## The Summer Festival of Bridge

## **Daily Bulletin 2**

#### Rydges Lakeside, Canberra

Thursday January 19th 2012

	Session Times	
	Thursday	
10.00 am	1.30 pm	4.30 pm
	Friday	
10.00 am	1.30 pm	4.30 pm

No 4.30 session on Friday for the Non-Life Masters and Novice Teams

Summer Festival Courtesy Bus				
Approximate Pickup Time Accommodation Address				
8.30am	Pinnacle Apartments Bentley Apartments	11 Ovens Street, Kingston 10 Canberra Ave, Forrest		
	Rydges Capital Hill Hyatt <b>Rydges Dropoff</b>	Cnr Canberra Ave & National Circuit, Manuka Commonwealth Avenue, Barton		
8.45am	Liversidge Court	Liversidge St		

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	University House	Cnr Liversidge St & Balmain Cres, ANU, Acton
i	Ursula College	Daley Road, ANU, Acton
	Rydges Dropoff	
9.00am	Waldorf Apartments	2 Akuna Street, CBD
	Canberra City YHA	7 Akuna Street, CBD
	Crowne Plaza	1 Binara Street
	Monterey Apartments	14 Boolee St, Reid
	Argyle Apartments	Cnr Currong & Boolee Sts, Reid
	Olim's Hotel	Cnr Limestone Ave & Ainslie Ave
	Tall Trees Motel	Stephens Street, Ainslie
	Woolcock St, Watson*	*Pickup at Cnr Highway & Flemington Road
	Canberra Motor Inn	20 Kunzea Street O'Connor
i	Rex Hotel	150 Northbourne Ave
	Marque (also Capital Apartments)	108 Northbourne Ave
	Clifton Suites	100 Northbourne Ave
9.50am	Rydges Dropoff	

The courtesy Bus will leave the first accommodation site 90 minutes before play begins and will return after play. It is approximately 5 minutes between stops.





#### Tim Bourke's Problem

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Dealer South. Both Vul.

	NOR ∳K´ ∳J3 ∳Q, ∳93	10 3 3 2 J 10 8 3	
	SOU ♠ A ( ♥ A <sup>+</sup> ♦ K S ♣ A :	Q J 9 2 10 6 9 4	
West	North	East	South 1♠
Pass All pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

West leads the queen of clubs, which holds the trick. West continues with the ten of clubs to your ace. Everyone follows when you cash the ace of trumps. What now?

#### John Brockwell's Problem

John says that his eyesight has always been excellent. Not too long ago, he was diagnosed with cataracts and underwent surgery to deal with this. He now has vision problems and in particular finds difficulty in distinguishing between certain cards. This difficulty caused an enormous swing in the first round of the Seniors' Last Train.

John was contemplating

The opponents bid vigorously to  $4 \ge$  and John that  $5 \ge$  would be worth the penalty.

It wasn't and John had his eye surgeon to thank for it. You see the actual layout was





The black Aces are two of the cards which John has difficulty in distinguishing. Not only had he over-reached to  $5 \pm$  (which, of course, had been doubled) but he had failed to make a double of  $4 \pm$  which universally went down.

But wait! It gets worse. When the ♠ K was led, John ruffed, still having the Ace seconded to to the club suit. This revoke





was the crowning indignity. The final gory outcome was -1400 instead of +200 or 500!

It would be a mistake to assume that John feels he got value for money from his eye specialist, whom he would like me to name as a warning to others. Sadly, my libel indemnity insurance has lapsed.

#### **Tim Bourke's Problem -Solution**

This was problem came up in a local teams game and this was the full deal:



After winning the ace of clubs, one declarer drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, discovering the 4-1 break. Then he played on diamonds but West held up his ace until the third round and then exited with a trump to the dummy's ten. The contract could no longer be made. Dummy had no more entries and West was poised to ruff a fourth round of diamonds. Declarer had to try a heart, hoping that East held both honours, but it was not to be and so declarer could not avoid losing four tricks.

The declarer at the second table showed better technique. The first two tricks were the same but, instead of drawing two rounds of trumps, he cashed the ace of trumps and then played on diamonds. Like his counterpart, this West held up the ace until the third round and then exited with a trump, taken by dummy's ten. Declarer now played

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a good diamond and threw one of his heart losers. West could do no better than ruff and try a heart. Declarer took East's queen with the ace and then crossed to dummy by playing a trump to the king, drawing West's last trump, and cashed the fifth diamond to dispose of his remaining heart. He made five trumps, a heart, three diamonds and a club.

Note that if West had shifted to a heart after winning the ace of diamonds then declarer would have captured the king or queen of hearts with the ace, drawn trumps and conceded a heart; he would have made five trumps, two hearts, two diamonds and a club. Finally, you should convince yourself that the second declarer's line always makes ten tricks as long as trumps are not 5-0 provided that the defence cannot organise a heart ruff.

#### Seniors' Teams Round One

This saw Ron Klinger (North) and Bill Haughie oppose Graeme Neale (West) and Andrzej Jez. Nothing very much happened until board 3.



After two passes, Ron found an action which will no doubt appear in his next bidding textbook – he opened 1. Andrzej doubled and Bill redoubled as a transfer to hearts. Ron accepted the transfer and Andrzej had



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had enough – he shot the nine trick game.

Bill led a small heart which was taken by dummy's Jack. Andrzej continued with a small diamond, on which Ron played the Queen and declarer the Ace. He then played a second diamond to table's King and took the opportunity to play a club towards the Jack, losing to South's King. Bill gave this quite a bit of thought before making a neutral exit with a spade. Andrzej cashed his spade tricks, on the fourth of which three hearts were discarded. Declarer now tried the effect of giving up a diamond. Ron accepted this but didn't cash the other, preferring to exit with a heart.

With the defence only holding 13 points between them and Ron opening the bidding, Andrzej must have been confident about the position of both rounded suit Kings. For the second time he was to be disappointed. Bill took his ♥ K to play a club through dummy's Queen into Ron's A10. The boss diamond meant two down.with the heart Ace withering on the vine.

Two hands later and Ron and Bill fashioned a really attractive defence.



Andrzej opened 1♦ and repeated the suit when Graeme responded spades. Graeme tried again with 3♣ and Andrzej bid 3NT. Bill led the ♥ Q, which was allowed to hold. A small heart continuation saw a spade

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pitched off dummy and the Ace win. The club King stood up but Ron took the club continuation to make the first key play in the defence. He returned the J. Not unnaturally, Andrzej let that run to dummy's Queen. Ron took the diamond continuation with the Ace and put declarer back on table with a club. The clubs were cashed out to produce



The  $\bigstar$  A came next and on this Bill dropped the Queen. From my position behind Bill, I had seen him consider discarding this twice earlier in the hand but had held on. Now he knew the time was right. Had he kept it then a small spade at the next trick would have seen Bill forced to concede the last two tricks and the contract to the closed hand. As it was all declarer could do was cash the  $\bigstar$  K and concede the last two (and one off) to North.

Ron's diamond play and timing of the club plays together with Bill's discard made for a very effective team effort.

Then Bill and Ron's systemic agreements enabled them to get one theoretically right in the auction, though, as the play went, they probably wished that they'd got it wrong.







Ron opened a big 2 and Bill responded a small 2 From there a convoluted auction saw Ron discover that Bill had a lousy hand with four spades but no keycards for that suit. He then asked about hearts and Bill denied possession of either of the King or queen. All this led Ron to sign off in 5 although Bill's second negative of 2 meant that he would be playing it.

Graeme chose to lead the ♥ Q. Bill took that, cashed three rounds of trumps and three rounds of diamonds. He ruffed a diamond and then ran the ♥ 10. When the Queen of hearts came down on the King, Bill had twelve tricks – probably about twelve more than he expected to take when he first sorted his hand.

Then a lucky escape for Graeme and Andrzej as Bill missed a defensive opportunity.

#### Material for the Bulletin may be

- 1) Left at the Festival Desk
- 2) Emailed to me at

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The 0 is a zero not a letter



Andrzej and Graeme found their heart fit but then passed it up to play in 3NT. Ron led a spade and Bill took his Ace. A diamond switch now beats the game but Bill continued spades. In again at trick three with the ♥ A, he did play a diamond but Graeme had his nine tricks.

The North-South defence returned to form on the next.



Bill opened a 9-12, 6 carded 2♥ and Ron raised to game. Andrzej found a sporting 4♠ bid. Ron was happy to hit that.

Bill led his singleton club taken by declarer's 10. A heart was taken by Ron who gave Bill a club ruff. A diamond to the Ace and a diamond back to the King saw Bill give Ron a ruff in that suit. The defence had already





taken five tricks and Ron still had the trump marriage. 500 seems a just reward for Andrzej's little adventure.

Spades continued to be his worst enemy on the next.



After two passes, he opened a totally unexceptionable 1 and no-one could think of anywhere to go.

A heart was led to North's Ace and a diamond returned to South's. Bill continued diamonds and Andrzej was in hand. With a heart and two diamond tricks established and a club to come he just needed something good to happen in trumps. He cashed the Ace and then led a fateful 4. Ron happily took his 7 and drew the outstanding trumps. He continued a heart and Andrzej could only take one trick in each red suit before Bill claimed the last three tricks for three off.

Board 15 saw both Ron and Bill make good judgments in the auction.









Bill passed as dealer and Graeme opened 1♠. Ron overcalled 2♠. Andrzej raised spades which went round to North. Ron emerged from a brief study with 4♠. Bill gave this some thought in turn and then raised to game. A kind heart position meant there were no terrors in the play.

A couple of boards later and East-West seemed to lose control of the auction.



	1♦	1NT	27
3♣	Р	Р	3♦
Р	Р	4♣	4♦
4♠	Х	5♣	Х

1NT showed 5 clubs and four of a major.and Graeme and Andrzej were apparently happy to play in 3. When Bill and Ron competed,



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values for game were found somewhere.

Ron was able to score a heart ruff to go with the King of trumps and two Aces for a snappy 300 on a part-score hand.

Probably a match which Andrzej and Graeme would rather forget as their opponents (with one exception) were pretty remorseless. The final imp score would be appropriate for the end of the first session of a Boxing Day test.



Graeme, Ron, Bill and Andrzej

## The Stepping Stone Stairs of Cirith Ungol

**Richard Hills** 

One king to rule them all One king to find them One king to bring them all And in the strip-squeeze bind them

Before stepping the stones of the Stairs of Cirith Ungol, Frodo and Sam decided to play one final deal of bridge. As a third player they recruited a reluctant Gollum ("Sssilly game, why not hunt for fisssh instead?"), but the fourth player Sméagol grovellingly volunteered, pleading, "Nice master. We is expert bridge player."



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Frodo	Sméagol	Sam	Gollum
1♠	No bid	2♣	Passs
27	No bid	4NT (1)	Passs
57	No bid	6♥	Passs
No bid	Double (2)	No bid	Passs
No bid			

(1) Keycard Mirkwood

(2) Expertly (and correctly) deducing that the
K was likely to be well placed, given that
Sam had bid clubs and then supported
hearts.

Sméagol further demonstrated his expertise by finding a wizard lead of the ♠Q, top of a sequence. After Frodo played Sam's deuce from dummy, Gollum clutched his one king – "my preciousss" – to his chest, instead playing the ♠7.

Fortuitously Gollum had made the right choice, since an unblock of the AK would have permitted Frodo to later affectionately strip-squeeze Sméagol in spades and diamonds (eventually Sméagol would have been thrown in with a master spade in order to lead away from the AK).





Frodo immediately won the ♠A, crossed to a trump in dummy, ruffed ♣7, and then drew trumps. Frodo now ran Sam's clubs from the top, reaching this position when the last club winner was played:



Gollum continued keeping his precious one king, discarding the +4 instead. Now the friendly Sméagol attempted to easily donate the contract by intentionally discarding out of turn before Frodo's discard, but refrained after a snarl from Gollum.

It seemed that Frodo was cursed by Gollum's one king. Because it seemed that any discard would lead to failure, given that Sméagol's double guaranteed that a simple diamond finesse would not work.

Frodo remembered the rule of elven. Yes, inspired by the memory of the elven Queen Galadriel, who ruled Lothlórien with a diamond ring on her finger, Frodo discarded the queen of diamonds.

Sméagol could not discard a spade, as Frodo would then exit with Sam's ♠4 to establish his ♠8 as the twelfth trick. So Sméagol chose the apparently safe ♦9 discard. But Frodo played the ♦A, dropping Sméagol's ♦K, then led a spade to Gollum's one king. Now Gollum had to concede the contract to Sam's valiant ◆J.

[This remarkable double-dummy problem was produced not by an ingenious composer but by a brainless software dealing package. Len Dixon, in whose weekly Canberra Times bridge column it was recently written up, cordially invites refutation of his tentative suggestion that the one-suit (indeed one-card) guard-cumstepping-stone squeeze to which South can be subjected at trick 10 has not hitherto been analysed. If it really is new, it could, he now suggests, appropriately be named the Batemans Bay squeeze after the club at which it came up on New Year's Eve.]

#### Minor Matters In Round 2

This saw the top seeded Brown team take on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ranked Russ combination. Where I watched, Zolly Nagy (North) and David Lilley took on Janie Russ (West) and Margaret Foster. Although Brown won in some comfort, Janie and Margaret certainly gave their illustrious opponents a run for their imps. The minor suits featured prominently on several hands of interest.

The first board of which was number 3.



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David opened 1 ★ to which Zolly responded 1NT. A 3 ◆ rebid from David saw them quickly in the diamond game.

David received a heart lead. His problem, of course, was one of communication.

He has a maximum of two table entries to lead trumps towards hand.

He could take the heart Ace pinning his own King but then he would have a lot of spade losers to worry about even though it would enable him to lead a trump towards the AJ10. Later he could cross to the & K and repeat the dose. This would hold his trump losers to one if East held KQx.

As it happens, according to the odds calculator which I consulted, laying down the diamond Ace will hold his trump losers to one 65.6% of the time. David went with the odds, taking the ♥ K and cashing the diamond Ace. This was the other 34.4% and one off was the outcome.

Nothing very much happened until board 11 where David had a system mental but landed in a sanitary spot, Zolly got to demonstrate his safety plays and confidently expected to lose a bucket of imps. It turned out to be only a spoonful.



There's not a lot of point in giving you the auction. David admitted that, at one stage,

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he made his next bid instead of his current bid. Thereafter, the auction was shrouded in mystery but subsided with Zolly playing 6.

Obviously, 7 ◆ or 7NT depend solely on the diamonds splitting 2-2. Zolly couldn't do anything about that but, when he received the lead of the ♠ 2, he could at least demonstrate how to best play 6 ◆. The only way 6 can go down is if the diamonds are 4-0, barring some outlandish break in one of the off-suits. If East has 4 diamonds then there is nothing to be done and the contract is doomed. But what if West has four?

Zolly took the spade lead on table and played the trump 3 to West's 4 and his own 5! If East now shows out, Zolly can play the trumps for one loser only. Margaret took her trick with, I thought, a somewhat surprised air and Zolly claimed twelve tricks shortly thereafter.

Zolly confidently expected this to be a major loss against 7 in the other room but was pleasantly surprised to find that the opponents had stopped in 6NT, making 7 when the diamonds were not safety played.

Two boards later and Zolly had a club problem to solve.



After two passes, David opened a precision style 2. Zolly responded 2. and David rebid 3. which systemically showed nine

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playing tricks in clubs. Zolly closed proceedings in 3NT.

A spade was led to the 10 and King and Zolly needed to get the clubs right. Assuming that East has at least one high diamond, Zolly must bring the clubs in without losing the lead.

A simple finesse scores nearly 2-1 over playing Ace and King. But, once again, the cards disregarded the odds and Zolly found himself quickly three down.

The last board of the match was not particularly dramatic though Margaret found herself going one more down than she might had she been advised by David Appleton.

Margaret was playing 4♠ from East on this layout and David led a small diamond.



Zolly took his Ace and returned a small club. Margaret tried the Jack but David took his Queen, returned a club and ruffed the third round of the suit. The trump Ace was still to come and that was two shy.

What's David got to do with it? Well, a few years back, discussing a hand at the New Zealand Congress, David offered me the advice that " If you're missing the Ace and Queen of a suit which the opponents lead, play the leader for the Ace not the Queen.

Something which I\'ve found well worth remembering over the intervening years.



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Thursday 19 January

Joan Butts

**DECLARER PLAY TECHNIQUES** 



Joan Butts

**ABF National Teaching Coordinator** 

Joan has represented Queensland and Australia. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and Diplomas in Education and Educational Psychology and is an expert bridge teacher. Joan has a passion for bridge education, both for students and for teachers, and has developed a new approach for beginners. Joan has been the official teacher for the Queensland Bridge Association for 8 years and in January 2011 was appointed the ABF National Teaching Coordinator.

VENUE: 15<sup>th</sup> floor Rydges

TIME: between sessions 1 and 2

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#### NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS Round 3 - 2012

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Klofa	69	128
2	Brown	64	138
3	Fordham	63	86
4	Creet	61	131
5	Tishler	61	79
6	Chan	60	111
7	Brockwell	58	61
8	McLeish	57	59
9	Bloom	57	54
10	Klinger	56	103
11	Tobin	56	86
12	Brightling	55	97
13	Eddie	55	48
14	Danta	52	37
15	Mottram	52	35
16	Lynn	51	69
17	Smee	51	30
18	Shaw	50	32
19	Struik	49	50
20	Peters	48	18
21	Leslie	47	26
22	Storr	46	9
23	Ingham	46	-4
24	Lorraway	45	8
25	Knaggs	45	0
26	Luck	45	-1
27	Varadi	44	-4
28	Pettitt	44	-8
29	Andersson	43	-4
30	Feiler	43	-11
31	Dudley	41	-20
32	Crisp	40	-27
33	McManamny	40	-47
34	Anlezark	39	-34
35	Kovacs	38	-38
36	Russ	37	-39
37	Rhodes	35	-46
38	Phillips	35	-53
39	Wright	34	-85
40	Rothwell	31	-67
41	Gallie	31	-76
42	Abbenbroek	30	-86
43	Yang	29	-98
44	Evershed	28	-84

#### NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS

Round 3 - 2012

Place	Name	Score	Imps
45	Lewin	28	-98
46	Schaap	25	-101
47	Jeffery	25	-108
48	Barnes	24	-108
49	Hitchcock	22	-114
50	Gooding	21	-134

#### NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS Round 3 - 2012

Place	Round 3 - 2012 Name	Score	Imps
1	Jakes	64	108
2	Travis	64	95
3	Bourke	57	60
4	Ginsberg	56	54
5	Hoffman	55	48
6	Belonogoff	54	49
7	Neale	53	42
8	Mott	53	40
9	Lachman	50	63
10	Chadwick	50	27
11	Lowry	49	21
12	Yuill	47	35
13	Jacob	47	8
14	Evans	46	4
15	Dawson	44	-5
16	Toohey	42	-17
17	Askew	40	-29
18	Hellsten	39	-20
19	Farthing	36	-44
20	Halmos	35	-48
21	Воусе	35	-58
22	Smithson	34	-58
23	Davis	32	-65
24	Tildesley	30	-77
25	Swanson	28	-82
26	Mill	16	-151

## NATIONAL LIFE MASTER

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Arul	64	88
2	O'Loughlin	59	70
3	Munro	58	64
4	Erskine	57	59
5	Donaldson	57	59
6	Waight	55	52
7	Moffat	55	51
8	Dobes	55	51
9	Morrison	55	46
10	Talbot	53	39
11	Weaver	53	36
12	Kassam	51	62
13	Ма	50	27
14	Ferguson	50	25
15	Fox	50	24
16	Lucas	50	19
17	Ross	49	31
18	Mealyea	49	20
19	Dalziell	45	26
20	Kelly	44	-4
21	Tredinnick	44	-7
22	Makin	43	-11
23	Tredrea	43	-12
24	Waizer	42	-14
25	Hill	41	-18
26	Sear	41	-22
27	Styles	39	-32
28	Kelly	38	-32
29	Masters	37	-21
30	Holmes	36	-42
31	Duncan	34	-50
32	Cook	34	-51
33	Sykes	34	-61
34	Scott	32	-63
35	Geromboux	30	-74
36	Apfelbaum	29	-79
37	O'Donohue	26	-90
38	Bates	14	-166

#### NATIONAL NON-LIFE MASTERS Round 3 - 2012

Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Deeves	61	93
2	Bailey	61	74
3	Ripley	52	38
4	Beer	52	29
4	Zhang	52	29
6	Ham	51	32
7	Khemka	48	16
8	Lamport	47	8
9	Tuckey	46	4
10	Edwards	45	3
11	Vearing	43	7
12	Rogers	41	-15
13	Land	41	-18
14	Carr	41	-22
15	Murray	40	-28
16	Clark	29	-75
17	Kite	28	-83
18	Tennyson	28	-92

#### NATIONAL NOVICE TEAMS

	Round 3 - 2012		
Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	Donovan	69	147
2	Buckley	66	98
3	Olsson	55	48
4	Alexander	54	79
5	Offer	54	47
6	Saville	53	35
7	Davidson	48	21
8	Kelly	44	-1
9	Locke	43	-10
10	Rodgers	43	-10
11	Whitehead	42	-14
12	Tomlinson	41	-21
13	Truscott	41	-21
14	Devlin	38	-33
15	Willis	37	-38
16	Higgins	33	-69
17	Caruana	24	-102
18	Brogan	15	-156





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Ron Klinger

EXPERT DEFENCE



Ron Klinger

Author/Teacher

Ron has played five times in the Far East Championships, winning the Teams in 1970 and the Pairs twice, in 1985 and 1987. He has represented Australia in the World Championships in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2000 and 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011!

Ron won the Bols Brilliancy Prize at the 1976 World Championships. He is perhaps the world's most prolific author having written over 50 bridge books and is currently The Sydney Morning Herald's bridge columnist and has a regular column in Australian Bridge magazine and Bridge Plus magazine (England).

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