The Summer Festival of Bridge

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Rydges Lakeside, Canberra

Friday January 21st 2011

Session Times

Friday

10am 1.30pm

4.30pm

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

Saturday National Swiss Pairs

11am 2.30pm

Festival Courtesy Bus			
Pickup Time Before play	Accommodation	Address	
75 minutes	Oxley Court Apartments Forrest Apartments	corner of Oxley and Dawes Street in Dominion Circuit	
	Hyatt Rydges Dropoff	Commonwealth Avenue, Barton	
Approx 55 minutes	Waldorf Apartments	2 Akuna Street, City	
	Crowne Plaza	1 Binara Street	
	Accommodation	71 Euree Street, Reid	
Approx 45 minutes	Olim's Hotel	Cnr Limestone Ave & Ainslie Ave	
	Aria Apartments	45 Dooring Street	
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Tim Bourke's Problem

3. ENSNARED

Dealer South. E-W Vul. NORTH

- Α¢
- ♥J10963
- A K Q 4 3
- ♣ A 10

SOUTH

- **♠** Q 10 5 2
- ♥ A K Q 8 2
- **♦** 7
- ♣ 6 4 2

West	North	East	South 1♥
Pass	3◆*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♥	All pass	

^{*} fit-showing

West leads the jack of diamonds against your solid grand slam. After the queen of diamonds wins the first trick, what is the best plan to make all of the tricks?

WOMEN'S LAST TRAIN

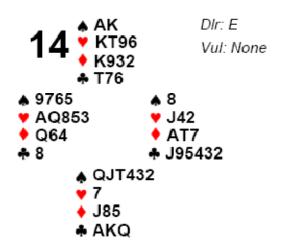
Barbara Travis

As some of you may recall, last year I had some issues with at this tournament with my partner's name being misspelt – both on the scoreboards and in the Newsletter. John Rayner's name appeared in various guises, including John RaynOr and George Rayner. This year I've been hoping that I'll have more success with my partners'names, but for now I've handwritten the name Marnie Leybourne for our esteemed Editor. Here's hoping any

photo that appears alongside this article has her name spelled correctly!

Marnie and I played in the Women's Last Train, practising for the National Women's Teams. We'd had a few practice sessions on BBO which allowed me to learn a different bidding system emanating from Perth. Our honeymoon outing was reasonably successful, ending in 2nd place behind Margaret Bourke and Elizabeth Hayas.

Match 1 Board 14



South plays 4♠ on the lead of ♣8. This hand is an exercise in forward planning. Should you cross to dummy to draw trumps, your only way back to hand is via clubs. However, the lead should have you worried about a short club in West.

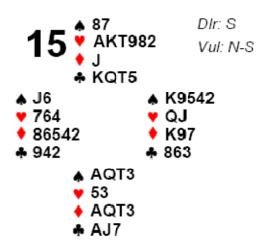
Instead of immediately leading trumps, it is imperative to create an entry back to hand. At trick 2, you should be leading your heart towards dummy. This has a double benefit: if the VA is onside, you will have a discard on the VK, and even if the VA is offside at least you can trump hearts back to hand. (If that is the case, you then have to hope the A is onside.)

Those declarers who just crossed to spades, relying on clubs behaving, paid dearly. In the Women's Last Train, defeating 4♠ was worth 9 IMPs.





Match 3 Board 15



Given that the Women's datum on this hand was +710, this hand is included for partnerships to discuss exactly how they should be bidding to this excellent slam.

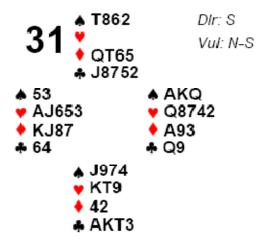
SOUTH Barbara		NORTH Marnie
1♦	Р	1♥
1♠		
1NT (1)		2 (2)
3NT (3)		4♣ (4)
4♦ (5)		6NT

- (1) 15-18
- (2) GF enquiry
- (3) Anti-systemic, intended to show a maximum with very good spade stop and nothing in hearts
- (4) RKC on clubs, chosen because Marnie held the ♣KQ so it would work as a pure ace ask
- (5) 0 or 3 key cards

(Of course, without the intervene I would not have had an anti-systemic bid available.)

What has been so exciting playing with Marnie – "who nobody has heard of before"- is that she is great at the logic of analyzing anything unusual that I produce in auctions, as witnessed above. Add this to her thoughtful defensive work and I am seeing a 'new'player on our bridge scene.

Match 6 Board 31



This board rated a very brief mention in a previous Bulletin but I think it deserves much greater analysis.

East is playing in 4♥ on an uncontested auction.

Let's imagine that South cashes the ♣A and ♣K, then switches to a spade. I believe that most declarers would then go down; I certainly would have.

My line of play would have been to lead to the ♥A, assuming hearts were 2-1. If the ♥K drops I'm now cold. If it doesn't drop, then you cash all the top spades and exit with a heart. If you catch North with the ♥K, then she has to lead a diamond into dummy's tenace or give you a ruff and discard. If you find South with the ♥K, then at least they are opening up the diamonds. Furthermore, if South has the ♥K, then you have a lot of additional information; South has shown up with the ♣AK and ♥K, yet passed as dealer. North is therefore marked with the ◆Q so you basically know how to play the suit.

In order to make this hand, you actually have to take the heart finesse. When North shows out, once again you have South marked with the ♣AK and ♥K, having passed as dealer. You know North has the ◆Q. Do you play for South to have the ◆10 or to have a doubleton diamond? If I'd taken the heart finesse and

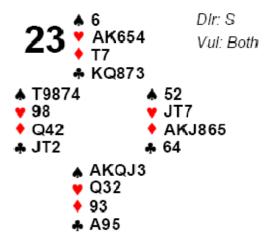




found this vital information, then I would have played for a doubleton diamond – making.

What actually happened on the hand? South only cashed one top club and switched, so after the ♥A I was able to discard the losing club on my top spades – making regardless of the position of the ♦Q.

Match 8 Board 23



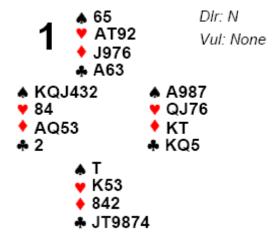
This board from the last round of the Last Train seems to have been the start of a series of hands that fit this theme (several more have appeared in the first three rounds of the National Women's Teams).

Many people over-use jumping to 4NT when in slam territory. It is imperative, when you hold 2 or 3 small cards in a suit, to check whether your partner has some control of the suit before checking for key cards. This hand is a typical example of such an auction:

SOUTH	NORTH
1 ♠	2♥
3♥ (1)	4. (2)
4♥ (3)	P (4)

- (1) Bigger than a jump to 4♥
- (2) 1st or 2nd round cue bid
- (3) No diamond control
- (4) We stop in 4♥, knowing we have 2 diamond losers

For another example, let's look at the National Women's Teams, Match 2 Board 1.



The table I watched was playing Acol, hence:

WEST	EAST
1 . 4 . 4.	1♥ 3♠ (1) 4◆ P
or	1♥
1♠	
4♦	3 ♠ 4 ♠

(1) A slight overbid

The 4-level bids were 1st or 2nd round cuebids, and when either partner has denied the heart control you can stop at 4♠, which is the limit of the hand. I noticed that many NS pairs had +50 on their result sheet, reflecting a lack of use of cuebids or perhaps a laziness in the bidding.

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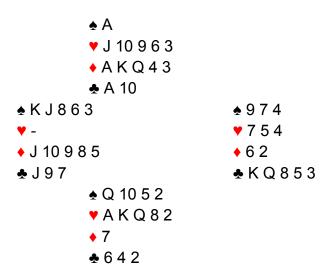




Barbara Travis and Marnie Leybourne – runners-up in the Women's Last Train

Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

This was the layout when the deal was played in a local game of Rubber Bridge:



The original declarer played a trump to the ace at trick two and could no longer make thirteen tricks when the diamonds proved to be 5 -2 and West discarded clubs on the trumps.

There was a simple way to avoid the problem! Declarer should have cashed the ace of spades at trick two. Then a trump to hand reveals the awkward break there (if they had proved to be 2-1 then declarer could draw a second trump and claim). Declarer now ruffs a spade high, a small diamond low, a spade high, plays a second trump to hand, ruffs his last spade high and then trumps dummy's four of diamonds. After all that work, declarer draws the last trump with the ace at trick ten and throws the ten of clubs from dummy. Dummy has •A-K and •A remaining to take the last three tricks.

If East had shown out on the first round of trumps, declarer would still play as suggested but would have to risk being overruffed when taking his first diamond ruff.

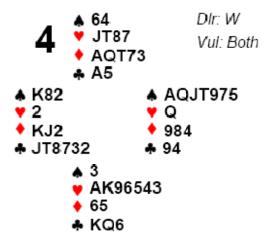




Going Down

I spent a couple of sessions at the lower numbered tables in the Seniors' Teams and Open Last Train watching low seed numbers go off in a variety of contracts. First up were Terry Brown and Avi Kanetkar taking on Bill Haughie and Ron Klinger in a match between the top two Seniors' seeds.

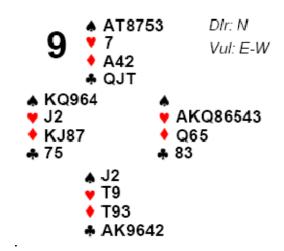
Nothing much happened until Terry and Avi got the auction right:



Avi opened 1♦ and Bill put in 2♠. Terry countered with 3♦ and Ron raised to 3♠. 4♥ from Avi was all the encouragement Terry needed to launch RKCB. The response was satisfactory and 6♥ held no terrors in the play. This wasn't bid at the other table nor at too many others as the average was only 830.

Then Terry went down in a doubled sacrifice for another good pick-up.





Avi opened the North hand 1♠ and Bill went straight to the best spot - 4♥. This ran back to Avi who doubled. Terry offered 5♣ and Bill doubled that

Although Terry is never making, there is, of course, a huge difference between 1 and 2 down and which, so it seems, depends on the play of the spade suit.

Ron chose to lead the \P K which gave Terry the chance for one off. If he ducks it and follows with the Jack from hand then he is in control of the suit and Ron can't stop Terry establishing the long spade. However, not unnaturally, Terry played the Ace and Bill ruffed. Bill cashed a heart and switched to a trump. On table, Terry now played a spade to his Jack and Ron's Queen. Terry was now in control and had the timing to establish the sixth spade and escape for -100.

Unlikely as it may seem, Ron will collect 300 if he ducks the ♠J! Terry will be in his own hand and there are only 3 entries to table (two trumps and ♠A). He can ruff three spades but can't get back to enjoy the fourth.

So,

- don't lead the K from KQ
- don't cover the K with the A

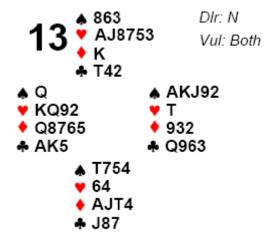




- throw the J under the K if it is led
- don't take the Q when declarer plays his last card (the J) in the suit.

It's an easy game!

Then Avi would have been delighted to go 4 down vulnerable against silent opponents!



Avi opened the North hand 2♥ and nobody could think of anything to say.

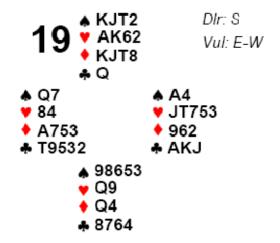
The defence began with three rounds of spades (Ron pitching two diamonds) and continued with three rounds of clubs.

Bill exited with a diamond. Avi called for dummy's Ace and, as Ron played small, he (Ron) called for Avi's King.

Avi ruffed a spade in hand and laid down the Ace of trumps and then conceded three trump tricks to Ron.

-400 was worth 6 imps as the less bashful EW pair in the other room bid and made 4♠ vulnerable.

Then it was Bill's turn to try his luck in a heart partial – his luck was out.



After two passes, Avi opened 1♦ and Bill overcalled 1♥ and that was that.



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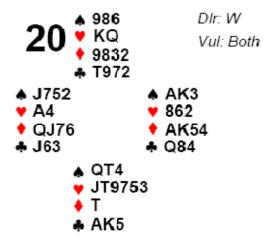
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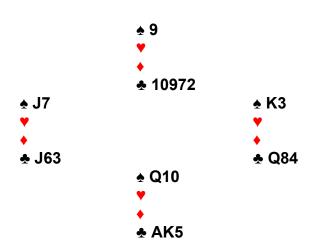
Terry led the ◆Q which Bill took on table to play th e ▼4 – to the 2, 3 and 9. Terry switched back to diamonds and Avi took two rounds before playing a third – ruffed by Bill and over-ruffed by South. The ♠9 collected the Queen, King and Ace. Bill played trumps to Avi's King. The ♠J was cashed and the ♠10 continued which Bill, perforce, ruffed. The ♠A was Bill's last trick as Avi ruffed the second club, drew the last trump and scored trick 13 with the ♠2 for 3 shy.

Then Ron and Bill's methods of hand evaluation caused Terry to go down in a partial after a very tenuous leave-in of a double.



After two passes, Bill opened the East cards 1♦ and Ron responded 1♥ (showing spades). Avi doubled and Bill called 1♠. Terry thought he was worth 2♥ and Ron doubled, presumably for takeout. Avi passed and, some days later, so did Bill.

Ron cashed the •Q and then played a small diamond to Bill's King and Terry's ruff. A trump towards dummy was taken by Ron and he played another diamond. Terry ruffed again and played a heart to dummy's King. A small spade return saw Bill fly with the Ace to play the last diamond. Again Terry ruffed and he drew the last trump to leave this position



And Terry needed three more tricks.

He cashed the two top clubs and played the third. Bill took this and exited a small spade.

Terry had seen Bill produce:

♠A, ♠AK, ♠Q – a total of 13 points. If he had the ♠K, then that would give him 16 with a proven shape of 3343 – a 1NT opener if ever there was one.

Terry played the 10 and was affronted when Ron took the jack and Bill produced the King for one off.

The explanation is that Ron and Bill evaluate hands for 1NT openers by counting what they call banzai points. (At least I think it's banzai – it might be sushi or origami or something like that.)

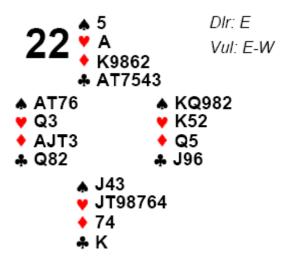
You start with your high card points (in Bill's case 16). You add one point for each 10 (zero), 2 points for a five card suit (so still 16) and one point for each honour card (5 for a total of 21).

If your banana count is 22 you open 1NT; it wasn't so Bill didn't and Terry was left without any gruntles.





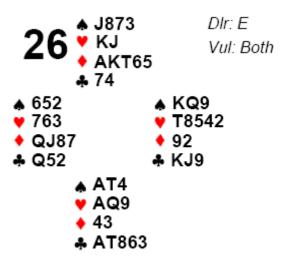
So I moved onto the Last Train where Arjuna Delivera and Ian Robinson were opposing Nick Hughes and David Morgan. They began their match with board 22, which was ugly for Nick and David.



lan opened 2♠ and, after a pass from Nick, Arjuna made a pre-emptive raise to 3♠. David put in 4NT and Nick chose his particularly attractive diamonds to be trumps. Arjuna doubted the viability of 5♠ with a double so Nick ran to 5♥. Arjuna went for this as well so David retreated to 6♠. Ian applied the axe to that.

There doesn't seem to be any way to escape one spade, three diamond and a club loser. There wasn't – so Arjuna and Ian started with a snappy 800 and 13 imps.

Then Nick found himself in 3NT on



Arjuna led the ♥6 taken by dummy's Jack. The ♠7 saw Ian play the Queen and Nick the Ace.
The ♠10 ran to Ian's King and he returned a heart to Nick's Queen and dummy's King. Nick came off table with a small diamond and Arjuna was probably a little surprised when his 7 scored. He switched to clubs and Nick ducked Ian's King. Nick took the club continuation to produce

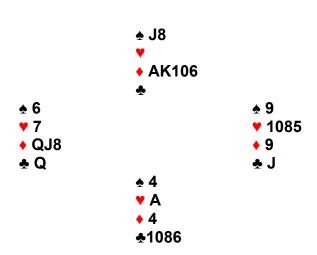


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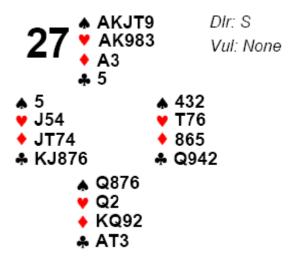






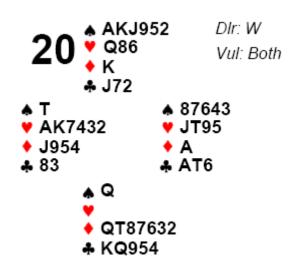
Nick cashed the ♥A but made the fatal discard of a small spade. Spades were breaking, diamonds weren't, so that was one off.

Then Nick and David got one gloriously right.



Nick opened 1♦ as South and David wound up the relay. 14 North/South bids later, David claimed for 7♠ as soon as the lead hit the table. As the datum was only 1080, it is apparent that very few NS pairs had the ammunition to bid this 15 trick grand.

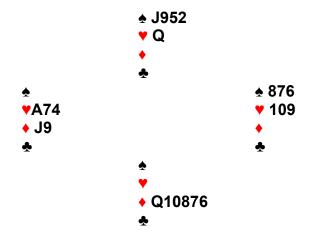
But then another minor two suiter spelt more disaster for Hughes/Morgan. On the layout below, Arjuna opened the West hand with 1♥, which drew 1♠ from David. Ian showed a heart raise with 2♠ and Nick offered his diamonds.



Arjuna went to the heart game but Nick came again with 4NT. David opted for 5♣, which Ian doubled.

lan cashed his ◆A, no doubt being gratified by declarer's contribution, and switched to the ♥J which David ruffed on table. The ♣K was allowed to score and then David overtook the ♠Q with the Ace to play the King which Arjuna ruffed.

Another heart saw dummy dangerously shortened in trumps. Ian took the trump continuation and played another club to remove dummy and declarer's last clubs to leave



David could take two more spade tricks but -1100 was an ugly end to the match.





Place	Name	Score
1	I Robinson, A De Livera	78
2	R Curnow, P Grant	75
3	W Smith, T Hutton	72
4	C Quail, R Hills	71
5	T Glass, B Glass	71
6	J Foster, D Weston	65
7	M Wilkinson, M Bookallil	64
8	M Smart, G Kozakos	63
9	T Antoff, A Simpson	62
10	N Van Vucht, B Waters	61
11	P Jeffery, J Abel	61
12	N Francis, A Maluish	61
13	D Appleton, P Reynolds	61
14	B Nash, J Wallis	60
15	N Hughes, D Morgan	60
16	P Markey, J Williams	58
17	D Beauchamp, E Adams	53
18	M Prescott, T Leibowitz	52
19	D McLeish, N Van Jole	50
20	A Mendenilla, D Kristanda	43
21	H Horwitz, P Gosney	37
22	K Dyke, L Leibowitz	34

LIFE MASTER TEAMS Round 6

Place	Name	Score
1	Scerri	116
2	Macquarrie	113
3	Foreman	112
4	Ross	110
5	Weaver	108
6	Unknown	105
7	Dalziell	101
8	Kalejs	101
9	Butcher	100
10	O'Connor	100
11	Donaldson	99
12	Zuber	99
13	Bugeia	98
14	Kassam	96
15	Norlyng	95
16	Hill	94
17	Houghton	92
18	Geromboux	92
19	Casey	91
20	Fox	89

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Place	Name Bourke	Score
1		118
2	Moses	114
3	Tucker	109
4	Cormack	106
5	Chadwick	102
6	Evans	99
7	Hoffman	98
8	Schroor	98
9	Farthing	98
10	Havas	98
11	Mott	96
12	Travis	94
13	Fletcher	94
14	Lyons	92
15	Callander	92
16	Giura	90
17	Stralow	85
18	Richardson	83
19	Marler	82
20	Bloom	81
21	Samuel	78
22	Cornish	78
23	Van Der Hor	78
24	Campbell	77
25	Carmichael	75
26	Ingham	71
27	Codognotto	53
28	Unknown	49

LIFE MASTER TEAMS (Cont)

21	Perrin	88
22	Allen	87
23	Watson	84
24	Christiaen	80
25	Berry	80
26	Lockwood	79
27	Bennett	79
28	Talbot	78
29	Dale	77
30	Lander	77
31	Maddigan	73
32	Morrison	73
33	Jeffrey	70
34	Wright	69
35	Whitmee	67
36	Mitchell	53

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS

Place	Name	Score
1	Brown	139
2	Klinger	116
3	Finikiotis	112
4	Howe	111
5	Schmidt	109
6	Dudley	105
7	Bilski	102
8	Krochmalik	101
9	Davies	101
10	Johnman	101
11	Rocks	101
12	Crockett	100
13	Zollo	99
14	Brockwell	98
15	Tishler	98
16	Fallet	96
17	Sturgul	95
18	Carberry	94
19	Pettitt	92
20	Ong	92
21	Bloom	91
22	Knaggs	91
	Thorp	
23	Hill	90
24	Garrick	89
25	Grieve	89
26	Tulpule	88
27	Milston	88
28	Tobin	87
29	Taylor	84
30	Allgood	81
31	Abbenbroek	81
32		80
33	Anlezark Rothwell	79
34		78
35	Szabo	78
36	Mottram	77
37	Buchen	77
38	Hardie	77
39	Ohlsen	76
40	Lucas	75
41	Hucker 	71
42	Lewin	67
43	Wehner	65
44	Percival	63
45	Ham	60
46	Gilbert	58

NON LIFE MASTER TEAMS

Place	Name	Score
1	Lawrie	114
2	Tough	105
3	Carr	102
4	Duff	101
5	Noonan	100
6	Prickett	100
7	Cariola	98
8	Nilsson	97
9	Devries	97
10	Nelan	95
11	Attwood	95
12	Kent	95
13	O'Donohue	86
14	Land	86
15	Johnson	83
16	Lamport	80
17	Baker	77
18	Clift	75
19	Waight	59
20	Newton	46

NATIONAL NOVICE TEAMS

Place	Name	Score
1	Buckley	116
2	Donovan	114
3	Carew	114
4	Tuckey	112
5	Waizer	99
6	Gooding	99
7	Tomlinson	95
8	Macklow	94
9	Farmer	92
10	Cook	91
11	Mayne	90
12	De Palo	86
13	Mander	85
14	Truscott	82
15	Ziffer	80
16	Saville	78
17	Mendonca	78
18	Turner	74
19	Wright	70
20	Davidson	46