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Some personal thanks:

To all the staff of the Festival who go out of their way to make the editor's job as easy as possible

To the experts who are so willing to give of their time to explain hands and who are so good at recognising when a hand of interest has occurred

To those people who have taken the trouble to write something and an extra special thank you to Richard Hills for the quantity and quality of his contributions

To the convenor and tournament committee who have given me the opportunity to be involved in the Festival for the past five years

To all of you

Thank you

**Alan Taylor
Editor, NOT News**



Tim Bourke's Problem

12. ROUGHLY Dealer South. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 5

♥ 9 6 4 3

♦ K 9 3

♣ K Q 5

SOUTH

♠ A K J 8 6

♥ 5

♦ A 8 7 5 4

♣ 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

West leads the ace of hearts on which East plays the queen, promising the jack of hearts. West continues with two of hearts to East's ten. How do you plan to make ten tricks?

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The 0 is a zero not a letter

Category Winners in SWPT

Zone 7 Teams & High Commissioner's Trophy

Murat Genc, Margaret Perley, Chris Ackerley, Douglas Russell

Mixed Teams & Brian Rawson Trophy plus Veterans Teams

Carl Hagan, Leone Szabo, Shirley Collins, Maggie Callander

Womens Teams

Helena Dawson, Erin Tewes, Annette Maluish, Margaret Pussell

Seniors Teams

Liz Havas, Gordon Schmidt, Peter Kahler, Steven Mendick, Ross Stuart, Richard Douglas

Country Teams

Ken Dawson, Rosemary Crowley, Susan Rodgers, Phillip Burnett

Novice Teams

Laura Ginnan, Steven Williams, Mary Tough, Chris Tough

ACT Team & Lew Thomson Trophy

Val Carmody, Ronda Thorpe, Robin Erskine, George Zuber, Geoff Hutchins, Robert Hurst

ABF Trophy – second in SWPT

Arjuna De Livera, Ian Robinson, Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, Matthew McManus, Michael Ware

Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

SOLUTION

You can always make ten tricks provided the diamonds are 3-2 and neither defender can get a club ruff. These assumptions point the way to the best plan to make ten tricks. The first move must be to ruff the ten of hearts. Next play a club to the king. Suppose the full deal is:

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

East will take the king of clubs with the ace and, hoping to shorten your trumps inconveniently, will play a third heart. After ruffing this with the eight of trumps, cash your three minor suit winners and then play a third round of diamonds.

As you will have already made six tricks, when West wins his queen of diamonds he has no winning defence. His best shot is to play a trump, You play dummy's five of trumps and win the trick with the jack. You make the next three tricks on a cross ruff.

If East returns a trump after winning the ace of clubs, play ace-king and another diamond. Either you will be able to follow the above approach or, on a non-heart return, you can draw trumps and claim.

Four Hands

The crucial match of the morning in the NOT was that between the two top qualifiers from the round of 20 – Milne and De Livera. In the first set, Milne built a useful lead of 20 imps. These four boards were among the more interesting

1	♠ J	Nil Vul
	♥ 2	Dlr N
	♦ KJT965	
	♣ KQ964	
♠ A852		♠ T63
♥ KQ76		♥ A543
♦ A872		♦ 3
♣ A		♣ J8532
	♠ KQ974	
	♥ JT98	
	♦ Q4	
	♣ T7	

Liam Milne chose to open the North hand 1♦ and Michael Whibley responded 1♠. Liam tried 2♣ and Michael gave preference to 2♦.

Arjuna De Livera led his singleton trump which Ian Robinson ducked to Liam's Jack. The ♠J was led, covered by dummy's King and taken by Ian with the Ace. He cashed the ♥K and then the ♣A before continuing a heart which Liam ruffed in hand. Liam continued with a trump towards dummy's Queen and Arjuna discarded the ♥4 – which was to have serious effects downstream. Ian took the ♦Q with his Ace and played another heart for Liam to ruff, dropping Arjuna's Ace. The two top diamonds were now cashed to bring about

♠ 852	♠	♠ 6
♥ Q	♥	♥
♦	♦	♦
♣	♣ KQ96	♣ J85
	♠ Q9	
	♥ J	
	♦	
	♣ T	

Liam cashed the two high clubs and used Arjuna's ♣J as a stepping stone to the ♠Q.

Had Arjuna pitched a when he discarded the ♥4, then the contract would have gone down and 4 imps would have been saved.

Then on the next, it was Ian's turn for an endplay:

2	♠ J	NS Vul																														
	♥ 8653	Dir E																														
	♦ 63																															
	♣ Q96542																															
♠ QT97642	♠ A83																															
♥ QJ72	♥ AK																															
♦ QJ	♦ AT9754																															
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Ian played in 4♠ after Liam and Michael had competed vigorously in clubs.

The ♣4 was led, ruffed by declarer. A small spade picked up North's Jack and was taken by the Ace on table. The top hearts were unblocked and a club was ruffed in hand. After Ian had cashed the ♥Q, the position was:

	♠	
	♥ 8	
	♦ 63	
	♣ Q965	
♠ QT97		♠ 83
♥ J		♥
♦ QJ		♦ AT975
♣		♣
	♠ K	
	♥	
	♦ K82	
	♣ AK3	

Ian played the ♥J and South could be endplayed by ruffing or be endplayed by being thrown-in on the next trick. Either way, he was going to either concede a ruff/sluff or find the ♦K for declarer.

Board 10 showed the luck that can sometimes arise from bidding methods.

Liam was quickly in 3NT with little information about the North-South hands available to the defence

10		♠ KQ	All Vul																															
		♥ AQJ95	Dir E																															
		♦ A94																																
		♣ K82																																
♠ J942			♠ AT6																															
♥ K432			♥ T76																															
♦ 652			♦ JT73																															
♣ 63			♣ AQ9																															
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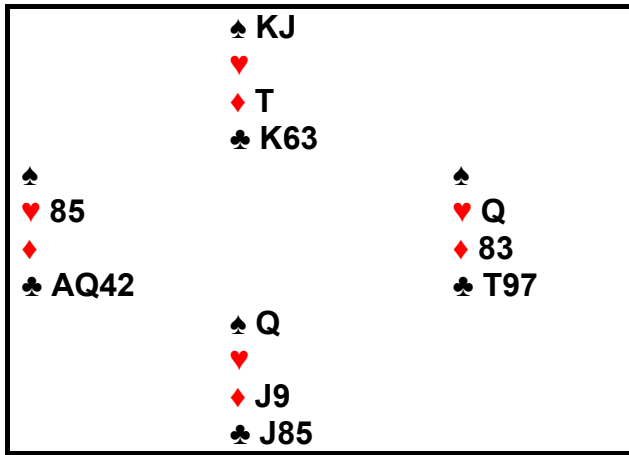
A diamond was led, taken by dummy's King and the ♣J was allowed to stand. A second club was taken by East with the Ace and he had his last chance to beat the contract. With nothing to go on he continued diamonds and that was that.

In the other room, artificial methods saw South declare and it was routine to switch to spades as quickly as possible. Two clubs and three spades meant one off.

Then board 12 and a pair of cancelling errors on the one trick

12		♠ KJT65	NS Vul																															
		♥ 72	Dir W																															
		♦ AT4																																
		♣ K63																																
♠ A98			♠ 7																															
♥ 8543			♥ AKQJT																															
♦ Q6			♦ 8532																															
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East played in 4♥ and received the lead of the ♠3. Declarer took this on table and ruffed a spade. Two top hearts were cashed and then a diamond was led towards dummy's Queen. South went in with the King and continued diamonds to the Queen and Ace. North switched to a spade which declarer ruffed. The position now was



If declarer leads the club 9 or 10 then the defence is without recourse. However, declarer chose the ♣7. If this is covered by the 8 then declarer is without recourse. Say he finesses the Queen. North takes his King and plays a diamond. Declarer is on table and can only get back to hand with a trump to lead another club. South covers and the suit is blocked.

At the table, however, South played small on the ♣7 and declarer could have been safe by playing small. North would have to take the King and dummy would be high.

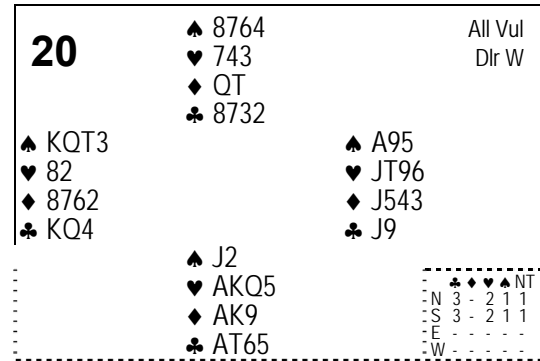
East, however, finessed the ♣Q which lost to North's jack. North then compensated by returning a club which found South's Jack. Had a diamond been returned then the situation is as was described above when the ♣7 is covered by the 8.

Quite a complicated little position in which spot cards and position have a huge effect.

The second half of the match saw De Livera claw back 11 of the deficit on what was mostly an uneventful set.

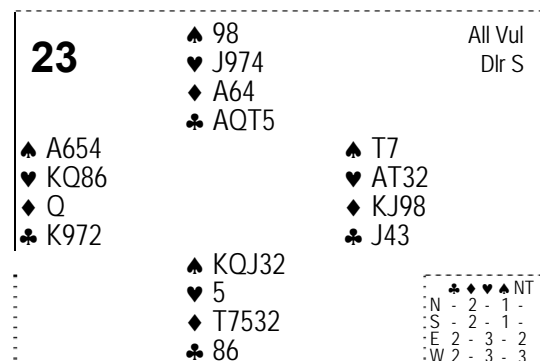
Only a few hands caught the eye. This one reminded me of a dictum of ex-NZ international player David Matthews. David would frequently announce – "If a 2NT opener is about to be passed out – double it."

He was proved right (again) on board 20



After three passes, South opened 2NT. No-one moved and South quietly went one off.

Then a little bit of optimism by Nabil Edgton and Alex Smirnov got dealt to.



After a pass from South Alex opened 1♣ and the auction continued

West	North	East	South
			P
1♣	P	1♦	1♠
X	1NT	2♥	P
3♥	P	4♥	

I think that it can be fairly said that neither East nor West left any values in the bank.

Richard Brightling doubled with some relish and shortly thereafter wrote +500 in the book.

I wonder what Andy and Nabil would have done to Richard's 1NT.

Then on the nest, Alex and Nabil bid accurately in one sense – they stopped short of a non-making slam. Unfortunately the suit of the making slam only got a brief passing mention

24	♠ Q6 ♥ T9 ♦ AKQ972 ♣ JT8	Nil Vul Dir W
♠ KJ532 ♥ A7 ♦ ♣ AK7642	♠ T97 ♥ KQJ84 ♦ J5 ♣ Q95	
	♠ A84 ♥ 6532 ♦ T8643 ♣ 3	♠ - 3 - - ♥ - 3 - - ♦ - 6 - 5 - ♣ 6 - 6 5 -

The auction was

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

5♦ was Exclusion Keycard and 5♥ showed none.

It almost has the smell of a pairs auction where the minor suit is so often avoided.

Four More Hands

Me, I'm a simple pom who has transplanted to become a Kiwi. To me a quarter final series involves four matches. Not in the NOT. There are only three. One of these three finished at the half-way point when the Noble team conceded to the Bilal team. I followed four boards through the remaining four tables.

♠ J9762 ♥ AQ73 ♦ T2 ♣ 75	♠ Q543 ♥ KT64 ♦ Q94 ♣ T3 <div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ J852 ♥ K75 ♦ AQ9842 ♣
	♠ AKT8 ♥ 9 ♦ AJ863 ♣ KJ6	

Mike Ware and Matthew McManus received a late Christmas present on this, the first board of their set.

South opened 1♦ (which showed 4 spades) and North bid 3♥ which also showed spades.

East came in with 5♣ and I'm not sure what that shows.

There was no good news for declarer in the play and 1100 was the cost of this little flight of fancy.

Andrew Mill-Phil Markey and Barbara Travis-John Rayner had identical auctions'

South	North
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♠
4♠	

Nye Griffiths found a trump lead and Phil ended up with eight tricks. Ian Robinson opted to lead a club and John scrambled nine.

The fourth auction was the most involved

West	North	East	South
			1♦
P	1♥	2♣	P
P	X	P	2♠
X	P	3♣	X

This looks as if there was some confusion over West's double but 3♣ only went one off.

Two boards later and McManus-Ware got into the (post-) Christmas spirit.

♠ 54 ♥ A74 ♦ T87 ♣ QJ973	♠ K9732 ♥ 63 ♦ KJ954 ♣ K <div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ JT86 ♥ KQJT ♦ 62 ♣ 1084
	♠ AQ ♥ 9852 ♦ AQ3 ♣ A652	

A relay stuff-up saw North declare 6D. The ♥K lead was terminal.

David Lilley and Zolly Nagy cruised to an uneventful 4♠ via

West	North	East	South
	P	P	1NT
P	2♥	P	2♠
P	3♦	P	3♠
P	4♠		

for plus 420 while Travis-Rayner collected 430 in 3NT after

West	North	East	South
	2♠	P	3NT

My noted on the fourth auction say that North opened 2♦ and that was all. + 150 for making 11 tricks. Doesn't really seem credible so I'll just blame me.

Board 10 threatened to be a major suit battle and so it eventuated

♠ T9	♠ K75432	♠ J
♥ Q8	♥ 94	♥ AJ7632
♦ AKJT98	♦ 53	♦ Q62
♣ A54	♣ KQ9	♣ J87
	♠ AQ86	
	♥ KT5	
	♦ 74	
	♣ T632	

Griffiths – Williams bid 2♥ - 4♥ and cut out Markey-Mill altogether. The red suits provided more than enough tricks.

Richman-Tischler had a multi auction which stopped in 3♥ but made 12 tricks. Rayner – Travis climbed into a Robinson –De Livera auction and reached 4♠ for one off after this sequence

West	North	East	South
P	2♠	2♦	P
		P	4♠

While Nagy-Lilley competed to the same effect after a different beginning

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	P	P
4♥	4♠	2♥	3♥

Then a black suit shoot out:

♠ KJT5	♠ 64	♠ AQ98732
♥ A532	♥ J84	♥ Q7
♦ J42	♦ K97	♦ Q65
♣ 65	♣ AKQ82	♣ J
	♠ KT96	
	♦ AT83	
	♣ T9743	

Williams-Griffiths kept Markey-Mill out altogether via 2♦ Pass 4♠ end and went two down.

Richman – Tischler took the same tricks after intervening over a North 1NT and then driving to the spade game.

The winners on the hand were Smolanko-Haffer and Robinson De Livera who had identical auctions

West	North	East	South
P	1♠	1♠	X
2♣	X	P	5♣

Both declarers made 11 tricks by conceding two hearts only.

As you would expect at this stage of the event plenty of action. What perhaps you might not accept is some of the wilder stuff - 5♣ on the first, a relay foul up and 2♦ passed out for instance.

At this level, after five days of intense competition, though, I guess we must expect the pressure to be telling



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NEWS:

Recently, an Australian Junior Team has been invited to participate in the most prestigious Junior event in Europe, called the White House Junior International in Amsterdam. As this is an invitation-only event, 2010 will mark its first year of the appearance of Australia competing in what is formally an all-European event. This will prove to be an experiencing and a challenging tournament as the other 20 EU countries contending are some of the world's top countries. As we are short on funds, we need your help!

How You Can Help:

We are planning to organise fundraising session events in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. We would love to see you there and here are a few reasons why:

- Team Members are: Adam & Nabil Edgtton (from Sydney), Andy Hung (from Brisbane), Justin Howard (from Melbourne) and a migrated kiwi, Michael Whibley. You will of course see one of our lovely faces in these events in our respective cities!

- This Australian Junior Team has been a tough contender amongst the world. Success in this tournament would increase our relationship with the Europeans for future prospects, and it would be mark our presence for the forthcoming World Juniors in October. Here is a list of some of our past achievements:

- 2006 World Schools: 2nd in Round Robin, 4th out of 15 overall
- Active involvement in Oz-one Trainings
- 2007 PABF Juniors: 1st out of 9 countries
- 2008 World Juniors: 3rd in Round Robin, 5th out of 18 overall
- 2009 Yeh Bros. Cup: Respectable result throughout the Round Robin
- 2009 PABF Juniors: 1st out of 10 countries

When:

The fundraising events will most likely consist of a one-session pairs during either February or March (not during Gold Coast) although the exact dates will vary between different cities. More information on the club location and the date is yet to be confirmed, so we would gladly appreciate if you would spread the word around! The entry fee is most likely \$25 per person, and our total aim is \$8000. We are also searching for Sponsor(s) for our team jerseys for any interested, and if you cannot participate we would gladly appreciate any donations made. Donations can be sent to Bank of Queensland (BSB: 124 -032, Acct No: 20575656) and remember to attach your name. Donators' names will be put through to the following (new!) Oz Junior Bridge website at www.ozjuniorbridge.com

Contacts:

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Team	1	2	Total
De Livera A De Livera, I Robinson, I Thomson, R Brightling, M McManus, M Ware	34	41	75
Tishler S Tishler, B Richman, B Travis, J Rayner	32	34	66
Team	1	2	Total
Lilley D Lilley, Z Nagy, B Haughie, A Braithwaite, N Griffiths, J Williams	45	35	80
Markey P Markey, A Mill, J Haffer, G Smolanko, D Appleton, P Reynolds	16	37	53
Team	1	2	Total
Noble B Noble, G Bilski, A Kowalski, J Romanski, M Prescott, R Jedrychowski	15	0	15
Bilal G Bilal, S Khan, S Browne, K Bagchi, M Smart	96	0	96

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NOT Round of Twelve 2010

Team	1	2	Total
Milne L Milne, M Whibley, N Edgtton, A Edgtton, A Hung	42	10	52
De Livera A De Livera, I Robinson, I Thomson, R Brightling, M McManus, M Ware	22	21	43
Team	1	2	Total
Stern D Stern, R Grynberg, P Gue, P Wyer, S Burgess, T Lloyd	26	39	65
Tishler S Tishler, B Richman, B Travis, J Rayner	32	49	81
Team	1	2	Total
Bloom M Bloom, P Gill, S Hans, T Nunn, P Gosney	28	26	54
Bilal G Bilal, S Khan, S Browne, K Bagchi, M Smart	48	30	78
Team	1	2	Total
Lilley D Lilley, Z Nagy, B Haughie, A Braithwaite, N Griffiths, J Williams	32	29	61
Del'Monte I Del'Monte, C Berman, A Bach, H Horwitz, M Courtney, L Raymond	2	37	39
Team	1	2	Total
Mullamphy M Mullamphy, R Klinger, B Jacobs, B Thompson	7	54	61
Markey P Markey, A Mill, J Haffer, G Smolanko, D Appleton, P Reynolds	47	28	75
Team	1	2	Total
Kanetkar A Kanetkar, T Brown, W Lazer, P Gumby, A Peake, B Neill	44	17	61
Noble B Noble, G Bilski, A Kowalski, J Romanski, M Prescott, R Jedrychowski	25	63	88

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National Flighted Swiss Pairs Round 6 - 2010

Place	Name	Score
1	S Bock, K Davies	118
2	G Ware, M Doecke	117
3	J Howard, A Hegedus	114
4	S Grigg, M Hossack	111
5	J Dawson, G Tislevoll	110
6	T Hutton, M Watts	110
7	M Courtney, L Raymond	105
8	R Hills, H Ali	104
9	P Thompson, Unknown	103
10	M Chadwick, T Sharp	101
11	M Walters, T Marker	100
12	W Boxall, N Van Vucht	100
13	T Collins, L Collins	100
14	C Wehner, P Compton	100
15	M Campbell, P Kahler	98
16	P Bardos, A Bapat	97
17	P McCormack, D McCormack	95
18	E Lindh, P Phillips	93
19	P Nilsson, D Nilsson	91
20	L Ma, A Ferguson	89
21	M Phillips, C Slaughter	88
22	R Hurst, G Hutchins	88
23	M Allison, H Stewart	88
24	C Houghton, W Houghton	88
25	C Macquarrie, C Parkin	87
26	M Guthrie, J Guthrie	86
27	P Brennan, M Brennan	85
28	K Moschner, J Kidd	84
29	B Gilmour-Walsh, G Gray	84
30	C Schoutrop, J Perl	84
31	P Weaver, T Bodycote	82
32	D Flynn, J Percil	81
33	C Fader, R Bodell	80
34	J Glenn, A Hamilton	79
35	C McPaul, J Correy	77
36	J Fitz-Gerald, E Fitz-Gerald	74
37	D Theunissen, L Parker	74
38	J Brogan, S Hegarty	72
39	V Nabarro, B Samuels	70
40	D James, G James	70
41	M Havercroft, J Havercroft	59
42	R McKeon, K Caruana	45

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Australian Mixed Teams Round 6 - 2010

Place	Name	Score
1	Steffensen	121
2	McLeish	115
3	Bourke	114
4	Riggs	108
5	Ewart	104
6	Brockwell	101
7	Leibowitz	98
8	Dawson	98
9	Genc	96
10	Ohlsen	91
11	Lisle	90
12	Willemse	88
13	Pettitt	83
14	Ferris	80
15	Bourke	77
16	Ingold	77
17	Ascione	75
18	Thornberry	74
19	Pugh	73
20	Dick	72
21	Waizer	61
22	Jeffrey	57