The Summer Festival of Bridge

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Rydges Lakeside, Canberra

Saturday January 28th 2012

NOT QUARTER FINALS 2012

Table	Team	Total	
ea1	Noble	101	
	B Noble, G Bilski, I Del'Monte, A Bach, J Lall, J Grue	191	
	Dyke	118	
	K Dyke, E Adams, R Brightling, K Boardman, S Lester	110	
Table	Team		
2	Klinger R Klinger, M Mullamphy, A De Livera, I Robinson, B Jacobs, B Thompson	115	
	Brown	100	
	T Brown, A Kanetkar, W Lazer, P Gumby, P Lavings, R Krochmalik	108	
Table	Team	Total	
	Newman	191	
3	P Newman, M Thomson, N Van Jole, A Braithwaite, D Beauchamp	191	
	Nixon	169	
	R Nixon, B Waters, N Ewart, B Howe	109	
Table	Team	Total	
4	Bloom	151	
	M Bloom, P Gill, S Hans, T Nunn, A Peake	131	
	Travis	149	
	B Travis, F Brown, P Markey, G Smolanko, D Appleton, P Reynolds	179	

Leaving the semi-finals as

Noble v Newman

Bloom v Klinger





Education Program – Celebrity Speakers



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When	Presenter/Topic
Saturday 25 February	Joan Butts "For Novices' Ears Only – <i>Getting a handle on this</i> <i>Game</i> "
Sunday 26 February	Phil Gue "Two simple conventions to improve your system"
Monday 27 February	Ron Klinger "Competitive Decisions"
Tuesday 28 February	Michael Courtney "Winning at Bridge"
Wednesday 29 February	Ishmael Del Monte "Opening Leads"
Thursday 1 March	David Beauchamp "High Level Decisions"

Note: Details still to be finalised

The Australian Bridge Federation is delighted to provide another Celebrity Speaker program to help members improve their skills and knowledge of bridge.

This is an opportunity to see top teachers in action, and to pick up various bridge tips. Notes will be provided at each session.

Anyone who wants to improve their bridge is invited to attend. Come to any number of sessions. No need to book or to come with a partner.

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Minimum **\$5.00** per person – donation to Friends of Youth Bridge

Tim Bourke's Problem

11. VISION

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

NORTH

- **A** J 2
- ♥J1074
- ♦ Q 5
- ♣ A 6 5 3

SOUTH

- ◆ 9 6 5 3
- ♥ A K
- ♦ K 6 2
- ♣ K J 10 2

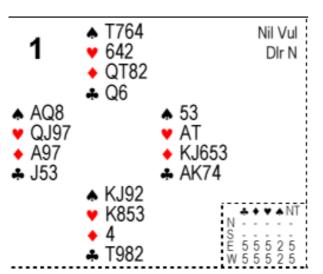
West	North	East	South	
Pass	1♥	Pass	1 ♣ 1NT	
Pass	3NT	All pass		

West leads the jack of diamonds and you call for dummy's queen, which holds. How do you plan to make nine tricks?

The Post-Lunch Snooze

Neil Ewart

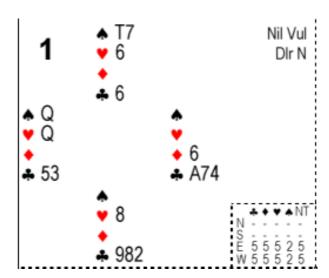
I was having my normal post lunch groggy match (groggy as in a bit dozey after food) and was in 3NT from West.



Andy Braithwaite led a small spade to the King which I ducked and small spade came back to my Ace

Rather than now playing A ce and 10 of hearts for my nine tricks (2♠,3♥.2♦ and 2♣), I carefully used the entry to my hand (♦ A) immediately! I cashed the ♦ A and played a diamond to the Jack and cashed the King of diamonds. Then I played a fourth diamond. On these, Nathan van Jole pitched a couple of spades and a heart. Andy won the fourth diamond and played a heart back I rose with the Ace and played the 10 back to Nathan (praying that he had ♣ Q). No such luck.

He exited ♣ 10, covered by the Jack and Queen. My brain had recovered by now to try for my only chance. I won the Ace to produce:



and played a small club out. Poor old Nathan had to duck to avoid being end played in clubs, just to find his partner becoming a stepping stone to my major winners from which I had so carefully cut myself off.

Although I felt terrible for my incompetence I can't tell you the pleasure it gave me to end play poor old Andy!

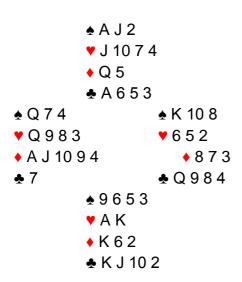






Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

Sylvie Willard, one of France's current World Women's Champions, faced this problem early in 2011. The full deal was:



After the queen of diamonds held, Willard led the *three* of clubs to her ten. Next she cashed the ace and king of hearts. After crossing to dummy by playing the two of clubs to the ace, she called for dummy's jack of hearts and discarded a spade from hand. West could do no better than win the trick with the queen of hearts and shift to a low spade. Willard rose with dummy's ace, threw a second spade on the established ten of hearts and then took the marked club finesse for her eighth trick. After cashing the king of clubs, she conceded the remaining tricks.

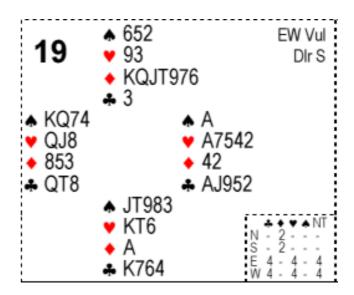
This was a perfectly conceived and executed plan and, as the cards lay, any other approach fails.



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Two Hands From Match 10

Julian Foster

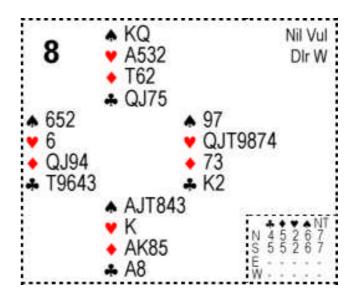


We (team 16) were EW playing team 25.

Bidding went 1♠ P 2♠. I didn't want to overcall 3♥ on A7542 so I tried a double. Partner bid 3NT.

N led ★ K and due to the ridiculously lucky blockage in diamonds, South (Bobby Richman) won his stiff Ace and eventually switched to the ♥ K so 3NT rolled home! Better to be lucky than rich as they say....!

He got some revenge later on board 8 when he bid to 6♠ after N had opened a weak NT and I'd preempted 3♥.





He played it very nicely by winning ♥ K then going ◆ A, ♠ K, ♠ Q overtaken, ♠ J, ◆ K then Ace and another club throwing me in with only hearts left in my hand to give access to dummy's ♥ A and ♠ J for two diamond discards. +980.

Teammates were in 7S which fails when ♥A gets ruffed.

And on the same hand, David Appleton reports:

We see the value of reading. Julia Leung has had a visitor from Brisbane staying with her, Jim Evans (known to all as Jim the Beany). He has been busily reading some of the library at her abode, in particular some books on declarer play.

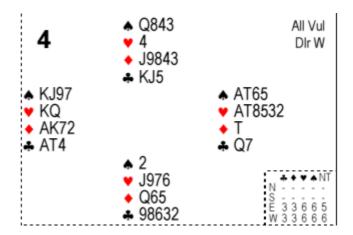
In session 10, board 8, they reached 6♠, fairly normal, on a heart lead after a heart pre-empt. Naturally declarer won in hand then had to consider the problem. No entry after the spades are drawn leads to difficulties. of course, it is possible to take a club finesse immediately and then three rounds of diamonds hoping to ruff the fourth diamond, and not suffer a promotion, but Jim found something far less prosaic.

He drew trumps then played a diamond towards the ten! West won, and was endplayed to give him an entry to pick up the rest of the hand, with no worries about opposition ruffs.

Lovely stuff.

The NOT Quarter-Finals

The first session of the quarter-finals saw Joe Grue (North) and Justin Lall of the Noble team take on Kieran Dyke (West) and Stephen Lester of the Dyke team. Mothing very much happened until this one landed.



Kieran opened 2NT and Stephen transferred with 3♦. Kieran dutifully bid 3♥ and Kieran rebid 4♣. 4♦ from Stephen launched Kieran into Keycard for spades. Two without the queen was enough for Kieran to bid the spade slam.

A small diamond was led to dummy's Ace and Stephen cashed the ♠K. He then ran the trump 9 successfully as Justin discarded a club. Stephen continued with a spade to the 10. He crossed back to dummy with a heart and played the other heart honour which Joe ruffed. A diamond from Justin forced Stephen to ruff and now he couldn't both establish and enjoy his hearts. He had nowhere to go with his club loser and drifted to one off.

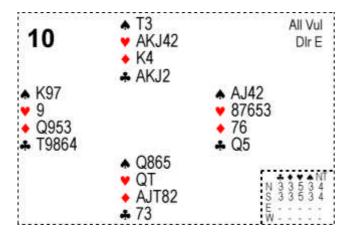
In the other room, Barry Noble and George Bilski got to 6♥ which made for a 17 imp pickup.

DeepFInesse indicates that 6♠ can be made but this seems to hinge on only drawing one round of trumps before working on the hearts. This keeps communications much more flexible. But who would –play that way at the table?

I've reported a number of aggressive, not to say violent, auctions from Joe and Justin over the past week but they also have the scientific mechanisms available when required. Consider this sequence.







West Kieran	North Joe	East Stephen	South Justin
		P	Р
Р	1♣	Р	1♥
Р	2♥	Р	2♠
Р	2NT	Р	3♦
Р	3♠	Р	4♥

The translation:

1♣ = Precision, 16+

1♥ = 8-10, no 5 card major or 6 card minor

2♥ = hearts

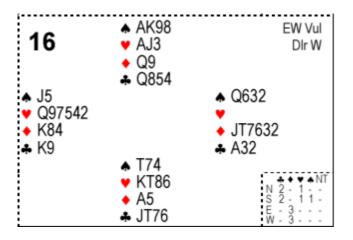
2♠ = waiting

2NT = clubs

3♦ = no club fit, less than 3 hearts.

There were no terrors in the play.

The session finished with a board on which all actions seem reasonable but the outcome was ugly – still it was the same outcome in the other room so no swing.



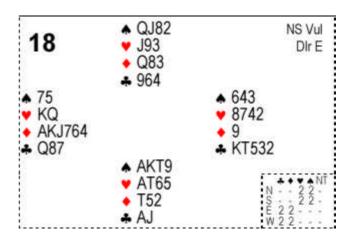
Kieran opened 2♥ and Joe overcalled no trumps. Justin raised to game.

Stephen led a diamond and Joe ducked this to Kieran's Queen. The diamond return left Joe looking for miracles. There weren't any. He played a club and, seeing Stephen take the trick with the Ace conceded three off.

Not a set of boards particularly suited to Joe and Justin's all-action style but Stephen and Kieran were certainly not outmatched by their illustrious opponents. The score on the set saw Noble only eek out a 7 imp lead.

The first session saw Terry Brown's team take a 10 imp lead over Ron Klinger's combination. The second session pitted Terry (East) and Avi Kanetkar against Ian Robinson(South) and Arjuna de Livera.

The action started almost immediately when Avi took a rosy view of his assets – the trouble was Terry didn't have any.



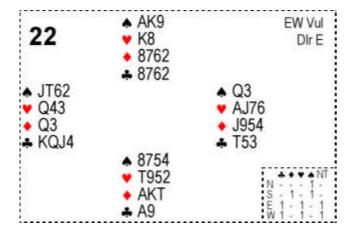
Ian opened 1NT and Avi called 2♣ to show any single suiter. Terry responded 2♦ - pass or correct. Avi "corrected" to 3♦.

Terry was unable to diagnose the club position and so scored five trump tricks to go with one in each minor suit. That was 5 imps out when 2• made in the other room.

Then a 1NT contract played from both North and South.



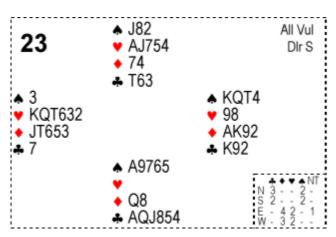




lan opened 1♣ after a pass from East. Rjuna responded a systemic 1♠ and lan became declarer in 1NT.

The ♣ K was led and lan took the Ace. He cashed two top spades before continuing the suit. Avi took his good spades and switched to a heart – King and Ace. Terry played a heart back to the Queen and Avi took his two club winners before switching back to hearts for Terry to score his Jack. Seven consecutive defensive tricks meant one off. In the other room, North played the contract and managed an overtrick for Brown to collect 5 imps.

Then Avi ran into a foul trump break but managed to escape for only one down.



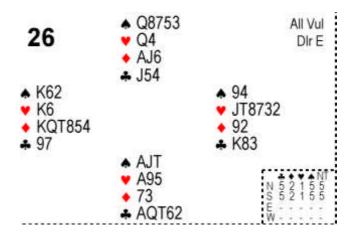
Ian opened 1♣ as South and Avi jumped to 3♥. Terry raised to game and Arjuna doubled.

Arjuna led a club for lan's Jack to score and the ♠ A was cashed. Ian attemped to cash the ♣ A but Avi ruffed. He crossed to dummy

with a diamond and led the ♥ 8, getting the bad news. Avi ran this and Arjuna allowed it to score. He cashed the King and Queen of spades, while Arjuna discarded diamonds and then Terry cashed the ♣ K. He led the ♥ 9 from table and, again, Arjuna ducked.

Now a spade was ruffed by the Queen and over-ruffed with Arjuna;s Ace. A diamond to lan's King saw Avi give up for one off.

Board 26 was interesting – at least from a kibitzer's point of view.



lan opened 1NT and Avi overcalled 2♣. Terry alerted that a showing any single suiter and Arjuna doubled, self-alerting and explained to Terry as "should be Stayman." When the board came back through the screen, it showed a pass from lan and a 2♦ bid from Avi. Arjuna pointed to the pass and wrote his explanation for Terry – "He's forgotten!"

Arjuna gave this a lot of thought and even took a Pass card out of the box before putting it back and placing a 3NT card on the table. This became the contract. While lan played the dummy, Arjuna hastily consulted his system notes.

lan took the ♦ K lead with the Ace and finessed against Terry's ♣ K. He gave up a spade to the King and claimed for eleven tricks.

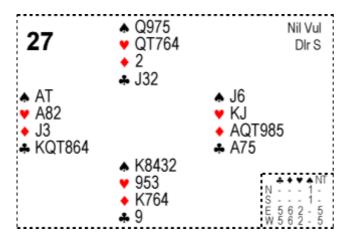
Once the hand was over, Arjuna went under the screen and onto the offensive. However,





if I read the body language right, Ian won that discussion and the next board appeared.

Onto the next where Brown lost 14 imps, I suspect on the lead.



Avi opened 1NT and Terry responded 3 (strong). Avi rebid 3NT and Terry called 4 - RKCB. Avi responded 4NT to show two keycards and Terry shot the slam.

lan led a spade and shot the slam out of the water. As soon as Terry finessed in trumps, lan cashed the spade King.

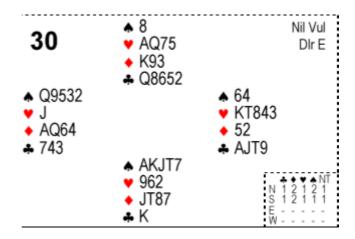
In the other room, South didn't lead a spade and declarer had all the time in the world to establish and take his twelve tricks.



Arjuna de Livera and Terry Brown

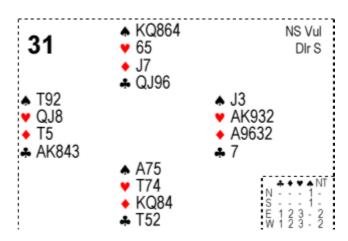
Then came a 23 point 2NT which foundered horribly on the rocks of communication





A simple, natural auction saw Arjuna declare 2NT. Terry led his fourth best heart and Arjuna won with the Queen. He tried the spade finesse, which lost and dummy was essentially assigned to the scrap heap. Avi returned a club to Terry's Ace and dummy's King, for Terry to play the ♥ 10. Arjuna ducked this but took the ensuing ♥ K with the Ace. He cashed the ♣ Q and exited with a heart. Terry took his two tricks in that suit before taking two more in clubs. A diamond to Avi's Ace meant three shy.

Then lan had to find a very difficult lead to beat a game.



At the table, Ian led the obvious looking ◆ K against Terry's heart game. Terry grabbed that and crossed to dummy's ♣ A. The ♣ K took care of one of Terry's spade losers and he then led the ◆ 10 and ducked when Arjuna played the Jack. Arjuna cashed his ♠K and exited a trump won on the table. A spade was ruffed back to the closed hand and then Terry ruffed a diamond in dummy.



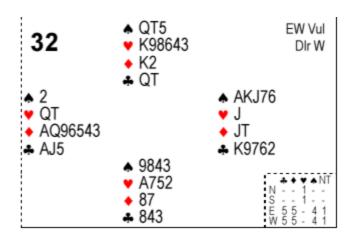
Another spade ruff saw Terry claim for ten tricks.

If Ian can find a spade lead, then the defence must prevail but this is surely more than a little difficult.



Ian Robinson and Avi Kanetkar

On the final board of the set, Terry and AVi had a well-constructed auction to a minor suit game.



Avi opened 1 and Arjuna overcalled 1. Terry bid spades and Ian raised to 3. Avi repeated his diamonds and Terry called 4 to show a good diamond raise with a hear shortage. Ian doubled and Avi signed off in the diamond game. A heart lead and club switch caused Avi no anguish and he took his eleven tricks by ruffing a heart.







2012 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS Round 6 - 2012

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	B Neill, D Wiltshire	119	63
2	19	W Jenner-O'Shea, M Doecke	113	46
3	<u>1</u>	M McManus, M Ware	111	46
4	<u>10</u>	P Kahler, T Davis	110	48
5	<u>7</u>	J Magee, T Strong	106	33
6	8	T Leibowitz, M Prescott	102	27
7	<u>3</u>	J Foster, D Weston	102	22
8	<u>6</u>	K Steffensen, N Francis	101	25
9	<u>36</u>	E Zeller, A Dawson	100	22
10	<u>21</u>	C Emul, M Klassen	99	24
11	<u>34</u>	M Waring, S Williams	99	22
12	<u>20</u>	M Bookallil, S Fischer	99	20
13	<u>5</u>	D Russell, C Ackerley	98	16
14	<u>45</u>	M Pemberton, G Wakefield	97	15
15	<u>13</u>	C Miller, J Solomon	97	12
16	<u>43</u>	S Brayshaw, P Brayshaw	96	17
17	<u>31</u>	J Boyce, C Thomas	96	12
18	<u>42</u>	J Patterson, K Davies	94	9
19	<u>9</u>	J Wallis, B Nash	93	12
20	<u>17</u>	G Ware, S King	93	8
21	<u>32</u>	M Campbell, G Hutchins	93	6
22	<u>46</u>	P Livesey, R Thomas	92	14
23	<u>4</u>	A Hegedus, A Mill	92	3
24	<u>44</u>	W Burrows, J Brockwell	89	-1
25	<u>15</u>	H Hellsten, T Ong	89	-2
26	<u>37</u>	D Wilson, V Rugless	88	-3
27	<u>23</u>	L Moss, K Colbert	88	-4
28	<u>35</u>	V Brown, A Szollos	88	-5
29	<u>26</u>	C Klassen, C Zhang	87	-3
30	<u>24</u>	G Fletcher, L Leibowitz	84	-10
31	<u>33</u>	M Geromboux, G Schaller	84	-14
32	<u>39</u>	R Bodell, C Fader	82	-17
33	<u>12</u>	A Maluish, M Wilkinson	80	-21
34	<u>28</u>	L Wild, H Kolozs	79	-24
35	<u>40</u>	J Donovan, A Hewat	79	-25
36	<u>29</u>	J Thompson, D Thompson	78	-23
37	<u>14</u>	R Cooper, R Cooper	77	-27
38	<u>30</u>	A Scerri, S Scerri	76	-29
39	<u>27</u>	M Thomas, P Kliffen	76	-30
40	<u>16</u>	F Kovacs, L Bourke	75	-26
41	<u>18</u>	E Dickson, J Kent	75	-33
42	<u>22</u>	E Allanson, E Miller	75	-33
43	<u>38</u>	K Hoff, J Hoff	73	-37
44	<u>11</u>	A Small, R Smith	67	-46
45	<u>41</u>	S Leggett, P Mulcahy	65	-53
46	<u>25</u>	G Hollands, S Hollands	63	-56

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ABF National Teaching Coordinator

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