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The semi-finals in progress





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Tim Bourke's Problem

12. DEVELOPMENT

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ 9 4 3 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ A J 3
♣ A K Q

SOUTH

♠ K 7
♥ A 7 3
♦ K Q 10 9 6 5
♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
			1♦
2♦*	Double	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All pass			

** At least 5-5 in the majors and at most 7 losers on the Losing Trick Count*

West leads the queen of hearts. As the ace of spades will be wrong, how do you plan to make twelve tricks?

The Duplicate Bridge Decalogue

Richard Hills

with apologies to Arthur Hugh Clough (1819 – 1861)

Thou shalt have one system card; who
Would be at the expense of two?
No graven images may be
Worshipped, except high cards many:
Swear not at all; for when thou curse
Thy pard's declaring gets much the worse:
On appeal committees to attend
Will serve to keep the world thy friend:
Honour thy team-mates; that is, all
From whom post-mortems may befall:
Thou shalt not peek; but need'st not try
Officially to move your eye:
Do not a psychic call commit;
Advantage rarely comes of it:
Thou shalt not squeeze; an empty feat,
When it's so lucrative to cheat:
Bear not false witness; let the lie
Have time on its own wings to fly:
Thou shalt not side-bet, but tradition
Approves all forms of competition.

Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

You must win the queen of hearts in hand with the ace and then draw two rounds of trumps with the ace and another honour, say the jack. Then you must make the key play of cashing dummy's three top clubs, throwing a heart from hand. After that you settle down to run the rest of the trumps. Suppose the full deal is:

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

After a heart, six trumps and three clubs have been played it will be a three-card ending and West will have to reduce to a singleton in one of the majors. If it is in spades then throw a heart from dummy and the lead the seven of spades to West's now bare ace; you will take the last two tricks with major suit kings. If he comes down to one heart throw a spade from dummy and cash the heart king; dummy's six of hearts will now be good for your twelfth trick.

Teams Semi-Finals

The Newman team sat Peter Newman (East) and Matthew Thomson against Ashley Bach (South) and Ishmael del Monte.

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The action started almost immediately.

2	♠ Q4 ♥ A6 ♦ KT9654 ♣ QJ9	NS Vul Dir E																								
♠ KJT98532 ♥ J54 ♦ 43 ♣ 43	♠ 7 ♥ 92 ♦ AQJ732 ♣ AT82																									
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Peter opened 1♦ as dealer and Ashley overcalled 1♥. Matthew went straight to the spade game. Ishmael doubled and that was that.

The defence started with Ace and another heart and then Ash switched to a club. Dummy's Ace won and then Matthew cashed the ♦ A to enable the discard of a club. He played the Queen of diamonds and seemed somewhat taken aback when Ash discarded a heart. Matthew ruffed and then advanced his low heart. Ish trumped with the Queen and Matthew claimed for one off.

Onto the next and Ish found a little psyche to big effect.

3	♠ T75 ♥ J8 ♦ 98542 ♣ Q53	EW Vul Dir S																								
♠ 86 ♥ 764 ♦ AJT ♣ AJT94	♠ J942 ♥ AQT9 ♦ K ♣ K872																									
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Ashley opened 1♣ and Matthew passed. Ish responded 1♠, which systemically showed.... Peter doubled and Ash rebid 1NT. Matthew doubled that and Ish opted for 2♣ (which was...). Ash now bid 2♦ and

that was doubled.

A heart was led to the Ace and the trump King was cashed. The ♥ Q came next, taken by the King in the closed room. Ash gave up a club and two trump tricks to make his contract. As can be seen DeepFinesse shows 3NT as a make but realistically it wasn't going to be bid with 13 opposite 10. Nonetheless, getting to your only making spot and being doubled for +180 on a part-score hand is money for jam.

Then Matthew and Peter made a game which could have gone down.

4

All Vul
Dir W

♠ AT542
♥ J9
♦ 6
♣ AJ643

♠ 9
♥ 8
♦ AKJT532
♣ T985

♠ KJ3
♥ A7652
♦ Q84
♣ Q7

♠ Q876
♥ KQT43
♦ 97
♣ K2

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	2	2	3	-	-
S	2	2	3	-	-
E	-	4	-	2	-
W	-	4	-	2	-

The auction was brief and to the point:

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

The ♠ 4 was led and Matthew scored his King and claimed his nine tricks. Had Ish led his other five card suit and switched to hearts at trick 3, or led a heart on the go, then eight tricks would have been the limit.

Ish and Ash got the defence dead right two boards later. Peter and Matthew had reached 3♥ in the auction on this layout:

6

EW Vul
Dir E

♠ Q83
♥ QJT4
♦ 72
♣ QJ42

♠ 76
♥ A9875
♦ T4
♣ KT97

♠ AKJT
♥ K63
♦ J9865
♣ 3

♠ 9542
♥ 2
♦ AKQ3
♣ A865

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	1	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	2	2	1	1
W	-	2	2	1	1

Ish led the ♣ Q, which Ash overtook to cash two high diamonds. When he played a third round Matthew ruffed with the 7 and Ish over-ruffed. That was four defensive tricks and there was still a trump to come.

Then on the next, Ish and Ash got a minor suit auction right.

7

All Vul
Dir S

♠ J86
♥ AQ42
♦ KQJ964
♣ KQJ964

♠ KJ72
♥ 94
♦ T7
♣ A8752

♠ QT54
♥ KT753
♦ K63
♣ T

♠ A9863
♥ AQ2
♦ J985
♣ 3

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	3	5	1	-	2
S	3	5	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	1	-

Their auction was

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

3♦ set trumps although Ash did suggest an alternative with 3NT. From 4♣ to 5♣ all bids were first or second cuebids.

A heart was led to the Queen and Ash returned a club. Matthew took his Ace to play another heart. The ♠ A was cashed to

enable the discard of dummy's losing heart
Then the diamond finesse lost and Ash
claimed his eleven tricks.

Then a spot of playfulness from Ish which
Matthew and Peter brushed aside.

10

All Vul
Dir E

♠ Q83	♠ AJ95
♥ 8	♥ AJ973
♦ AKQ9762	♦ J
♣ 53	♣ KQT

♠ KT7642	♠
♥ T8543	♥ KQT6542
♦ A7	♦
♣	♣ J98642

N	♠	♦	♥	NT
S	-	-	1	-
E	-	-	1	-
W	2	2	-	5 4
	1	2	-	5 4

Peter opened 1♥ and Ash passed. Matthew
responded spades and Ish leapt to 3NT!
Peter wasn't buying, however, and bid the
spade game.

It is interesting to speculate on what might
have happened had peter doubled. Ish is
categorical that Ash should respond 4♥ -
bidding game in Peter's opening suit!

Of course, that could (were Ish's minors to
be reversed) lead to an interesting
discussion with team-mates as to how they
had missed the 13 card fit!

The some breathing space before Ash stole
a point in the auction, the contract from eter
and Matthew and a trick on the opening lead
to scrape home'

14

Nil Vul
Dir E

♠ QT	♠ J875
♥ 92	♥ QT73
♦ Q8763	♦ AK2
♣ QJT8	♣ 73

♠ AK643	♠ 92
♥ K865	♥ AJ4
♦ 54	♦ JT9
♣ 65	♣ AK942

N	♠	♦	♥	NT
S	2	2	-	-
E	-	-	4	4
W	-	-	4	4

Ash opened 1NT, showing (a good)14 – 17
(well almost.)

Everyone passed.

Peter led a small spade and Ash's
doubleton Queen scored.

He resisted the temptation to try for
overtricks and claimed his five clubs and
Ace of hearts. As can be seen, East-West
can make game in either major 9with a good
guess or two) but as the man said "Not if
you don't bid"

On the next, peter tried a no trump overcall
and found himself getting chopped up when
he found that he had no communication with
dummy.

15

NS Vul
Dir S

♠ AJ86	♠ T74
♥ QT86	♥ AKJ9
♦ J	♦ AT84
♣ Q974	♣ A5

♠ Q532	♠ K9
♥ 532	♥ 74
♦ 63	♦ KQ9752
♣ T863	♣ KJ2

N	♠	♦	♥	NT
S	3	2	1	2 2
E	2	2	1	1 2
W	-	-	-	-

Ish opened 1♦ and Ash responded 1♥. Peter
put in his no trump bid and was left to play
there.

Ash led a small diamond to the Jack and
declarer's Ace. Peter cashed two high
hearts and switched to a spade. Ash took
the King and followed with the Queen of
diamonds. Seeing Ish's discard he switched
to a spade which North won with the Jack
and won the next trick by taking his ♠ A. A
club was played to Peter's Ace and Peter
exited in that suit to ash's Jack but Ish
overtook with the Queen. The ♥ Q then
meant two off.

Nonetheless, the Newman team won the set
36-21, largely on the back of two

consecutive +1100's in the other room. In the second set, they extended their lead to 76-39.

The third set saw Peter (once more sitting East) and Matthew opposing American visitors Joe Grue (North) and Justin Lall.

Joe and Justin's all-action style may well have stolen a game off Peter and Matthew on the second board they played; there being a mix-up over board 1.

3 EW Vul Dlr S

♠ T763	♠ J82	♠ AKQ5
♥ KJ8	♥ 543	♥ QT62
♦ A932	♦ T87	♦ 65
♣ 98	♣ K542	♣ AJ6

♠ 94	♠ 984	♠ NT
♥ A97	♥ Q6	♥ 2 3
♦ KQJ4	♦ T952	♦ 4 4 1 3 4
♣ QT73	♣ T972	♣ - - - - -

NSEW 1 2 3 4 3
W 1 3 4 3

Justin opened a Precision diamond and Matthew passed. Joe called 1♠ - this is not quite as it seems since it's basic message is "Don't play no trumps." Not everyone would find any bid on Joe's hand.

Peter overcalled 1NT and Matthew invited with 2NT and there they rested.

Justin led the ♦ Q and Peter won with dummy's Ace. He cleared the ♥ A, let Justin take his two diamond winners and claimed ten tricks.

Then Joe wheeled out some of their science.

7 All Vul Dlr S

♠ J765	♠ KQ32	♠ 984
♥ AJ9432	♥ 7	♥ Q6
♦ KQ	♦ AJ873	♦ T952
♣ J	♣ K85	♣ T972

♠ AT	♠ 984	♠ NT
♥ KT85	♥ Q6	♥ 2 3
♦ 64	♦ T952	♦ 4 4 1 3 4
♣ AQ643	♣ T972	♣ - - - - -

NSEW 4 4 1 2 3
S 4 4 1 3 4
E - - - - -
W - - - - -

Justin opened the South hand 1NT and Matthew bid his hearts. Joe responded with a 3♥ bid which was game forcing, showed four spades and a heart shortage. Peter doubled but Justin, armed with this information, bid the nine trick game.

Matthew led a small heart to the Queen and Ace and Justin cashed the Ace of clubs. He continued the suit to dummy's King and then finessed the ♠ 10, losing to Matthew's Jack. Matthew cashed his heart winners and Justin claimed nine tricks.

Onto the next and an auction which seemed to be clouded in mystery. This time Joe was in less scientific mode.

9 EW Vul Dlr N

♠ AKJT7	♠ 8532	♠ 96
♥ AQJT2	♥ 74	♥ 6
♦ 543	♦ QJT92	♦ K876
♣	♣ 92	♣ AQ8643

♠ Q4	♠ 96	♠ NT
♥ K9853	♥ 6	♥ 2 3
♦ A	♦ K876	♦ 4 4 4 4
♣ KJT75	♣ AQ8643	♣ - - - - -

NSEW 2 3 4 4 4
S 2 3 4 4 4
E - - - - -
W 2 3 3 4 4

Justin opened 1♥ and Matthew overcalled in spades. Joe bid a marginally misrepresentative 1NT! Peter bid his clubs and then the fog came down. The next three bids from West and East were 2♥, 3♥ and 4♥ before Peter restored sanity with a 4♠ call.

Joe led a diamond honour on which

Matthew played small from dummy. He was heartened no doubt by the sight of Justin's Ace. A small spade came back and Matthew took that to play Ace and another heart the latter being ruffed in dummy. He cashed the ♣ A, discarding a diamond and led the ♦ K which Justin ruffed with the Queen. He exited a heart and Joe ruffed to form the defensive book. Matthew still had a heart to lose so that was one off.

Then some filthy spade suits made an entrance on successive boards.

14 Nil Vul Dlr E

♠ A74	♠ 9532	♠ JT8
♥ T4	♥ K872	♥ AQJ93
♦ KJT653	♦ 9	♦ Q4
♣ 87	♣ A632	♣ K94
	♠ KQ6	
	♥ 65	
	♦ A872	
	♣ QJT5	

N	+	+	+	NT
S	1	-	-	-
E	-	4	2	1
W	-	4	2	1

Peter opened 1♥ and Justin doubled. Matthew called 2♦ and Joe introduced his particularly tasty spade suit with 2♠. This went back to Matthew who rebid his diamonds for Peter to ask for a spade stop. Matthew had one so he bid 3NT. However, the defensive spade cards weren't where everyone imagined.

Joe led a spade to the Jack, Queen and Ace. Matthew took a successful heart finesse and played the ♦ Q. He cashed the ♥ A and conceded a heart to Joe's King. A small club exit saw Justin's 10 score and Joe's ♣ A took the next trick He gave up a trick to the ♣ K and Matthew had to drift to two down.

Then one of the filthiest trump fits you'll ever see play game paid off.

15 NS Vul Dlr S

♠ 9542	♠ AJ	♠ T876
♥ AJ4	♥ 763	♥ 9
♦ J86	♦ Q954	♦ AK7
♣ AQ8	♣ T432	♣ KJ976
	♠ KQ3	
	♥ KQT852	
	♦ T32	
	♣ 5	

N	-	-	1	-	-
S	-	-	1	-	-
E	3	1	-	4	3
W	3	1	-	4	3

Justin opened 2♥ and Joe raised to 3. Peter doubled and Matthew bid the spade game – look at trumps – never mind the quality, feel the width.

As the cards lie, of course, declarer quietly concedes three trump tricks and claims.

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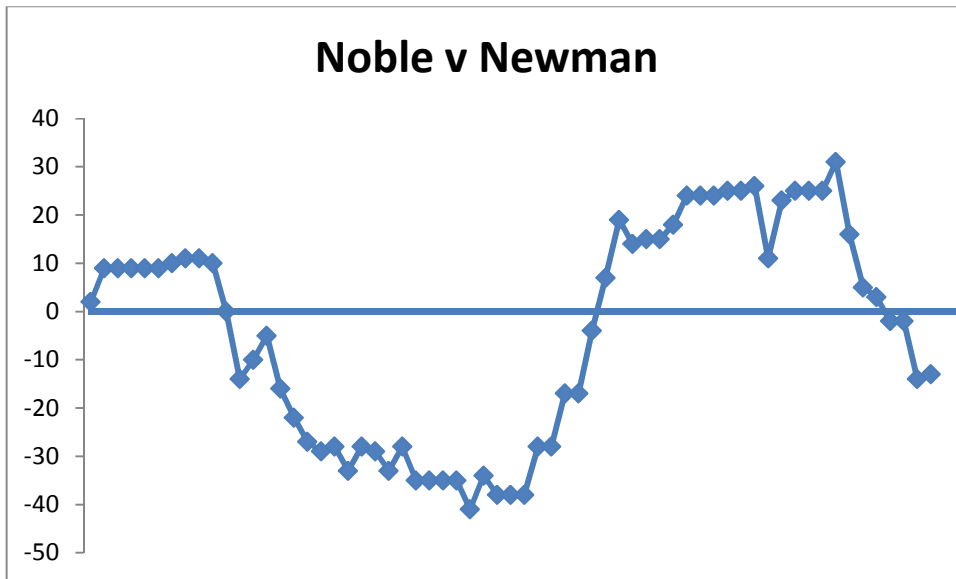
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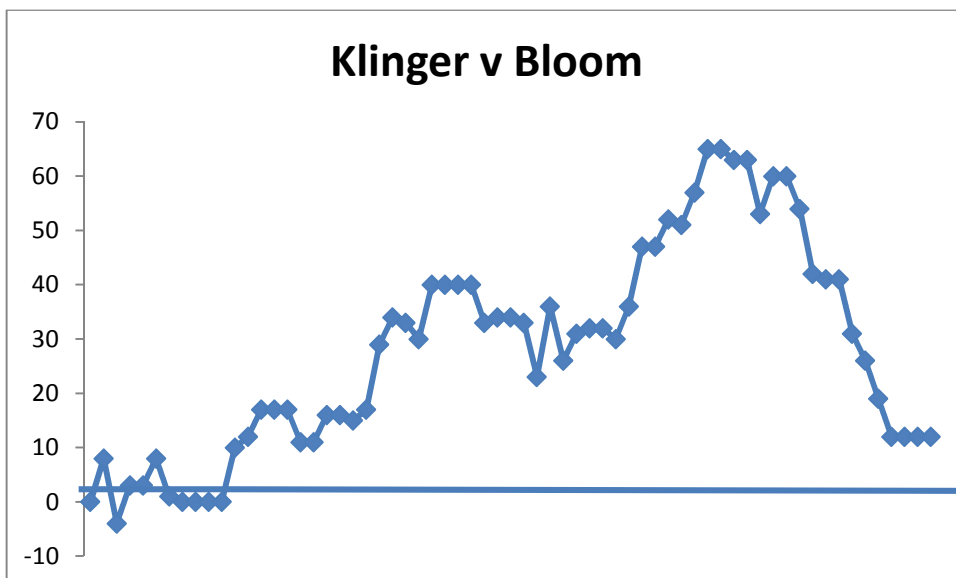
The Semi-finals

A real yo-yo day for Noble and Newman.



The graph shows the cumulative progress over the 64 boards. Dots above the line represent Noble leading while below the line is a Newman lead. Noble started well and then fell into a trough. They remained there till board 39 when they retook the lead. They built this progressively upto 31imps by board 56 but went into free-fall over the last eight boards to lose by 16.

In the other semi, we saw



This time scores above the line are good news for Klinger. As can be seen, Klinger took an early lead and built it to a high of 65imps. With 11 boards to go, Klinger was cruising at 60 ahead. But then the whole picture changed as Bloom cut into the lead dramatically. From Klinger’s point of view, those last three pushes were manna from heaven as the descent into the depths was halted.



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Place	Name	Score
1	L Ma, E Williams	44
2	G Hollands, S Hollands	43
3	M Phillips, C Slaughter	37
4	P Weaver, T Bodycote	36
5	S Scerri, A Scerri	35
6	R Ng, K Lemon	34
7	J Tennyson, J Bandy	34
8	J Strzelecki, D Theunissen	34
9	E Ramshaw, V Brockwell	33
10	B Sadler, M Randles	32
11	W Boxall, N Van Vucht	32
12	J Dixon, L Dixon	30
13	D Wilson, V Rugless	30
14	M Clift, K Clift	30
15	J Havercroft, M Havercroft	29
16	A Morrison, L Bourke	29
17	M Meakins, V Meakins	29
18	J Wallis, B Nash	28
19	D Clarkson, P Kowald	28
20	J Gruszka, S Grigg	27
21	G Clarke, S Clarke	27
22	A Pettigrew, A Stephens	26
23	C Dawson, K Caruana	26
24	B O'Donohue, M Knox	26
25	P Scales, T Berenger	24
26	M Tough, C Tough	21
27	B Rebera, T Henderson	21
28	V Carmody, J Kelly	15

NOT SEMI-FINAL 2012

Table	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Noble B Noble, G Bilski, I Del'Monte, A Bach, J Lall, J Grue	21	18	67	23	129
	Newman P Newman, M Thomson, N Van Jole, A Braithwaite, D Beauchamp	36	40	9	60	145
Table	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
2	Klinger R Klinger, M Mullamphy, A De Livera, I Robinson, B Jacobs, B Thompson	37	35	55	7	134
	Bloom M Bloom, P Gill, S Hans, T Nunn, A Peake	20	18	24	60	122



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**BLUE RIBBON PAIRS II -
Saturday 28th January,
2012**

Place	Players	Score
1	B Neill, D Wiltshire	462
2	T Leibowitz, M Prescott	451
3	P Kahler, T Davis	443
4	P Gumby, W Lazer	439
5	G Ware, S King	436
6	J Foster, D Weston	418
7	M McManus, M Ware	416
8	W Jenner-O'Shea, M Doecke	390
9	V Brown, C Greenwich	383
10	J Magee, T Strong	381
11	M Campbell, G Hutchins	375
12	M Waring, S Williams	364
13	P Giles, J Collier	354
14	L Moss, K Colbert	349
15	G Fletcher, L Leibowitz	316
16	E Zeller, A Dawson	295



17th Annual

Barrier Reef Congress

Cairns June 8-11, 2012

\$10,000 Prizes

An ABF Gold Point Event

**Swiss Pairs (Open & Restricted)
Swiss Teams (Open and Restricted)**

Venue:	Pullman Reef Hotel Casino
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**AUSTRALIAN MIXED
TEAMS Round 6 - 2012**

Place	Name	Score
1	Crompton	117
2	Ackerley	114
3	Bourke	112
4	Struik	110
5	Djurovic	107
6	Steffensen	104
7	Emul	97
8	Rew	96
9	Grosvenor	95
10	Burgess	92
11	Hellsten	89
12	Small	89
13	Ferris	88
14	Crichton	88
15	Matthews	85
16	Kovacs	84
17	Hurley	84
18	Leach	83
19	Nelan	81
20	Milne	80
21	Hegedus	80
22	Donovan	73
23	Khemka	72
24	Kefford	71
25	Miller	69
26	Moffat	56

Education Program – Celebrity Speakers



Australian Bridge Federation Inc.

25 February –
3 March 2012



GOLD COAST CONGRESS

When	Presenter/Topic
Saturday 25 February	Joan Butts "For Novices' Ears Only – <i>Getting a handle on this 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.

For any enquiries please contact Joan Butts, the ABF National Teaching Coordinator, on:

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Minimum **\$5.00** per person –
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