
		♣ AJT6	
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N 1 - - 1 3	
		S 2 - - 1 3	
		E - - - - -	
		W - - - - -	

Ziggy opened the West cards 1♥ which showed at least 4 hearts could have a longer minor and had 12-16 points.

North checked Jimmy and Ziggy's agreements with some care and Jimmy began to get an uneasy feeling. Eventually, the inquisition ceased and North passed. Jimmy found the obvious 1NT response to show his 6 – 10 hcp. South passed and Ziggy bid 2♣ to show his second suit. North passed and Jimmy gave preference to 2♥. South now doubled for takeout. Ziggy promptly redoubled. North passed with some hopes. Jimmy passed and South ran to 2♠. Just three down.

A double dummy analyser suggests that 2♥xx is booked for just four shy –minus 1600 which turned, in best TZ fashion, into +300.

And then there was Michael Ware. In the real world, where little things like logic, accuracy and describing your hand to partner matter, the IBPA annually make a Best Bid Hand Award. In the TZ, where chaos and lunacy reign, the award is for the most stomach churning, unrepresentative bid. Consider:

Michael holds

♠ A Q 8 7 4 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 9 7 6 4 ♣ J 9

and he is VULNERABLE!.

Rho opens 4♥ and it's Michael's bid.

What do you mean he hasn't got one? Of course he has - 4♠. There will now be a brief intermission while readers dash off for a gastric evacuation.

Feeling better now?

Michael's heart was truly gladdened when Iho bid 5♥ ("Ha, pushed them up", he thought.)

His cup overflowed when Matthew McManus called6♠!

But this is the Twilight Zone

18		♠ K5	Dir: E
		♥ AQ2	Vul: N-S
		♦ AJ5	
		♣ KQT43	
♠ JT6		♠ 932	
♥ T64		♥ KJ9875	
♦ KT32		♦ 8	
♣ 875		♣ A62	
19		♠ AQ874	
4	8	♥ 3	
9		♦ Q9764	
		♣ J9	
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N 5 5 - 6 6	
		S 5 5 - 6 5	
		E - - - - -	
		W - - - - -	

Yep, 6♠ making.

Onto the next and Michael and Matthew managed to induce a Trappist Coup.

19		♠ 84	Dir: S
		♥ 63	Vul: E-W
		♦ J87	
		♣ QJT932	
♠ K52		♠ AT	
♥ KJ874		♥ AQT2	
♦ A93		♦ QT654	
♣ K6		♣ A7	
4		♠ QJ9763	
14	16	♥ 95	
6		♦ K2	
		♣ 854	
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N - - - - -	
		S - - - - -	
		E - 6 6 - 6	
		W - 6 6 - 6	

Michael assessed his assets and his system.

“Hmm, 2♦ could show 0-7 and a 5 or 6 card spade suit. Too good for that.

2♠ would show 8-10 and a 5 or 6 card spade suit. Not good enough for that.

I know -3♠”

West decided that he couldn't bid over that and Matthew made his challenge for the most stomach churning bid award with a raise to the spade game.

And there the auction ended! East-West, with their 30 hcp, an excellent 9 card heart fit and slam available in three flavours passed throughout!

250 for 5 shy was not adequate compensation.

Time will tell if 16 year old Lauren Travis is a true denizen of the Zone but she made a very promising start today. She had agreed to play mini-multi 2♦ for the first time; usually playing the bid as a weak two.

Then this one landed:

11		♠ QJ	<i>Dir: S</i>	
		♥ J97642	<i>Vul: None</i>	
		♦ KT		
		♣ JT8		
♠	KT43	♠	A986	
♥	AQ5	♥	K83	
♦	73	♦	J82	
♣	KQ72	♣	A93	
8	♠ 752			♣♦♥♠NT
14	♥ T			N - - - -
12	♦ AQ9654			S - - - -
6	♣ 654			E 4 - 2 4 1
				W 4 - 2 4 1

Forgetting her new agreement, Lauren opened 2♦ as South. West checked the meaning of this and, on hearing it was a mini-multi, doubled. North bid 2♠ to show an interest in hearts. East competed with 2NT and West bid the game.

Lauren led a small diamond and so took the first six tricks.

East-West were not amused and asked the sheriff to investigate. It was established that it was a misbid rather than a misexplanation and so the result stood.

Later in the match, Lauren found herself with ♠ QJ9763 ♥ 95 ♦ K2 ♣ 854

She opened 2♦ and West did not look amused.

“It's OK,” said Lauren, “If I've psyched again, you can call me a cheat.”

A Carding Problem

Phil Gue was berating himself on Monday night for failing to find the answer to a carding problem.

8		♠ 87	<i>Dir: W</i>	
		♥ AKT3	<i>Vul: None</i>	
		♦ K4		
		♣ J8753		
♠	AJ2	♠	K9543	
♥	952	♥	74	
♦	J76532	♦	AQT	
♣	2	♣	T96	
11	♠ QT6			♣♦♥♠NT
6	♥ QJ86			N 3 - 3 - -
14	♦ 98			S 3 - 3 - -
		♣	AKQ4	E - 4 - 4 -
				W - 4 - 4 -

The opponents had bid quickly to 4♥, played for systemic reasons by North. Phil led a low spade and Paul Wyr's Jack won trick one. Paul continued the Ace of spades and Phil followed with the 3. Paul switched to his singleton club and that was that.

Paul asked himself how he should induce the diamond lead which he so desperately wanted. And then the penny dropped.

On the Ace of spades, he must drop the King! Paul will certainly now find the killing diamond switch.

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Place	Name	Score
1	Stern	139
2	Markey	133
3	Bloom	122
4	Hoffman	120
5	Moses	119
6	Noble	117
7	Milne	118
8	Giura	116
9	Chua	116
10	Mullamphy	115
11	De Livera	114
12	Konig	114
13	Mulley	114
14	Kanetkar	113
15	Douglas	113
16	Dawson	112
17	Antoff	110
18	Walsh	110
19	Kozakos	110
20	Rothfield	110
21	Rowland	110
22	Newland	109
23	Belonogov	109
24	Fleischer	108
25	Leibowitz	108
26	Ridgway	108
27	Del'Monte	107
28	Manley	107
29	Leibowitz	106
30	Dibley	106
31	Tishler	106
32	Watts	106
33	Fantarella	107
34	Glasson	105
35	Bilal	104
36	Hinge	104
37	Steffensen	104
38	Eustace	104
39	Henry	103
40	Knaggs	103
41	Magee	102
42	Marler	102
43	Havas	101
44	Genc	101
	

Place	Name	Score
46	Smee	100
47	Hohor	100
48	Lachman	100
49	Ross	99
50	Hurley	97
51	Henbest	97
52	Wanz	97
53	Ingham	96
54	Roxburgh	96
55	Mottram	96
56	Van Vucht	96
57	Coats	96
58	Bentley	96
59	Hart	96
60	McCartney	95
61	Lilley	95
62	Creet	95
63	Tucker	95
64	Pettitt	95
65	Ferris	95
66	Foster	95
67	Mayo	94
68	Russ	94
69	Cowlishaw	94
70	Christiansen	93
71	Ashton	93
72	Hegedus	92
73	Fitz-Gerald	92
74	Clarke	92
75	Mangos	92
76	Frazer	92
77	Urbach	92
78	Yao	91
79	Lund	91
80	Gallie	90
81	Thompson	90
82	Carmody	90
83	Parfait	89
84	Dawson	89
85	Kelly	89
86	Fallet	89
87	Dickson	88
88	Phillips	88
89	Meakins	88
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Place	Name	Score
91	Holloway	88
92	Sherman	87
93	Meydan	87
94	Turnell	87
95	Schwabegger	86
96	Davis	86
97	Yandle	86
98	Talbot	86
99	Allanson	85
100	Fanos	85
101	Andrew	84
102	Mason	84
103	McKinnon	84
104	Tuxworth	84
105	Bourke	84
106	Waterworth	84
107	Horowitz	83
108	Johnson	83
109	Robinson	83
110	Roberts	83
111	Shaw	83
112	Hooper	83
113	Lewin	82
114	Walters	82
115	Lisle	82
116	Flynn	82
117	Lyons	82
118	Dalziell	81
119	Dudley	81
120	Jamieson	81
121	Tildesley	81
122	Mailes	80
123	Smith	80
124	Bugeia	80
125	Ginnan	80
126	Butcher	80
127	Banks	79
128	McKay	79
129	Mitchell	81
130	Plummer	79
131	Riddell	79
132	Rothwell	79
133	North	79

Place	Name	Score
134	Daglish	79
135	Steele	78
136	Duncan	78
137	Van Der Hor	77
138	Ascione	77
139	Hearfield	77
140	Cariola	75
141	McLennan	77
142	Squire	76
143	Pierce	76
144	Geromboux	75
145	Crossman	74
146	Tonkin	74
147	Wilks	74
148	Perosin	74
149	White	73
150	Van Abbe	73
151	Schaap	73
152	Buchanan	72
153	Crockett	72
154	Murray	72
155	Weldon	72
156	Clayton	70
157	Jeffrey	69
158	Devries	69
159	Andersson	68
160	Havercroft	68
161	Mare	67
162	Allanson	67
163	Thomas	65
164	Nilsson	64
165	Mitchell	65
166	Lane	62
167	Motteram	61
168	Donnan	60
169	Delgado	59
170	Beer	59
171	Turner	57
172	Merrylees	57
173	Jacka	57
174	Jaffrey	54
175	Campbell	54
176	Saleeba	49
177	Campbell	49
178	Pini	49



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