

# The Summer Festival of Bridge

## Daily Bulletin 1

Rydgges Lakeside, Canberra

Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Session Times

#### Thursday & Friday

10am

1.30pm

4.30pm

**Non-Life Masters and Novices – no 4.30pm session on Friday**

### Festival Courtesy Bus

Pickup Time Before play	Accommodation	Address
75 minutes	Oxley Court Apartments Forrest Apartments Hyatt <b>Rydgges Dropoff</b>	corner of Oxley and Dawes Street in Dominion Circuit Commonwealth Avenue, Barton
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### Tim Bourke's Problem

#### 2. SWITCH?

Matchpoints, Dealer South. Neither Vul.

**NORTH**

♠ K 7 5 2  
♥ A  
♦ A K J 10 6  
♣ Q J 10

**SOUTH**

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

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All pass			

West leads the jack of hearts to dummy's ace. What is the best plan to make twelve tricks?

### Adventures and Misadventures in Round 1

The first round of the Seniors' Teams saw top seeds Brown facing Hucker. Brown sent Zolly Nagy and David Lilley in as North-South against Claire Schafer and Ken Storr with David Anderson and George Smolanko opposing Colin and Marie Hucker in the other room.

Things started quietly enough, although board 2 had a couple of points of interest.

Dir: E  
Vul: N-S

2

♠ T76		♠ A953
♥ 6		♥ KQ753
♦ J953		♦ T84
♣ QJ975		♣ K
♠ J82		♠ KQ4
♥ A9		♥ JT842
♦ K6		♦ AQ72
♣ AT8643		♣ 2

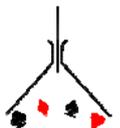
Ken (West) declared 3NT and David led a small diamond. Ken took this with dummy's King to play a club to the King in the closed hand. He continued with a heart on which David played the Jack and, dummy, the Ace.

At this point, Deepfinesse indicates that the only way for declarer to make 8 tricks (and there is no way to make 9) is to exit with a diamond. No matter who takes the trick or what the defence does next South is going to find himself endplayed at least twice.

Say North takes the diamond and plays a spade towards David's KQ. The position will be

	♠ 1076	
	♥	
	♦ 95	
	♣ QJ97	
♠ J82		♠ A953
♥ 9		♥ KQ75
♦		♦ 10
♣ A10864		♣
	♠ KQ4	
	♥ 10842	
	♦ AQ	
	♣	

David can take the Queen but will then be endplayed whether or not he cashes the



diamonds first. If he exits with the ♥10 then ♠A and another spade endplays him a second time.

If instead, Zolly ducks the diamond exit to South then David is endplayed just that much sooner.

However, Ken chose to cash the ♣A and the spotlight fell on David. What should he discard from

♠ K Q 4 ♥ 10 8 4 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ -?

He knows that Ken has 4 hearts in his hand.

Improbable as it may seem, David can discard anything except the ♥10 (which seems obvious) and the ♦7 (which doesn't). If David pitches that "obvious" ♦7 then the same sequence of endplays eventuates.

David met the challenge discarding the ♦Q and now Zolly was able to get in via diamonds to cash his good clubs.

But then Claire and Ken had an excellent adventure.

5	♠ QJT32 ♥ ♦ QT75 ♣ J752	<i>Dir: N</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>
♠ 97 ♥ Q6 ♦ AJ6 ♣ AK9863	♠ A5 ♥ K75432 ♦ 843 ♣ Q4	
	♠ K864 ♥ AJT98 ♦ K92 ♣ T	

In the other room, David and George don't play weak 2's so the auction began with two passes. Marie opened 1♥ and David overcalled 2♣. This ran back to Marie who doubled. David

raised himself to 3♣, which concluded the auction.

There seem to be five losers and so it eventuated at the table. For Claire, life was more exciting.

Ken opened the East hand with a multi 2♦ after a pass from Zolly. David stepped in with a 2♥ overcall. Claire gave this some thought and then decided that she was "Law protected" and offered to play in Ken's six card suit by bidding 2♠. (There was one tiny flaw in this plan!)

This drew the auction to a close with NOBODY having really described their hand – I suppose David came closest but ...

Zolly led a diamond to the King and Ace and Claire crossed to dummy via the ♣Q. She played another club towards the Ace, on which David discarded a diamond. She then ruffed a club with the Ace and played a diamond to the Jack and Zolly's Queen.

Zolly gave David a club ruff and David cashed the ♥A and played a second heart for Zolly to ruff. Finally, the defence got round to playing trumps and a claim for 4 off followed quickly.

One is inclined to wonder what might have happened had Claire chosen to double when David bid 2♥...or indeed if David had, when 2♠ came back to him.

In the double dummy world of Deepfinesse this is a major triumph as North-South are cold for 4♠. In the real world of the table, as has been said, George and David bought the contract in 3♣ and went one off♣, so 4 imps to Brown.

Then on the next, Zolly had reason to regret David's choice of bids, though, systemically, David had no choice.



**6**      ♠ 9      Dir: E  
           ♡ KT3      Vul: E-W  
           ♢ KQ76  
           ♣ AQ972

♠ QT74      ♠ J8632  
 ♡ QJ942      ♡ A85  
 ♢ 54      ♢ T9  
 ♣ J4      ♣ T85

♠ AK5  
 ♡ 76  
 ♢ AJ832  
 ♣ K63

David opened 1NT and Zolly responded 2♠, which was slam invitational and asking about David's distribution.

3♦ from David showed his suit and Zolly set diamonds as trumps with a raise to 4. David showed a spade control and denied a heart control with a 4♠ bid. Zolly tried once more with 5♣ but David signed off in the diamond game.

Zolly was looking longingly at his ♥K but with David opening 1NT and rebidding 3♦, there was no way to protect it. Sure enough Claire led the ♥Q and the defence took the first two tricks.

[Paul Wyer and David Smith found the easy way to slam after David also opened 1NT. Their auction was

West	North	East	South
		P	1NT
P	2♠	P	3♣
P	3♦	P	4♦
P	4NT	P	5♥
P	6♦		

2♠ was a transfer which David did not superaccept which enabled Paul to be first to mention diamonds.]

Board 16 proved to be a push in a successful sacrifice but I'm going to give Marie Hucker 5 bonus style points for courage in the face of the enemy and Zolly Nagy 5 bonus points for communication.

**16**      ♠ J9653      Dir: W  
           ♡ 63      Vul: E-W  
           ♢ 972  
           ♣ AK6

♠ KQ872      ♠ AT  
 ♡ QJ74      ♡ AK982  
 ♢ K8      ♢ 43  
 ♣ 75      ♣ T842

♠ 4  
 ♡ T5  
 ♢ AQJT65  
 ♣ QJ93

Claire opened 1♠ and Ken replied with 2♥. David pushed in with 3♦ and Claire raised to 3♥. Zolly didn't just raise diamonds, he put in 4♣ - which might well enable David to make a more informed decision over the inevitable 4♥. David, so informed, raised clubs and Zolly corrected to 5♦ which Ken was content to double.

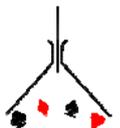
Marie got less help from partner but didn't need it anyway. Their auction was

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

and Marie (unencouraged!) called 5♣ all on her own. Colin corrected to diamonds and George doubled.

Both contracts went 2 shy for a flat board.

On the last, the Hucker team seemed to be somewhat unlucky.



**20** ♠ K932  
♥ QT973  
♦ T98  
♣ 5

*Dir: W*  
*Vul: Both*

♠ Q                    ♠ AJ654  
♥ AKJ8                ♥  
♦ Q763                ♦ KJ52  
♣ A742                ♣ KQT6

♠ T87  
♥ 6542  
♦ A4  
♣ J983

George and David bid quickly to 3NT without the club suit getting a mention.

At the other table the auction was

Claire	Ken
1♦	1♠
2♣	4NT
5♥	6♣

Not, perhaps, a thing of any great beauty but, looking at the E-W cards on their own, – not that bad a spot.

Of course, the club position was insuperable and another 13 imps went to Brown. Unlucky because, as far as I can tell, if you swop a club from South for any of North's 13 cards, 6♣ is a make.

**Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution**

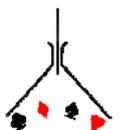
You should lead a low spade from dummy at trick two. When East follows low, play the queen. If that holds, return to dummy with a low diamond to the ten to lead a second low spade, playing the jack when East plays low.

This will make three spade tricks automatically when East has a singleton or doubleton ace of spades. The interesting case comes when both the queen and jack of spades hold. You should cash the queen of diamonds next. If West has a singleton or void in diamonds, continue with a spade. However whenever West has at least two diamonds you should cash the diamonds, throwing the four of spades and a low club from hand. Then lead the queen of clubs. This will bring in twelve tricks whenever East has the king of clubs. It also succeeds when the full deal is:

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

That is, when West began with a small singleton or doubleton in spades and the king of clubs. (When West turns up with three diamonds and follows to two spades, as above, switching to clubs has around an 80% of bring home the contract!)

If West takes one of the spade honours with the ace, you will test the spades. If they turn out to be 3-3 you are home. Otherwise, in most cases, you will need a successful club finesse to get home.



### Splinter of the Mind's Eye

Richard Hills

Warm-Up Pairs, Tuesday 18th January  
 Board 15  
 Dir: South  
 Vul: North-South

The bidding has gone:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
---	---	---	1S
Pass	4D (1)	Pass	?

(1) Splinter bid.

You, South, hold:

♠ KT754 ♥ KQ8 ♦ AT95 ♣ 3

What calls do you considering making?  
 What call did you actually make?

(Solution follows)

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	♠ AQ8	
	♥ A106	
	♦ 7	
	♣ KJ10852	
♠ 3		♠ J962
♥ 9732		♥ J54
♦ J832		♦ KQ64
♣ AQ4		♣ 97
	♠ K10754	
	♥ KQ8	
	♦ A1095	
	♣ 3	

WE ST	Richard	EAST	Klavs
---	---	---	1♠
Pass	4♦ (1)	Pass	Pass(2)
Pass			

(1) Splinter bid.

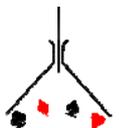
(2) Klavs correctly reasoned that it was a close decision between a slam try and signing off in game. After much cogitation, Klavs elected to pass 4♠.

Oops.

Klavs was chagrined to discover that he had actually passed my splinter. I, on the other hand, was delighted. I always enjoy playing ridiculous contracts to best advantage. (For example, I once mangled my own home-grown convention to declare 4♥ in a 1-1 fit. I carefully played that 4♥ contract for -600 instead of -700, thereby gleaning a second bottom when another pair misdefended 4♥ the other way for -620.)

East led the nine of clubs to West's ace, then West promptly switched to the singleton spade to my ace. I cashed three hearts ending in hand, then cashed the king of clubs (spade discard from dummy). Now I hopefully advanced the queen of spades, which West ruffed. West now played the queen of clubs, East elected to discard the nine of spades, so dummy eloped with the five of trumps. The king of spades was ruffed by West, leading to this four card ending.

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♠ ♥ 9 ♦ J8 ♣ 6	♠ ♥ ♦ 7 ♣ J108	♠ ♥ ♦ KQ64 ♣
	♠ 10 ♥ ♦ A109 ♣	

West returned the six of clubs, which East was forced to ruff high. Over-ruffing with the ace would have been a foolish error. But, fortunately, dummy's trump pips meant that I could discard a spade on the high ruff and guarantee an extra trump trick via a trump coup.

Scoring -200 in 4♦ instead of -300 was worth half a matchpoint for an equal bottom, since another declarer could not handle the bad trump break in 6♣. But the smug computer program Deep Finesse makes 6♣, coincidentally also via a trump coup.

### Clubbed To Death

Avi Kanetkar and Terry Brown used the midget suit to beat their opponents into submission in the third round of the Seniors' but not before their first club adventure had an ugly outcome.

4 ♠ A9763 ♥ J642 ♦ 842 ♣ A	Dir: W Vul: Both
♠ Q2 ♥ QT985 ♦ K ♣ Q8532	♠ JT854 ♥ AK7 ♦ J765 ♣ K
♠ K ♥ 3 ♦ AQT93 ♣ JT9764	

West opened 2♥ to show hearts and a minor. Avi passed and East raised the ante with a 3♥ bid. Terry found a 4♣ bid somewhere and Avi offered spades. Terry wasn't too keen on that and retreated to clubs. West chose not to double; luckily for Avi and Terry as even 5♦x is going for 500.

5♣ undoubled still went for 400, as Terry was quickly tapped off by heart leads.

Board 7 saw the club tide turn.

7 ♠ J32 ♥ ♦ AJ73 ♣ JT6542	Dir: S Vul: Both
♠ AQT6 ♥ KT32 ♦ T964 ♣ A	♠ K9754 ♥ Q874 ♦ 82 ♣ Q8
♠ 8 ♥ AJ965 ♦ KQ5 ♣ K973	

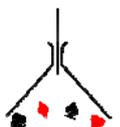
Terry opened 1♥ and Avi replied with 1NT. Terry rebid 2♣ - natural and forcing. Avi accepted the force with a 5♣ continuation.

West led the ♦10 and Terry took on table with the Ace. He continued a club and, when East

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followed with the 8, he played the 3 to draw West's Ace. West failed to cash the ♠A and Terry had 12 tricks.

In the other room, South also opened 1♥ and David Anderson chose to overcall 1♠ with the West cards. George Smolanko was not extended to raise to 4♠. David managed to wuzzle his way to 10 tricks and a double game swing was the outcome.

Then Avi liked his club fit on board 12 while East had a lead problem he couldn't solve.

Try it for yourself.

You hold:

♠ 9 8 ♥ 10 9 7 3 2 ♦ A K J 10 4 ♣ 9

The auction is

West	North	East	South
2♦(multi)	X	2♠	3♣
P	3NT	End	

What do you lead?

At the table, East chose to lead his partner's suit which was not a success on

**12**      ♠ A7      Dir: W  
 ♥ KJ654      Vul: N-S  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ AKJ5

♠ KQT532	♠ 98
♥ 9652	♥ T9732
♦ 764	♦ AKJT4
	♣ 9

♠ J64  
 ♥ AQ8  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ QT832

Though I guess it's a little less embarrassing than 4<sup>th</sup> highest of your longest and strongest.

Avi was quick to claim 10 tricks without putting his diamond stop to a further test.

Then Terry used the club suit to show a fit for Avi's diamonds which lit up the defence when the opps declared the contract..

**16**      ♠ A8      Dir: W  
 ♥ Q53      Vul: E-W  
 ♦ AT9842  
 ♣ 32

♠ KJT932	♠ Q764
♥ AT72	♥ KJ4
♦ 5	♦ K3
♣ 85	♣ A976

♠ 5  
 ♥ 986  
 ♦ QJ76  
 ♣ KQJT4

West passed and Avi opened 1♦. East doubled and Terry made a fit showing jump with 3♣. West tried 4♠ and Avi offered 5♦. This ran back to West who opted for 5♠. Only a club lead or the ♠A followed by a club switch beats this and Avi happily led a club. A careless low ruff by declarer on the third round of clubs saw Avi score his ♠8 for 2 off.

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Winners of the Seniors' Last train were Kathy Boardman and Bobby Richman



Elizabeth Havas, who partnered Margaret Bourke to victory in the Women's Last Train

**NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Round 3**

Place	Name	Score
1	Bourke	65
2	Chadwick	64
3	Hoffman	61
4	Travis	55
5	Tucker	54
6	Havas	53
7	Moses	52
8	Samuel	51
9	Schroor	50
10	Giura	49
11	Lyons	47
12	Evans	47
13	Cormack	46
14	Bloom	46
15	Cornish	44
16	Farthing	44
17	Callander	43
18	Carmichael	42
19	Richardson	41
20	Fletcher	41
21	Mott	36
22	Codognotto	33
23	Stralow	33
24	Marler	33
25	Van Der Hor	33
26	Campbell	31
27	Ingham	22
28	Unknown	21

**LIFE MASTER TEAMS Round 3**

Place	Name	Score
1	Kassam	62
2	Ross	61
3	Weaver	60
4	Kalejs	56
5	Macquarrie	55
6	Norlyng	55
7	Unknown	55
8	Butcher	54
9	Dalziell	54
10	O'Connor	52
11	Scerri	51
12	Zuber	50
13	Christiaen	50
14	Bennett	49
15	Allen	49
16	Perrin	48
17	Hill	46
18	Morrison	46
19	Geromboux	46
20	Bugeia	45
21	Foreman	45
22	Wright	44
23	Fox	43
24	Houghton	42
25	Donaldson	42
26	Whitmee	41
27	Casey	35
28	Lockwood	34
29	Jeffrey	34
30	Dale	33
31	Watson	33
32	Lander	32
33	Maddigan	32
34	Berry	31
35	Mitchell	27
36	Talbot	22

## NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Round 3 - 2011

Place	Name	Score
1	Brown	71
2	Klinger	67
3	Bilski	64
4	Johnman	64
5	Howe	61
6	Tishler	60
7	Thorp	57
8	Finikiotis	57
9	Pettitt	56
10	Brockwell	55
11	Hill	51
12	Krochmalik	51
13	Schmidt	50
14	Ong	50
15	Crockett	50
16	Bloom	49
17	Davies	48
18	Rocks	48
19	Zollo	48
20	Garrick	47
21	Taylor	45
22	Rothwell	45
23	Knaggs	45

Place	Name	Score
24	Ham	44
25	Tulpule	42
26	Fallet	41
27	Sturgul	41
28	Dudley	41
29	Carberry	40
30	Grieve	39
31	Ohlsen	39
32	Abbenbroek	38
33	Buchen	38
34	Hucker	36
35	Szabo	35
36	Lewin	34
37	Milston	34
38	Hardie	33
39	Mottram	33
40	Anlezark	32
41	Lucas	32
42	Percival	32
43	Tobin	30
44	Allgood	29
45	Gilbert	27
46	Wehner	24

### NON LIFE MASTER TEAMS Round 3 - 2011

Place	Name	Score
1	Carr	63
2	Nilsson	57
3	Nelan	56
4	Lawrie	56
5	Noonan	52
6	Baker	52
7	Attwood	48
8	Duff	48
9	Prickett	46
10	Clift	46
11	Kent	44
12	Devries	44
13	Cariola	43
14	Johnson	42
15	Land	42
16	O'Donohue	41
17	Tough	41
18	Waight	31
19	Lamport	23
20	Newton	18

### NATIONAL NOVICE TEAMS Round 3 - 2011

Place	Name	Score
1	Donovan	61
2	Carew	60
3	Tuckey	53
4	Buckley	53
5	Farmer	52
5	Mendonca	52
7	Mander	50
8	Ziffer	49
9	Macklow	48
10	Gooding	47
11	Wright	47
12	Truscott	46
13	Waizer	44
14	Mayne	43
15	De Palo	40
16	Turner	40
17	Saville	34
18	Tomlinson	30
19	Cook	29
20	Davidson	23