



N.O.T. News 10

Canberra, Thursday January 21st 2010

Session Times – Friday

9.30am

1pm

N.O.T. Round of 20

Friday 6.30pm and 8.45pm

Session Times – Saturday

NOT – Start at 9am

Mixed Teams and Flighted Swiss Pairs

10am

2pm

8pm

REACHING THE SHARP END

Two more rounds of qualifying to go and there are guaranteed qualifiers. Stern have a useful lead but no fewer than twelve teams within one match. Twentieth and last qualifier is currently on 205 and there are sixty teams within one match of that score.

Today is probably a good day to pray to the god of swiss draws.



Tim Bourke's Problem

10. OPTIONS

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ A Q 10 5

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ J 7

♣ A Q 5

SOUTH

♠ J 9 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ J 10

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All pass			

After North's Jacoby 2NT, South's rebid indicated a minimum, balanced hand. West leads the king of diamonds. How do you plan to bring home this contract?

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Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

The first move should be to duck the opening lead for if you win the first trick, a 4-0 trump break will be enough to defeat you. This is because you need entries to hand, to take a diamond ruff and to draw trumps when they break 4-0, as here:

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

So, after ducking the first trick, surely West will shift to a club. Since you need the spade finesse anyway, a consequence of which is that the spade suit would then provides four tricks, there is nothing to be gained from a finesse in clubs.

You should plan to rise with the ace of clubs and play queen of trumps, West discarding. Next you play the jack of diamonds to the ace and ruff a diamond with the jack. After cashing dummy's ten of trumps, you will draw East's remaining trumps with your ace and king.

Next you have to manage the spade suit correctly. If you lead the jack first, West will play low on the above layout. After a second spade finesse, you will be locked in dummy, and East will score his king of clubs.

You can avoid this problem by running the nine of spades. When that is successful, you continue with the jack of spades, eventually scoring four spade tricks. In addition you make five trumps, the ace of diamonds, a

diamond ruff and the ace of clubs for a total of twelve tricks.

Frame Thy Fearful Symmetry

by Richard Hills

William Blake (1757 - 1827)

Tyger Tyger, burning bright,
In the forests of the night;
What immortal hand or eye,
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

The Hashmat Ali - Richard Hills partnership is perhaps the only pair in the field who have played the fearful Symmetric Relay system continuously for two millennia. Thanks to the wonders of electronic scoring, Canberra Times bridge columnist Len Dixon discovered that not one East-West pair was able to bid to the par contract on Board 15 of Match 5 of the South West Pacific Teams. However, Len also noted that Ali-Hills had sat out that match, so Len rang me up to enquire how our Symmetric Relay system would have burned bright had we hypothetically framed the auction in the forests of our super-science.

WEST	EAST
♠ AT	♠ 7
♥ AJT	♥ KQ952
♦ K96	♦ 8732
♣ AKQ63	♣ 874

Hypothetical Hashmat	Ringwraith Richard
1C (1)	1D (2)
1H (3)	1NT(4)
2C (5)	2S (6)
2NT(5)	3D (7)
3H (5)	3S (8)
4C (5)	4H (9)
6C (10)	Pass

- (1) 15+ hcp, any shape
- (2) Artificial negative
- (3) 19+ hcp, any shape
- (4) Usually 5-7 hcp, 4+ hearts
- (5) Relay, asking pard to describe his hand further

(6) 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds
 (7) 5+ hearts, exactly 4 diamonds, and a singleton or void in spades
 (8) Precisely 1-5-4-3 shape
 (9) Precisely 3 relay points (A=3, K=2, Q=1), but singleton kings and queens not counted
 (10) At this point Hypothetical Hashmat knows that there are sufficient values for slam to have a play, and knows about the double fit in hearts and clubs. However, Hypothetical Hashmat also knows about Ringwraith Richard's singleton spade, so deduces that 6C is superior to 6H, since in 6C the spade is ruffed in the short trump hand. Since at the table clubs were 3-2 but the ace of diamonds was offside, the winning contract for Hypothetical Hashmat would indeed have been 6C declared by West.

In Match 8 Hashmat Ali was actually at the table, so Hashmat was able to actually display his super-scientific bidding skills on Board 8.

NORTH	SOUTH
♠ AJ97	♠ K54
♥ QT75	♥ 3
♦ Q2	♦ AKT876543
♣ AT3	---

Real	Hero
Richard	Hashmat
1NT(1)	6D
Pass	

(1) 11-14 hcp balanced, denies a five-card major

At the other table South was not a Tyger, so we picked up 11 imps for Hashmat's super-science.

Legal Matters

The Laws relating to unauthorised information are, in my view, among those which lead to most misunderstanding and often ill-feeling. An appeal case on

Wednesday provides some interesting aspects of the situation.

6	♠ J652	Dir: E Vul: E-W																														
	♥ J82																															
	♦ T8																															
	♣ KQ32																															
♠ QT3	♠ 84																															
♥ 943	♥ KQT65																															
♦ AJ9642	♦ KQ53																															
♣ 8	♣ A6																															
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7 14	♥ A7																															
12	♦ 7																															
	♣ JT9754																															

The auction began

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♦	P ¹
4♥	5♣		

¹East-West considered that, at this point, there was a distinct break in tempo – South tanked in their view. They asked the director to rule on the validity of the 5♣ bid. The reason for their request is seated in Law 16B1a:

A. Extraneous Information from Partner

After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as by means of a remark, a question, a reply to a question, or by unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, mannerism or the like, the partner may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information.

It is my understanding that the director will:

- Establish whether or not there is agreement that the hesitation occurred
- Decide whether or not the hesitation passed unauthorised information
- Decide whether the partner of the hesitator had logical alternatives

Note: the mere fact of the hesitation is not in itself a reason for partner to do one thing or another. It is the passing of UI and the existence of logical alternatives which are crucial.

What is a logical alternative? Law 16B1b answers:

A logical alternative action is one that, among the class of players in question and using the methods of the partnership, would be given serious consideration by a significant proportion of such players, of whom it is judged some might select it.

This is interpreted here as meaning that for the action after the hesitation not to have logical alternatives, it would be taken by 75% of players of a similar standard and using the same methods.

If the director is satisfied (and in this jurisdiction the table director will consult with his colleagues before making a ruling) that the three conditions are met then he will rule according to Law 12

B. Objectives of Score Adjustment

1. The objective of score adjustment is to redress damage to a non-offending side and to take away any advantage gained by an offending side through its infraction. Damage exists when, because of an infraction, an innocent side obtains a table result less favourable than would have been the expectation had the infraction not occurred – but see C1(b).

That is to say that to award an adjusted score, the director must be satisfied that damage has occurred.

The score award need not necessarily be a simple 4♠ making (for example) but may assign probabilities to various possible outcomes as per Law 12C1c

In order to do equity... an assigned adjusted score may be weighted to reflect the probabilities of a number of potential results.

In this case, the director ruled that the table result would stand, stating that if the hesitation had in fact occurred then even if North had passed South would bid 5♣ anyway.

East was one of Australia's strongest and most experienced players. Furthermore, he is a frequent member of Appeals Committees at the Summer Festival and other major congresses. He was not happy with the director's ruling, feeling that the 5♣ bid should have been removed and the score adjusted to East-West making 4♥. North-South as the (putative) offending side could then appeal.

Since this had not happened East-West appealed. The committee ruled that a hesitation probably did occur as South certainly had something to think about. (Switch the ♣KQ in the North with the ♣A 6 in the East hand and 4♥ is down immediately.)

They ruled that North did have logical alternatives and therefore the committee removed North's 5♣ bid. However, they considered that some of the time South would bid 5♣ in the pass out seat and that some of the time South would pass. The committee thus awarded an artificial adjusted score of 50% of 5♣x two light (NS) and 50% of 4♥ making. This gave EW 3 imps.

I have gone through this in some detail because I firmly believe, as I said in the introduction, that all too often hesitation situations lead to ill-feeling and this is generally due to the fact that too many players don't know what the Law says.

How many times have you heard "You can't bid, your partner hesitated."?

Director Simon Edler was called over a bid out of turn. He explained that action 1 would lead to partner being banned from bidding at his next turn and that action 2 would lead to his being banned from bidding for the rest of the auction. This led the offender to ask plaintively "Is there nothing I can do to have him banned from bidding for the rest of the match?"

Happy Endings

Two neat endgames from the tenth round of the SWPT.

First up Matt Porter

7		Dir: S Vul: Both
♠ 3 ♥ KQ98754 ♦ J73 ♣ KT		
♠ QT985 ♥ AT2 ♦ A6 ♣ J72	♠ KJ7642 ♥ J ♦ K4 ♣ A643	
9 ♠ A ♥ 63 11 12 ♦ QT9852 8 ♣ Q985	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT N - 2 2 - - S - 2 2 - - E 3 - - 4 3 W 3 - - 5 3	

Some fairly exuberant bidding by all concerned saw Matt declare 5♠ from the West seat.

North led the ♥K which Matt took to ruff a heart in dummy. He cleared the diamonds, finishing in hand to ruff another heart. South over-ruffed with the Ace. At this point the position was

♠ 3 ♥ Q987 ♦ J ♣ KT	
♠ QT985 ♥ ♦ ♣ J72	♠ KJ76 ♥ ♦ ♣ A643
♠ ♥ ♦ QT98 ♣ Q985	

A diamond from South would yield a ruff/sluff and enable Matt to hold his club losers to one. A club, however, was no more fruitful for the defence. Matt played small from hand and North was caught. If he played the King then Matt could simply lead towards the Jack. North played the 10 but

Matt won with dummy's Ace, drew the last trump and threw North in with the ♣K. The ruff and discard saw Matt's last loser disappear.

GeO Tislevoll managed his ending with the help of a little lapse in imagination by a defender.

16		Dir: W Vul: E-W
♠ T862 ♥ AQJ963 ♦ T ♣ T8		
♠ KQJ9 ♥ KT ♦ 8732 ♣ Q65	♠ A75 ♥ 874 ♦ K64 ♣ K932	
7 ♠ 43 ♥ 52 11 10 ♦ AQJ95 12 ♣ AJ74	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT N 2 2 4 2 3 S 2 2 4 2 3 E - - - - - W - - - - -	

GeO was playing 4♥ from North and East led the ♠A. He then switched to a club which GeO took with dummy's Ace.♠ He led a trump off table; East played then 10 and GeO's Jack scored. Geo then exited with a spade to West's Jack. West led his ♥K which GeO took and he then ran his trumps. When the penultimate trump was played the position was

♠ T 8 ♥ 3 ♦ T ♣ T	
♠ KQ ♥ ♦ 87 ♣ Q	♠ ♥ ♦ K64 ♣ K9
♠ ♥ ♦ AQJ9 ♣ J	

When GeO led the ♥3, East could see that he could not afford to throw a diamond as that would establish four tricks for dummy

and the contract would make with an overtrick.

Therefore he threw a club – fatally the 9. GeO took the diamond finesse and then threw East in with the ♣K. East then had to auto-finesse his own King of diamonds.

GeO points out that East missed an important inference. If Geo had had the ♣Q, then surely, at trick 2, he would have let the club switch run to the Queen in the closed hand.



PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY

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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Arie Meydan comments:

An echo to the “slight” bidding misunderstanding by Phil Gue and Paul Wyer which was reported in yesterday’s Bulletin came in a Victorian state qualifying event. My partner opened 1♠ and I bid 4♥. Victor Muntz, sitting in the 4♥ position asked and was told it was a splinter and then my partner passed! When I asked him why he had passed he replied that he thought that I had forgotten the system.

With ♥2 facing ♥Jxx, 4♥ was not a .great success.

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An Unhappy Ending

was the lot of most of those who bid a slam in the tenth round. This was the layout:

8		♠ AKJ84	Dir: W																														
		♥ 6	Vul: None																														
		♦ A432																															
		♣ K76																															
♠ 97		♠ QT632																															
♥ AQ42		♥ J985																															
♦ 65		♦ T9																															
♣ QT832		♣ J9																															
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8	♥ KT73																																
	♦ KQJ87																																
13	♣ A54																																

At least one pair declarer in 6♦ received the lead of the Ace of hearts and smiled all the way to the score-up. Others played for the spades to break no worse than 4-3 or for the ♥A to come down in three rounds or for the heart Ace to be onside. None of these eventuated, as can be seen so most were unlucky.

One line was suggested to me, which caters for several of these possibilities and would, on the actual layout, have been successful.

Say you receive a trump lead. Take it in hand and play a spade to the Ace. Ruff a spade with the Jack. Back to dummy with a trump, which clears the suit.

As there are no more trumps out, you can now afford to cash the ♠K and receive the bad news that plan A (spades breaking) is no good. Time for plan B. You must choose now between playing for the ♥A to be onside or for trying to drop it in three rounds with additional squeeze chances in the position below

	♠ J8	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 43	
	♣ K76	
♠		♠ QT
♥ AQ42		♥ J985
♦		♦
♣ QT83		♣ J9
	♠	
	♥ KT73	
	♦ Q8	
	♣ A5	

If you go the first way – unlucky. We'll try the second

Lead a small heart off table and play low on it. If a heart is continued, ruff it. If a club is continued take in hand and ruff a heart. Ruff another spade and ruff one more heart to bring about this position

	♠ J	
	♥	
	♦	
	♣ K7	
♠		♠ Q
♥ A		♥ J
♦		♦
♣ QT		♣ J
	♠	
	♥ K	
	♦ Q	
	♣ 5	

When you ruff dummy's last spade, West has to give in.

2010 SWPT Round 9 - 2010

Place	Name	Score
1	Stern	238
2	Kanetkar	229
3	Milne	228
4	De Livera	223
5	Del'Monte	223
6	Noble	221
7	Lilley	222
8	Walsh	218
9	Markey	214
10	Bilal	214
11	Mullamphy	214
12	Bloom	213
13	Tishler	213
14	Hoffman	211
15	Leibowitz	211
16	Giura	210
17	Ingham	210
18	Chua	209
19	Antoff	206
20	Rothfield	205
21	Lachman	204
22	Leibowitz	204
23	Havas	203
24	Genc	202
25	Hohor	202
26	Horowitz	202
27	Kozakos	201
28	Hegedus	200
29	Hinge	199
30	Smee	199
31	McCartney	199
32	Parfait	199
33	Hurley	198
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107	Russ	171
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or

ANTIPASTO

PEPPER VEAL FILLET CURED WITH TUNA CAPERS BÉARNAISE, GRILLED ORGANIC AUBERGINE WITH EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL, CARNAROLI RICE ARANCINIS WITH BLACK PIG RAGU & MILDLY HOT SICILIAN TOMATO SAUCE, LOCAL MUSHROOMS SAUTÉED, ITALIAN GHERKINS IN CHILLI OIL

Main Course

ROASTED SIRLOIN

ROASTED ANGUS SIRLOIN WITH RED WINE SAUCE, SERVED WITH ROASTED POTATOES

Desert

CHOCOLATE CAKE

*No RPG discount