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Congratulations to the winners of the TBIB National Restricted Swiss Pairs

Benjamin Sadler and Michael Randles

At The Sharp End

Three rounds to go, eight to qualify. The leaders are on 132.4. Each match is worth a potential 20. Only four other teams are within half a match of the lead but 16 teams are within one match of the lead.

In danger of embarrassing the Seeding Committee are the Dutton team, currently eighth and the Francis team who are a mere 42 places above seeding in 12th place. A couple of initially well-fancied teams probably wouldn't thank me for identifying them but, of the top dozen seeds, there are at least two outside the top two dozen.

Lots to play for today.



Tim Bourke's Problem**9. RUFF**

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

NORTH

♠ K J
 ♥ A J 3
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2
 ♣ K 9 7

SOUTH

♠ 10 9 8 6 5 2
 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 5
 ♦ 6
 ♣ -

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♣	2♥
3♣	4♣ ⁺	5♣	5♥
Double	All pass		

* 5-card suit

+ strong raise of hearts

West leads the ace of clubs. You ruff and play a trump to the ace, both opponents following. What is your plan to take another nine tricks?



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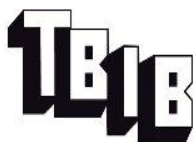
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Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

You should draw a second round of trumps ending in hand. If they prove to be 2-2, play a spade to the jack followed by the king of spades. Nothing can prevent you from making twelve tricks.

If trumps are 3-1 it would be a mistake to draw the last trump and play a spade because a competent West will let dummy's jack win the trick. He will let the king of spades hold too. The only way back to hand is to ruff a club or a diamond, reducing you to one trump, and you will have lost the race to establish the spades. All you will make is six trumps, two spades and the two winners in the minors. Suppose the full deal is:

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

After drawing two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, you must play a spade. East will ruff the spade and return a club. You will throw a spade from hand and win the trick in dummy with the king of clubs, discarding a low spade from hand. Next you will play the king of spades. If West takes this with the ace of spades then you will ruff his club exit

and execute a ruffing finesse against West's queen of spades.

If West lets the king of spades hold then you will ruff a club back to hand and lead the ten of spades in this position:

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

A New Emerald Grand Life Master

Tim Bourke

It was sometime during the Summer National Women's Teams event last week that Margaret Bourke became Australia's fourth Emerald Life Master (ELM), after Bob Richman, Paul Lavings and Pauline Gumby. Of note is that she is the first non-Sydney based EGLM.

After two years away from Australia, Margaret began playing Bridge in earnest in 1971, having learnt the game with her older brother in 1968. Her first partnership of note was with Meredith Woods and they made the Victorian Interstate Women's Team in 1973. When Meredith was unavailable to play the following year, Margaret formed a partnership with Lidia Kilvington (later Beech) that lasted for 27 years. However, Margaret represented Australia with Ailsa Tandy and Paula Schoor before she and Lidia qualified for the 1988 Australian

Women's Team, a feat they repeated many times in the ensuing 13 years.

One of the things that helped Margaret become an ELM is that she has always loved to play the game – just riffle a deck near her. Also, she is a great partner: those not mentioned above that she has played with at the International Level include Felicity Beale, Jillian Hay, Dagmar Neumann and Sue Lusk and at the ANC with Arjuna Delivera and David Hoffman.

Another of her traits is that she has always wanted to improve: indeed, I present her with more difficult versions of the problems that appear in the Daily Bulletins at these championships and she gets most of them right. However, like all good players she is not above playing for a defensive error when there seems little technical hope of making the contract: as this example from a 1990s PABF Championship shows:

Dealer North; Nil Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Lidia		Margaret
	Beech		Bourke
	1♠	2♥	P
P	x	P	3♣
P	3♦	P	3NT

All pass

The same contract was reached at both tables. West led the nine of hearts. Both East's took the trick with the ace of hearts and returned a heart, taken by the king.

Against Felicity Beale and Diana Smart, the declarer continued with ace and another and Felicity had little trouble in defeating 3NT by leaving the round suits untouched for the rest of the play.

Happy Accidents

Two small incidents from match 5. Michael Ware was amused by this one whereon his opponents reached the best spot though at cross purposes

2		♠ J8	Dir: E	
		♥ KQ976	Vul: N-S	
		♦ K8542		
		♣ 2		
♠ KT95		♠ 3		
♥ T		♥ AJ532		
♦ Q3		♦ J96		
♣ AKQJ96		♣ 7543		
	9	♠ AQ7642	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
	15	♥ 84	N - 2 1 2 -	
	6	♦ AT7	S - 2 1 2 -	
	10	♣ T8	E 4 - - - 2	
			W 4 - - - 2	

East opened a multi 2♦ (about which no further comment is necessary beyond the fact that Michael says even he wouldn't do it.). Michael overcalled 2♠ and West thought he'd take a shot at 3NT. However, had there been no overcall from Michael then 3NT would have been for the minors. West thought this didn't apply with an overcall but East did and so called 4♣. There was no way to beat that and just as many ways to make 3NT.

Then Peter Reynolds scored a supremely cheap trick to set up a 3NT make:

6		♠ 8432 ♥ AQT964 ♦ J73 ♣	Dir: E Vul: E-W
♠ QJ ♥ 2 ♦ AK62 ♣ A98654	♠ AT96 ♥ KJ873 ♦ 8 ♣ T72		
7 ♠ K75 14 8 ♥ 5 11 ♦ QT954 ♣ KQJ3	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT N - 1 - - - S - 1 - - - E 3 - 1 1 1 W 3 - 2 1 1		

The auction was convoluted

West	North	East	South
2♣ 3♥	2♥ x	P 2NT 3NT	1♦ P x

2NT was a transfer to clubs but David Appleton decided that 3NT would be OK provided Peter had a heart stop.

A heart was led to the Ace and the ♥10 returned, won by Peter with the Jack. Peter switched to the ♣2 and the trick continued ♣3, ♣4 and a spade discard! Peter now ran the ♠Q which lost to the King but he now had 3 spade tricks to go with two tricks in each of the other three suits.

Round 7

Round 7 saw four of the higher seeded teams pitted against each other. The Lorentz team put Ashley Bach (North) and Paul Marston in against Avi Kanetkar (West) and Ian Thomson, while the Bloom team were represented by Martin Bloom (South) and Tony Nunn who played David Weston (West) and Kim Morrison.

6		♠ KJT9542 ♥ 98 ♦ 94 ♣ Q5	Dir: E Vul: E-W
♠ A873 ♥ 73 ♦ K3 ♣ AJ964	♠ Q ♥ AKT6542 ♦ JT82 ♣ 3		
6 ♠ 6 12 10 ♥ QJ 12 ♦ AQ765 ♣ KT872	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT N - - - 2 - S - - - 2 - E - 2 5 - 4 W - 2 5 - 4		

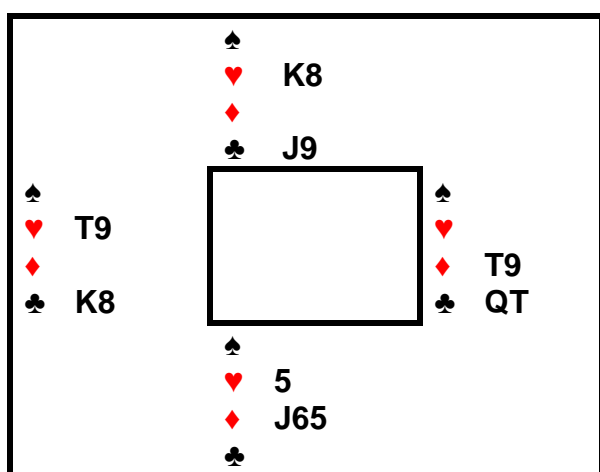
Kim Morrison opened 4♥ and that won the auction. South led his singleton and Kim saw a very useful dummy. Deciding to get into his hand (presumably to enable him to lead a diamond towards dummy), he led another spade ruffed and over-ruffed by South. South exited with a club to dummy's Ace. Now Kim played a heart to Ace, dropping Tony's Queen. Still intent on ruffing a diamond, Kim played a diamond to the King which scored. A second diamond went to the Jack and Queen and Tony continued diamonds ruffed in dummy and over-ruffed by Martin for one off.

7		♠ 2 ♥ KQ87 ♦ 84 ♣ J97632	Dir: S Vul: Both
♠ QT85 ♥ T954 ♦ K3 ♣ K84	♠ AKJ7 ♥ A2 ♦ AT97 ♣ QT5		
6 ♠ 9643 8 18 ♥ J63 8 ♦ QJ652 ♣ A	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT N - - - - - S - - - - - E 1 2 2 5 3 W 1 2 2 5 3		

Ashley Bach had a wee adventure on this one. After two passes, he opened 1♣ as North. Ian Thomson overcalled 1NT and Paul Marston doubled. Avi Kanetkar passed and Ashley began to doubt his little piece of

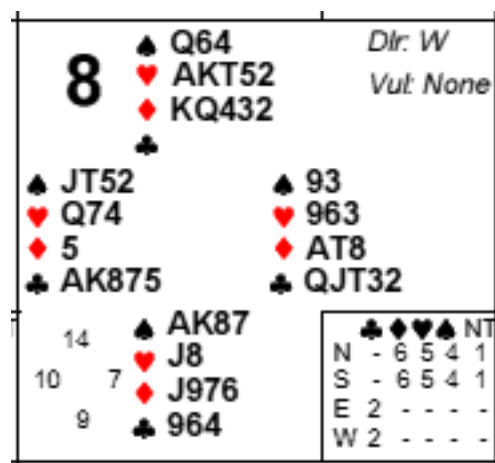
imagination – he called 2♣. This ran round to Avi who doubled for takeout but Ian didn't.

Ian led the ♠K against 2♣x and continued the Ace which Ash ruffed. ♣Ash played a diamond to the Queen and King and Avi switched to a trump. On table, Ash ruffed a spade in hand and played a second diamond which Ian took with the Ace. Ian tapped declarer with another spade and Ash now played a heart to dummy's Jack. He played another heart to his Queen and Ian's ace to leave:



Ian led a diamond and Avi, unerringly ruffed with the King and played a trump and that was -800.

The next board saw what looked like a strange bidding decision:

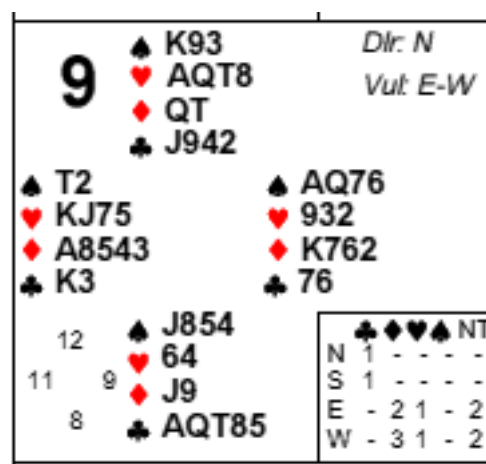


Ash opened 1♥ and rebid 2♦ after Paul's 1♠ response. Paul now chose to rebid 2♥. Ash rebid 2♠ and Paul leapt to the spade game. DeepFinesse's slam suit didn't really get the attention it deserved.

The ♠K was led and ruffed by dummy and Paul played the ♦K, taken by Ian. Ian tapped dummy with a club and Paul played the ♠Q. He came off dummy with a diamond which Avi ruffed. Avi continued a club to Ian's 10 and another diamond saw Avi ruff again. Paul conceded one down.

After the same start to the auction, Tony raised 2♦ to three and Martin jumped to the spade game.

Again a club was led and ruffed and declarer switched to the ♦K – taken by the Ace. Another club was ruffed in dummy and the ♠Q cashed. Tony played a diamond off table and Bill ruffed. If at this point, Bill plays another club to Ben then he can receive another ruff for one off. However, Bill exited a small heart and Tony ran this to his Jack, drew trumps and claimed.



Paul opened 1♣ and Ash responded 1♠. Ian doubled and Avi responded 2♦ after Paul's pass. Ash closed proceedings in 3♣.

The ♦2 was led to the Ace and the ♠10 was covered by the King and Ace. Ian cashed

the ♠Q and gave Avi a spade ruff. A diamond was played back to the King and another spade ruffed with the King of trumps for a snappy two light.

11		Dir: S
Vul: None		
♠ 32	♥ A53	♦ Q932
♣ T752		
♠ AJT84	♥ JT74	♦ AK6
♣ 8		
♠ KQ9765	♥ 8	♦ T85
♣ K64		
6	♠ KQ962	♥ J74
13	♣ AQJ93	
13		
		NT
N	5	2
S	5	2
E	-	-
W	-	-

Paul produced an excellent bid on this one while many might have missed the opportunity.

He opened 1♥ and Avi overcalled 1♠. Ash raised to 2♥ and Ian to 4♠. Many might decide just to dive in 5♥ at this point but Paul called 5♣ - not only taking the opps out of their making game but reaching one himself. Ian and Ash passed and Avi called 5♠. I am not at all sure who knew who was sacrificing but it turned out to be Avi and Ian who went one down.

You, South, hold

♠ JT75 ♥ 876 ♦ AQ92 ♣ 52

West	North	East	South
1♣	P	1♦	P
2♣	P	3NT	

What do you lead?

At the table a small spade was led, dummy played small and North flew the Ace (as we all would) That was that. According to DeepFinesse, a rounded suit lead beats this game though the play is quite involved.

12		Dir: W
Vul: N-S		
♠ A4	♥ KQ93	♦ J54
♣ T983		
♠ K63	♥ J2	♦ T7
♣ AQJ764		
♠ Q982	♥ AT54	♦ K863
♣ K		
10	♠ JT75	♥ 876
11	♣ AQ92	♦ 52
7		
		NT
N	-	-
S	-	-
E	2	-
W	2	-

Then two contrasting auctions on:

14		Dir: E
Vul: None		
♠ 52	♥ J942	♦ T8
♣ T9654		
♠ AKT7	♥ 65	♦ 654
♣ KQ87		
♠ Q943	♥ AK73	♦ AQJ92
♣		
1	♠ J86	♥ QT8
12	♣ K73	♦ AJ32
11		
		NT
N	-	-
S	-	-
E	2	5
W	2	5

Firstly Ian and Avi

Ian	Avi
	1♦
1♠	2♥
2NT	4♣
4♦	4♠
6♦	

Secondly David and Kim

David	Kim
	1♦
1♠	4♣
4♠	5♠ (how good are your spades?)
6♠ (good enough)	

Both slams made although Avi needed the lead of the ♠A which he duly got.

The last interest in the set came on:

19		♠ AJT43	Dir: S
		♥ A	Vul: E-W
		♦ JT62	
		♣ Q54	
♠ 98	♠ Q752		
♥ QT97653	♥ 2		
♦ JT82	♦ AQ9853		
♣ JT82	♣ A7		
12	♠ K6		
3 12	♥ KJ84		
13	♦ K74		
	♣ K963		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N 2 2 - 2 3	
		S 3 2 - 3 4	
		E - - - -	
		W - - - -	

After West had interposed 2♥, Tony declared 3NT. David led the ♥10 and the Ace won, though this took out a vital entry to dummy's spades. The ♦J was led and Kim took this with the Ace to endplay himself. He chose to give declarer two diamond tricks by playing back the ♦8 which again removed an entry to dummy's spades. With seven hearts in the West hand (remember, East didn't play a heart when in with the A) it is a lot less likely that West will hold the ♠Q than East but South took the finesse into the East hand and Kim was able to establish his diamonds while still holding the ♣A – three off.

The Devil You Know

You are declaring 6♠ and when, dummy is exposed, you can see:

♠ 93		♠ AKQJT85
♥ AK974		♥ T3
♦ K2		♦ AJ
♣ KT87		♣ 62

Reginald Heber wrote that "Every prospect pleases and only man is vile." Every prospect would please but the vile (wo)man sitting South has just led a small club. Michael Courtney is one of your opponents

and many would be tempted to play Michael for the cunning underlead of the Ace. But sitting South is the very unvile Sue Ingham, so what do you do?

Declarer played for Sue to be honest and for Michael to have the Ace but not the Queen.

The prospect didn't please for very much longer.

19		♠ 62	Dir: S
		♥ Q862	Vul: E-W
		♦ QT5	
		♣ QJ54	
♠ 93	♠ AKQJT85		
♥ AK974	♥ T3		
♦ K2	♦ AJ		
♣ KT87	♣ 62		
7	♠ 74		
13 15	♥ J5		
5	♦ 987643		
	♣ A93		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N - - - -	
		S - - - -	
		E 2 2 4 6 6	
		W 2 2 4 6 6	

And talking of subtle, expert leads against slams, we have Julian Foster, sitting North.

He held: ♠ K8 ♥ 763 ♦ KJT84 ♣ 764

West had made a positive spade response to a 2♣ opener and then East-West had sailed into 6♥.

I quote Julian: 'So I decided to try the "expert" lead of the ♠8 to talk declarer out of the spade finesse since I thought the Ace "had" to be on my left.... Not the greatest choice...' and it's hard to argue with that.

16		♠ K8	Dir: W
		♥ 763	Vul: E-W
		♦ KJT84	
		♣ 764	
♠ A9	♠ QJ5432		
♥ AKQJT92	♥ 854		
♦ QJ95	♦ 6		
♣ QJ95	♣ KT8		
7	♠ T76		
17 6	♥ AQ97532		
10	♣ A32		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N - 4 - -	
		S - 4 - -	
		E 4 - 5 3	
		W 3 - 5 3	

Clubbed To The Ground

In the eighth round, Bill Jacobs and Ben Thomson felt that the club suit was picking on them after 4 consecutive boards. The boards arrived in a slightly eccentric order, so these actually landed on the table in this order.

1		Dir: N Vul: None																														
♠ KQ6	♥ AK98	♦ 963	♣ JT5																													
♠ 85	♥ J32	♦ 7542	♣ 9863																													
♠ AJT2	♥ 75	♦ QT8	♣ AKQ7																													
♠ 9743	♥ QT64	♦ AKJ	♣ 42																													
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S	-	1	3	2	2																											
E	1	-	-	-	-																											
W	1	-	-	-	-																											

North opened 1♣ and Ben overcalled 1NT. South doubled and Bill activated their rescue mechanism to leave Ben to play 2♣. The defence played trumps at every opportunity and, locked permanently in hand, Ben drifted to 2 off.

Board 2 arrived in sequence.

2		Dir: E Vul: N-S																															
♠ A43 ♥ KJ76 ♦ K73 ♣ KJ8																																	
♠ QT ♥ 943 ♦ Q ♣ AQT9532		♠ K876 ♥ AQ5 ♦ A962 ♣ 64																															
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S	-	1	-	-	1																												
E	4	-	1	1	-																												
W	4	-	1	1	-																												

Ben opened 1NT and Bill decided to shoot the 9 trick game. The ♦J was led and trick 1 collected 100 for honours. Ben led a club to the Queen and the defence took two

diamond tricks before Ben won the fourth diamond with the 6. He played a club and thought a rude word when South discarded that was four off this time. Then came board 5. Edmund Burke wrote that those who don't know history are destined to repeat it so...

5		Dir: N Vul: N-S																															
♠ Q93 ♥ QT8532 ♦ 9765 ♣																																	
♠ T4 ♥ J ♦ KJ8 ♣ AQT9432		♠ K62 ♥ AK4 ♦ AT2 ♣ J765																															
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S	-	-	2	1	-																												
E	6	2	-	-	6																												
W	5	2	-	-	2																												

West saw the same club suit and, once again, East opened 1NT and, once again, West responded 3NT – this time he had Jxxx in clubs. A spade was led to the Queen and King and Ben played a small club ...to the Ace. Just one off this time.

Andy Braithwaite also played 3NT against Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy on the same lead. Andy led a club at trick two and Matthew played small. Some days later, Andy called for a small club from dummy and wrapped up 13 tricks.

Ben and Bill were developing a terminal case of trefoilophobia by this stage and it got worse. Board 3 arrived.

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The 0 is a zero not a letter

3		♠ KT5	Dir: S
		♥ K	Vul: E-W
		♦ 863	
		♣ AJ9853	
♠ Q86	♠ 72		
♥ AJ98642	♥ 73		
♦ 4	♦ AKQT97		
♣ K7	♣ T62		
11	♠ AJ943		
10	♥ QT5		
10	♦ J52		
	♣ Q4		
		♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
		N	2 - - 2 -
		S	2 - - 2 -
		E	- 1 1 - -
		W	- 1 1 - 1

Carefully avoiding any no trump bids, Bill opened 3♥ and Ben raised to game. North faced quite a difficult lead problem and chose a quiet diamond. Bill cashed the three tops, pitching two spades. Now all Bill needed was for the ♣A to be onside so he played a club to the King and must have had a Karapet-style sense of resignation as the King lost and he went two down.

Board 7 saw a minor suit battle which could easily swing 7 or so imps.

7		♠ AT4	Dir: S
		♥ J	Vul: Both
		♦ J	
		♣ KQJ85432	
♠ 753	♠ J62		
♥ A92	♥ KT85		
♦ AK9865	♦ QT3		
♣ 9	♣ AT6		
12	♠ KQ98		
11	♥ Q7643		
7	♦ 742		
	♣ 7		
		♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
		N	4 - - - -
		S	4 - - - -
		E	- 4 2 - 3
		W	- 4 2 - 3

Ian Robinson opened the West hand 1♦ and Ron Klinger went to 4♣. Andy doubled and Ian settled in 4♦. Ian received the ♠A as the lead and the ♣K as continuation. He played a trump to the King, noting Ron's Jack. He played a spade next and got the count in that suit when it was continued by the defence. By now, Ron's shape was an open

secret and Ian was able to claim after drawing trumps and playing a heart to dummy.

Stephen Lester and Simon Hinge had been enjoying the club suit against Ben and Bill and that enjoyment continued. They were pushed to the 4 level, but no further, and Simon quickly claimed his 10 tricks.

But then, the club suit struck back!

11		♠ 5	Dir: S
		♥ AK843	Vul: None
		♦ A8	
		♣ AKT93	
♠ AQ974	♠ T83		
♥ 76	♥ QJ52		
♦ KJ4	♦ T72		
♣ 742	♣ Q85		
18	♠ KJ62		
10	♥ T9		
7	♦ Q9653		
	♣ J6		
		♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
		N	3 3 3 1 1
		S	3 3 3 2 2
		E	- - - - -
		W	- - - - -

Stephen Lester opened 1♥ and Simon Hinge responded 1♠. Stephen rebid 3♣, which was alerted and Simon called 4♠. Bill enquired about the alert was told that it was a splinter! Bill found a frisky double and Stephen retreated to 5♣. Distrusting the suit, neither Bill nor Ben could double and Stephen was able to escape for 3 down and only -150.

And again, the capricious clubs showed their inconstancy by favouring Ben and Bill.

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15		♠ 96542	Dlr: S
		♥ 96	Vul: N-S
		♦ T7643	
		♣ 5	
♠ QT8	♠ K3		
♥ KQ43	♥ AJ875		
♦ 9	♦ AJ5		
♣ QJT96	♣ 872		
0	♠ AJ7		
10	♥ T2		
13	♦ KQ82		
17	♣ AK43		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N - 2 - 1 -	
		S - 2 - 1 -	
		E 4 - 3 - 3	
		W 3 - 3 - -	

After South had opened 1NT, East-West were quickly in 4♥. Simon didn't lead the clubs (leading to two tops and a ruff) but tried the ♦K. Ben won this and played a club himself. This made it almost impossible for Simon to diagnose the situation and he switched to a trump enabling Ben to bring home 10 tricks.

A Couple Of Snippets

Richard Fox

18		♠ KQ95	Dlr: E
		♥ T9853	Vul: N-S
		♦ Q643	
♠ J6	♠ T873		
♥ Q873	♥ A64		
♦ J6	♦ AK		
♣ AKT87	♣ J952		
7	♠ A42		
11	♥ KJT952		
12	♦ Q742		
10	♣		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N - 4 1 1 -	
		S - 4 1 1 -	
		E 2 - - - 1	
		W 2 - - - 1	

I enjoyed this one where I managed to make 2♥x with a trump void.

East opened 1NT and partner overcalled 2♦, systemically showing any single suiter. Sitting North, I knew full well where it was and considered passing. West doubled to show values and I bid 2♥, pass or correct. This went back to West who doubled again.

East cashed the two top diamonds and tried a spade – won in dummy. Hoping that the holder of the Queen might not cover, I led the ♥J. No such luck. She did cover and played another spade which I won. I ruffed a club and knocked out the Ace of trumps. The opponents took their spade ruff but I had eight tricks.

Something which really deserves a mention occurred in the Swiss. Playing against Hugh Grosvenor and Annette Maluish, this one came up:

27		♠ A106	Dlr: S
		♥ 2	Vul: None
		♦ 42	
		♣ AKQ10762	
♠ 98742	♠ KQ53		
♥ 108	♥ J543		
♦ Q87	♦ AJ63		
♣ 843	♣ 5		
13	♠ J		
2	♥ AKQ976		
11	♦ K1095		
14	♣ J9		
		♣♦♥♠ NT	
		N 6 2 4 - 6	
		S 6 2 4 - 6	
		E - - - -	
		W - - - -	

Our bidding was not sophisticated enough to reach 6♣ with confidence so I stopped in 3NT. A small spade was led and dummy's stiff jack held. I had another spade, 7 clubs and 3 top hearts and I just tried to speed up the process by claiming, saying that if hearts split 3-3 I'd win all 13.

Hugh showed me his 4-card heart holding and I scored 12 tricks. A moment later Hugh said "I think you should have 13 tricks", because he had the ♦A and the KQ of spades as well as the heart length and he would have been squeezed to death on the run of the clubs. It transpired that the overtrick IMP gave us a single IMP victory. Full marks to Hugh for ethics!

South-West Pacific Teams Championship

Results after 9 of 12 matches

Place	Team	VPs		Place	Team	VPs
1	BEAUCHAMP (5)	132.4		46	LEACH (56)	100.77
2	MARKEY (8)	128.25		47	PATTISON (61)	100.55
3	BAGCHI (9)	126.84		48	THORP (101)	100.17
4	LORENTZ (4)	125.79		49	EDDIE (67)	99.23
5	BLOOM (2)	123.95		50	SIMES (72)	98.51
6	WARE (3)	121.81		51	MOTT (51)	98.34
7	NEILL (6)	121.25		52	TWIGG (66)	97.92
8	DUTTON (24)	120.18		53	TULLY (22)	97.57
9	MILNE (1)	119.99		54	BUGEIA (102)	97.49
10	LESTER (10)	118.32		55	FOSTER (32)	97.4
11	NIXON (19)	116.84		56	HOLLANDS (109)	96.6
12	FRANCIS (54)	116.18		57	HARPER (60)	95.93
13	FISCHER (11)	114.77		58	MCGRATH (97)	95.66
14	TRAVIS (14)	114.37		59	THOMPSON (21)	95.64
15	ASSAEE (52)	113.71		60	STEWART (90)	94.97
16	GROSVENOR (30)	113.5		61	DEVRIES (142)	94.71
17	CRICHTON (39)	113.15		62	WEAVER (48)	94.57
18	CREET (35)	111.73		63	WALSH (18)	94.33
19	RICHARDSON (26)	111.25		64	MARKER (106)	93.69
20	TERRY STRONG (36)	110.23		65	ZELLER (120)	93.67
21	M BOURKE (15)	110.06		66	SOLAR (23)	92.86
22	EWART (17)	109.55		67	AFFLICK (116)	92.75
23	HORWITZ (27)	109.26	67=		DIBLEY (74)	92.75
24	CHERRY (46)	108.98		69	SULLIVAN (87)	92.5
25	LAVINGS (7)	107.88		70	GEYER (82)	92.05
26	WATTS (29)	107.68		71	RIDLEY (73)	92.03
27	COUTTS (43)	106.91		72	WRIGHT (132)	92.01
28	MAYO (55)	106.74		73	MILL (105)	91.91
29	FORDHAM (16)	106.38		74	FREELAND (34)	90.93
30	FLEISCHER (20)	106.33		75	MARTIN (70)	90.33
31	MURRAY-WHITE (64)	105.81		76	CHETTLE (44)	90.17
32	KLOFA (37)	105.69		77	VAUGHAN (77)	90.08
33	SMEE (47)	105.52		78	SMITH (75)	89.83
34	NASH (50)	105.1		79	GRAHAME (83)	89.12
35	DAWSON (25)	104.64		80	NICHOLSON (144)	89.11
36	MULLEY (13)	104.31		81	NARITA (71)	88.91
37	SHAMI (41)	104.25		82	MANGOS (57)	88.44
38	LANGE (59)	103.99		83	FALLET (76)	88.24
39	RIDGWAY (42)	103.89		84	ALI (31)	87.68
40	MCGOWAN (62)	103.62		85	FALLON (63)	87.67
41	BURROWS (33)	101.68		86	FRAZER (45)	87.39
42	SCUDDER (28)	101.33		87	GRANT (117)	87.16
43	CUSWORTH (53)	101.15		88	ANLEZARK (94)	86.9
44	LA PEYRE (69)	100.92		89	ANDREW (58)	86.61
45	TISLEVOLL (12)	100.8		90	CARIOLA (135)	86.37

Place	Team	VPs	Place	Team	VPs
91	MEAKINS (130)	86.2	125	BALLARD (119)	74.57
92	LAMEKS (86)	85.93	126	O'DONOHUE (139)	74.5
93	SCORER (103)	85.88	127	COOK (140)	74.1
94	THOMAS (95)	85.82	128	BENTLEY (92)	74.01
95	KRISTANDA (128)	85.74	129	LOCKWOOD (126)	72
96	ZUBER (149)	85.53	130	MARSH (118)	71.95
97	ROWLAND (127)	85.01	131	MACQUARRIE (100)	71.77
98	HUTCHINS (124)	84.97	132	PERL (107)	70.6
99	HUXTABLE (141)	84.83	133	BUNDER (123)	70.5
100	RHODES (99)	84.67	134	BUCENS (138)	70.49
101	WALKER (85)	84.48	135	QUIRK (147)	70.45
102	CAINS (78)	84.24	136	VEARING (143)	70.25
103	KNAGGS (68)	84.07	137	BRIGHTLING (38)	69.52
104	MORDO (113)	83.61	138	BLACK (129)	69.13
105	KAHLER (40)	82.78	139	TOM STRONG (81)	68.75
106	COATS (84)	82.65	140	MCMANAMNY (80)	68.66
107	STRICKLAND (125)	82.3	141	CAMPBELL (131)	67.2
108	DALZIELL (145)	80.84	142	BLACKHAM (96)	67.13
109	TOOHEY (111)	80.3	143	FRASER (110)	66.9
110	PERCIVAL (148)	80.2	144	*HOUSE (156)	66.21
111	LUCK (79)	79.95	145	BARBER (153)	65.67
112	SHAW (91)	79.88	146	ELLIOTT (136)	65.64
113	TOBIN (49)	78.58	147	HAYES (154)	64.19
114	HART (104)	78.52	148	ATKINS (112)	63.61
115	TURNELL (93)	78.03	149	LEX BOURKE (115)	62.07
116	COLLINS (134)	77.72	150	TOMLINSON (146)	60.01
117	VAN VUCHT (65)	77.58	151	MITCHELL (122)	58.24
118	CARMODY (137)	77.23	152	SPILSBURY (152)	56.25
119	CREGAN (89)	76.48	153	BUTCHER (133)	54.85
120	ANDERSSON (108)	76.15	154	BEER (150)	53.03
121	MOTTERAM (88)	75.92	155	O'CONNOR (155)	48.82
122	BRENNAN (114)	75.29	156	LAVENDER (151)	37.29
123	BUCHANAN (121)	75.27			
124	MORRISON (98)	74.72			



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