The Summer Festival of Bridge

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Winners of the National Seniors' Teams:

Avi Kanetkar, Peter Buchen, Ron Klinger and Bill Haughie

Missing: Terry Brown and Henry Christie



Winners of the National Women's Teams

Lauren Travis, Margaret Bourke, Barbara Travis

Missing :Sue Lusk





Tim Bourke's Problem

8. FORETHOUGHT

Dealer South. N-S Vul.



West	North	East	South 1NT [*]
Pass	3NT	All pass	
	* 15-17		

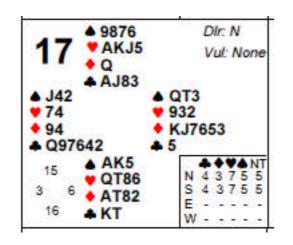
West leads the six of hearts and you play low from dummy. East produces the eight of hearts and you win the nine. What is your

Cardinal Rules

plan to make nine tricks?

Nick Jacob

You are in a 4-4 fit and you need to trump three losers in declarer's hand. Not overly rare, you say. But how about after opening 1NT? Kieran Dyke pulled off this quirky feat when his partner, Jane Dawson, accurately drove to 7♥ after his own slightly quirky 1NT opener.





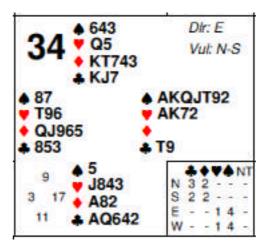




Kieran won the heart Ace, played the diamond Ace and trumped a diamond, played a spade to the Ace, trumped a diamond, played a second spade to the King and trumped that last diamond. A club to the King saw the drawing of the last three trumps and a triumphant club to the Jack. Well judged, Jane, and well played, Kieran. The field-wide top of +1510 was a mammoth 17 IMPs to the Jane Dawson team.

Who said you have to follow that cardinal rule of not having a singleton as a 1NT opener?

Okay, so everyone has the occasional success opening an offbeat 1NT. But how often is it correct to ruff partner's trick on defense? Take a look at board 34 of the second day of the TBIB Swiss Pairs.



Most Easts fell in love with their hand, and how could you blame them? With nine tricks opposite nothing, it was easy to contract for game in spades. Where there's nine, there's usually ten. But unless you played with mirrors, this contract was doomed to just the nine with which you started.

East opened 2. and had an uncontested auction to 4. Despite the fear of blowing a trick into East's club King, James Coutts, as South, kept North-South in the game by leading the club Ace. North won the second round with the Ace to switch to a trump.



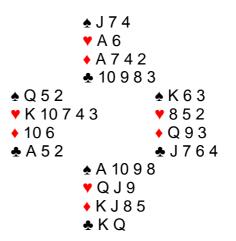
Declarer ran this to the table and needed to pass the **v**10 to guarantee the contract against best defense. However, she played the heart Ace and King and exited a heart. Now James could have played low to force North to trump this, but consider this. How often have you seen a sure beat as a defender only to have your partner follow a different line of defense? Frustrated and distracted, you fail to follow his or her defense, trying to make yours work, and declarer racks up the contract. Worse partner's defense was also a sure beat had you just followed the same line! So James put up the heart Jack, trusting his partner to make the right play.

Take the North seat for a moment. If partner wins the heart Jack, won't he continue with a fourth heart, expecting just one of your trumps to be bigger than dummy's pathetic eight spot? You can see this "sure beat" is anything but that. So should you let that Jack win? Not a chance. Break another cardinal rule - trump that Jack and return your last trump! One off was worth a precious 9 IMPs for all those who were desperate enough to steal the lead from partner.

Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

You plan to play on diamonds first, hoping for four tricks there followed by three spade tricks. If the diamonds are 3-2 and the spades 3-3 then some extra care is needed. Suppose the full deal is:



The crucial thing on this layout is to get an extra entry to dummy so that you can take a double finesse in spades. You must cross to dummy with the ace of diamonds at trick two, crucially by leading the eight of diamonds from hand. Next you finesse the jack of diamonds which succeeds. (If it loses it's time to move on to the next deal.) Even better West follows suit on the above layout. Next you cash the king of diamonds and then lead the carefully preserved five of diamonds to the seven, as planned.

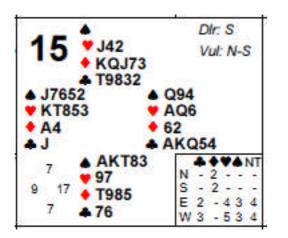
A finesse of the ten of spades loses to the West's queen and he will exit with a heart to dummy's bare ace. Now when you lead the jack of spades, planning to finesse against East's king, you will score three spade tricks and make the contract.

Finally, if West allowed the ten of spades to win on the first round of the suit you could guarantee your ninth trick by playing the king of clubs. In that case you would make two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club for a total of nine tricks.



Cheap Trick

Andy Briathwaite watched this one in awe and wonder. Playing 4♠, at trick 4, no spades having been played, declarer lan Robinson led the 4 of trumps and it scored!



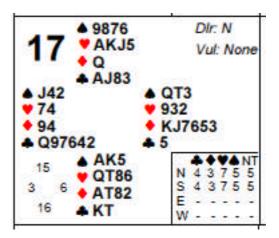
What lan's trump suit lacked in quantity, it failed to make up for in quality. The defence started with a diamond, taken by the Ace. Ian crossed to dummy with a club and pitched his losing diamond on a second high club. He now led the \bigstar 4 and, when South contributed the 3, Ian, after deep and prolonged thought played the 2. And then the sun came out.



Therapy Masters

It's Easier If You're In 7

Board 17 of match 2 had some prominence in yesterday's Bulletin and Nick Jacob comments on it above – with players making 6♥ despite a revoke, going down in 6♥ on an inadequate claim and finding a way to go down by taking a losing finesse in a suit and suffering an immediate ruff in the same suit. Kieran Dyke commented that it was easier for him as he was in 7♥ and had little choice as to line.



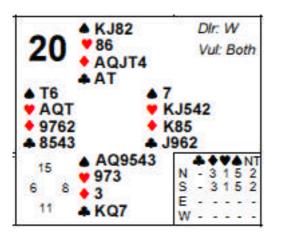
Kieran was in the North seat and received a heart lead to the Jack. He played the •Q to dummy's Ace and ruffed a diamond. A spade to the Ace enabled him to ruff a second diamond while a spade to the King saw him repeat. A club to the King came next and now he played three rounds of trumps pitching two spades and a club from his own hand. A club finesse made 13 – just a simple dummy reversal.

And then came match 4 and a somewhat less sanitary grand though it still scores the same as a sanitary one.

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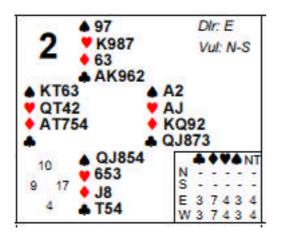




7 ★ this time, with Kieran still as North. East failed to find the heart lead – not too surprising when you look at his holding and all that was required was for Kieran to take a ruffing finesse in diamonds to claim his 17 imps.

Missed Opportunities

George Kozakos (South) and captain Phil Gue took on Ian Robinson (East) and Andy Braithwaite of the Lazer team in the 4th round. Board two represented a big opportunity missed for Lazer.



Ian opened 1♦ as declarer and Andy responded 1♥. Phil stuck in 2♣ and Ian passed, full of hope. His hopes were fulfilled when Andy doubled and this became the final contract.

It looks to me that a sequence of plays like ♠A, spade to the King, ♥Q, heart to the Ace, ♦K, diamond to the Ace and a heart ruff will lead to 4 down and a snappy 1100 as East



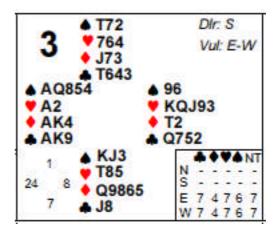




still has two trump tricks to come. However...

Ian led his Ace of hearts (one trick down the drain) and continued hearts to declarer's King. A third heart was played and Andy was in. He now cashed the ◆A (another one gone) before playing a spade to lan's Ace. This order of play meant that lan could not cross back to Andy's hand to be given a spade ruff and Phil escaped for only two down -500 against the 420 his team-mates picked up from 5◆ and a paltry 2 imp loss which could have been 12.

The next board was a missed opportunity for both teams:



Although DeepFinesse has grands available in 3 flavours, only John Newman and Orlando Wu in the entire field managed to bid and make one. Where I watched it was a push in 3NT, the auction being:

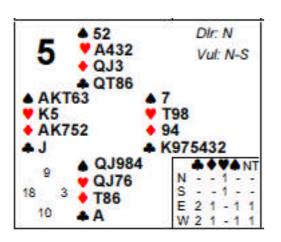
West	North	East	South
			Р
2♣	Р	2♠	Р
2NT	Р	3♦	Р
3♥	Р	3NT	

Obviously the 2 bid carried some systemic message and the rest of it seems perfectly reasonable (if unrenumerative.)

Then Ian took away the one place Andy wanted to play and a small pick-up became a push

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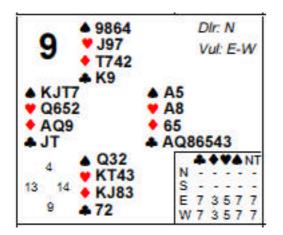




After Phil and George had expressed a weak interest in the majors and Ian had shown a good hand, Andy was able to call 2NT as Lebensohl, obviously wanting to play 3. So Ian did what partners everywhere are famous for - the exact opposite of what you want – he called 3. to say that he hated clubs. Andy now ended up playing 3NT (which I bet he didn't anticipate when he sorted his cards!)

As can be seen, 3NT is 2 off while $3 \ge 3$ is only one – as was demonstrated in the other room when $4 \ge 3$ went down 2.

More missed opportunities on 9.



No fewer than 3 DeepFinesse grands but no more than 4 pairs in the entire field reached slam – all in $6 \clubsuit$.

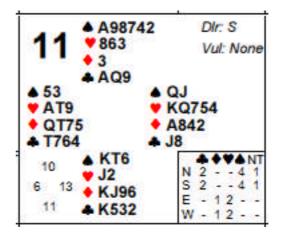
I would guess that Ian and Andy's auction was fairly typical:

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1♦	3
3NT	

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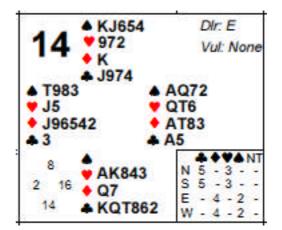
Does East's controlly hand merit another effort? Obviously the vast majority don't think so.

Then a handy pickup for the Gue team on



The North – South auction ground to a halt at the dizzy heights of 2. The &Q was led and, when declarer switched to a heart, a second spade was played. Phil rejected Restricted Choice and shortly thereafter claimed eleven tricks. In the other room, a less revealing defence saw declarer go down in 4. which surely was via Restricted Choice.

Then a happy system misagreement saw Gue collect some more:



Ian opened 1NT and George overcalled 2NT – to him this was any 2 suiter, to Phil it was









the minors. Consequently, hearts never entered the discussion and Phil settled in 5♣. Ian doubled in pique but one of his Aces was purely decorative and the contract made when Phil was able to discard a small heart on dummy's ♦Q. The other room did get hearts into the discussion and the final contract was 5♥x, costing 300.

Ethical And Legal Considerations

An interesting situation arose when I was watching the other day.

West was dealer and was thinking when he became aware that North was drawing a bid out of the box. He told North not to bid and then opened himself. North passed, as did West and South re-opened, eventually becoming declarer.

South's contract made and then East expressed himself as being a little doubtful about the quality of South's re-opening call – obviously suggesting that it MIGHT have been influenced by the knowledge that North had an opening bid. Views were exchanged until finally the director was called. The situation was explained and the director went away to consider. South is in possession of unauthorised information – of that there is no doubt – he knew that his partner had an opening bid. What do the Laws say? Law 16 contains

B. Extraneous Information from Partner

1. (a) After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as for example by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected* alert or failure to alert, or by unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, or mannerism, the partner may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information. (my highlighting)

So North has made the extraneous information available by reaching for a bid and South may not etc The hook in this Law is the phrase "logical alternatives". What the director has to decide is whether or not South has a logical alternative to his re-opening bid. If so, then his re-opener is disqualified. If there is no "logical alternative" then South's bid will stand.

Note that saying "I was always going to do this" is nonsense! If you have alternatives, you **can't** choose the successful one if partner's actions demonstrably suggest it. In this case, the knowledge that partner has an opening bid definitely (in my view) makes it easy for South to re-open – but is there an alternative anyway? That is what the directors have to decide. How does the table director decide?

 He doesn't rule quickly. He goes away from the table and consults with his colleagues. If there is a consensus, then he will probably rule that way. If there isn't or the consensus is a bit iffy then the director will poll players of similar standard to the player involved and ask them to take an action without knowledge of the extraneous information. So in this case the pollees would be given South's hand and asked what action they would take, without knowing that North has

If the pollees would take the same action then South's bid stands. If some of the pollees consider or take an alternative action then South's action will be removed. Note the word consider. Law16 B1b says







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an opening bid ..



A logical alternative action is one that, among the class of players in question and using the methods of the partnership, would be given serious consideration by a significant proportion of such players, of whom it is judged some might select it.

So whether South was "always" going to balance is irrelevant. What matters is whether or not his peers would consider, and some take, an alternative action. In that case South's balance will be removed and the score adjusted accordingly.

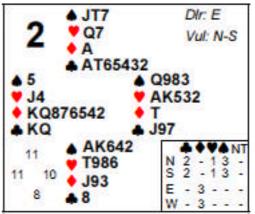
I have long believed that bridge is the game which makes the most demands on its participants in ethical situations of any game or sport. South may want to balance but may have to disqualify himself from so doing or, alternatively, accept with good grace when the directors and / or Appeals Committee disqualify him.

Please understand that I am not (for one second) suggesting that South acted unethically. The Law is designed, I believe, to ensure that an unethical player in South's position cannot benefit. Unfortunately, this means that an ethical player may be caught in the net which ensures that the shark cannot swim through..

PS – the ruling in this case was – *table result stands* – as a result of the polling, South was held not to have any logical alternatives.

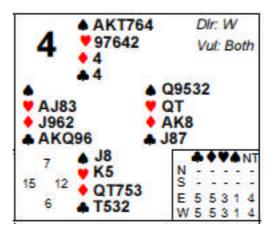
Round 5 (And The Opportunities Are Still There)

I watched Gaby Lorentz (South) and Stephen Burgess play Ben Thompson and Bill Jacobs. The first wasted opportunity came on board 2.



Ben opened the West hand 5+ and that was that. Stephen led the trump Ace and realistically compressed a trick on the go. Left to his own devices, declarer will surely play a high honour on the first round of trumps and subsequently lose a trump trick to the Jack. Ben escaped for only one off and nobody had doubled. Pre-empt once, pre-empt fast, pre-empt high.

A couple of hands later and Bill seemed to take a strange view to allow declarer out for one less doubled undertrick than he might have.



Ben opened 1♣ as dealer and Stephen cued 2♣. Bill doubled and this was passed back to Stephen who offered 2♠ and Bill doubled for penalties.

The ♦K lead was followed by a club to West's King and the ♣A ruffed by declarer. Stephen played a heart to the King and Ace and ruffed the club which Ben played next. Stephen exited with a heart to Bill's Queen in this situation:

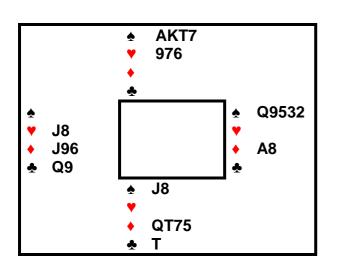






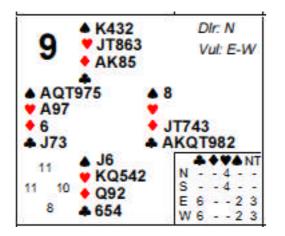






Bill chose to exit (after considerable thought) with the ♠Q. This enabled Stephen to escape for only 2 off. Had Bill exited a small spade, then any attempt by Stephen to ruff a heart can be overcome by Bill ruffing with the Queen in front of dummy and playing another trump.

Board 9 saw Be and Bill over-reach but a defensive lapse resulted in a big pick-up.



Stephen opened 1♥ and Bill called 4♣. (Editorial note to future Jacobs/Thompson opponents: expect pre-emption! And it won't be half-hearted.)

Gaby called the heart game and Ben raised to 5. Two passes saw Gaby try 5^{\bullet} but Ben won the contract in 6. and nobody doubled – just as well.

Gaby led the ♥K and Bill won on table. Thereafter he was careful to ruff spades

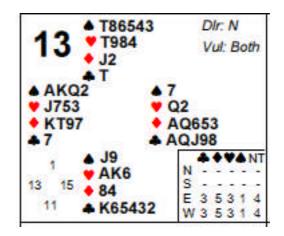






high in hand before eventually ruffing a heart low (knowing from the auction that he wouldn't be over-ruffed in that suit.) South never got the opportunity after trick 1 to lead a trump and Bill emerged with 12 tricks while the same contract was doubled and off in the other room.

Not all of Ben and Bill's adventures were successful.



Bill opened the East hand 1 ◆ after a pass from Stephen. Gaby interposed 2 ▲ and Ben splintered - 4 ♣. Looks like a major turn off to me – my second suit is held behind me and partner's shortage is matched behind him. Bill called 4 ◆ and Ben went for it with 4 ♥ -RKCB. The response of 2 with the ◆Q meant that Ben still couldn't underwrite slam – who knows about the heart suit? Undeterred, Ben called slam. ◆Undeterred, Gaby led the Ace and King of hearts.

At least, it was put out of its misery quickly.





South-West Pacific Teams Championship

Place	Team	VPs	Place	Team	VPs
1	LORENTZ (4)	96.31	48	ALISON FALLON (47)	64.22
2	THOMPSON (9)	95.93	49	HUDSON (61)	64.18
3	BLOOM (2)	92.51	50	MOFFAT (69)	63.86
4	MILNE (1)	85.53	51	SMITH (63)	63.13
5	NEILL (7)	85.49	52	CALLANDER (42)	62.66
6	LAMBARDI (5)	84.84	53	FRAZER (55)	62.62
7	THOMSON (3)	84.83	54	CHOWN (101)	62.3
8	CARTER (12)	84.33	55	ST CLAIR (66)	62.28
9	LAZER (6)	83.62	56	JANE DAWSON (29)	62.03
10	HINGE (8)	82.64	57	HELEN STEWART (73)	61.81
11	JENNY THOMPSON (35)	82.58	58	KYNASTON (133)	61.46
12	KAHLER (34)	82.43	59	MCLEISH (23)	61.45
13	FREELAND (49)	81.98	60	LEMON (90)	61.4
14	WATTS (16)	81.53	61	WATERS (38)	61.09
15	COUTTS (11)	81.01	62	BUGEIA (87)	60.91
16	FORDHAM (25)	80.15	63	LIMAYE (51)	60.56
17	WRIGHT (110)	79.64	64	CLIFTON (59)	60.44
18	MORRISON (15)	79.2	65	KUDELKA (71)	60.24
19	GUE (10)	79.14	66	IRVINE (123)	60.02
20	HAFFER (14)	78.58	67	ASKEW (39)	59.65
21	KLOFA (26)	77.87	68	BARRETT (111)	59.51
22	WALLIS (19)	77.53	69	СООК (104)	59.5
23	GIURA (22)	77.08	70	JACKMAN (33)	59.47
24	MAYO (45)	77.07	71	SMEE (36)	59.35
25	HORWITZ (28)	76.63	72	OTOOLE (113)	59.15
26	KRISHAN (31)	74.8	73	SHAW (81)	59.09
27	PETER GRANT (21)	73.53	74	ANDREW MILL (30)	58.89
28	FREE (17)	73.38	75	MCAULIFFE (129)	58.61
29	SEBESFI (52)	72.59	76	KEN ANDERSON (94)	58.24
30	GRAHAME (67)	72.46	77	VAN VUCHT (46)	58.2
31	HOFFMAN (13)	72.27	78	OBENCHAIN (43)	57.41
32	FAHRER (18)	72.01	79	JAIN (95)	56.52
33	HELENA DAWSON (40)	71.41	80	LUCK (58)	56.48
34	PATTISON (62)	70.92	80=	SULLIVAN (70)	56.48
35	THORP (64)	70.32	82	FOSTER (57)	56.33
36	KROLIKOWSKI (48)	69.38	83	MORGAN-KING (76)	55.83
37	TRAVIS (20)	68.97	84	THOMAS (50)	55.58
38	WALSH (27)	68.91	85	WHITE (83)	54.86
39	FINIKIOTIS (44)	68.47	86	STEWART (96)	54.85
40	LA PEYRE (56)	67.93	87	GUNSON (116)	54.43
41	RIDLEY (60)	67.7	88	MOTTERAM (75)	54.31
42	КНЕМКА (80)	67.36	89	BARON (77)	54.13
43	ROBSON (32)	67.26	90	PANG (119)	53.66
44	ASSAEE (82)	66.79	91	DALZIELL (124)	52.92
45	BRAUN (24)	66.2	92	CHETTLE (78)	52.81
46	BODYCOTE (37)	66	93	SMALL (54)	52.09
47	PESTON (72)	65.83	94	GRANT (103)	51.79

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96	BETTY MILL (92)	50.87	116	AFFLICK (107)	43.49
97	HART (89)	50.57	117	ALISON DAWSON (65)	43.33
98	MITCHELL (86)	50.28	118	ATKINS (99)	43.18
99	BUCHANAN (112)	50.17	119	CARIOLA (109)	41.06
100	BENTLEY (74)	50.03	120	THORNE (93)	41.04
101	BANDY (88)	49.55	121	BEEBY (131)	40.83
102	HUTCHINS (106)	49.32	122	MCGLEW (117)	40.3
103	MORDO (100)	48.92	123	KNAGGS (102)	39.42
104	ANDREW (91)	48.44	124	MCDONALD (84)	38.69
105	BOYCE (120)	47.75	125	DUGGAN (126)	38.65
106	TOUGH (121)	47.16	126	SCALES (122)	38.44
107	DAVIS (128)	46.88	127	VAN DER HOR (97)	37.84
108	RHODES (79)	46.22	128	DI FALLON (125)	35.8
109	THATCHER (108)	45.83	129	GARIEPY (85)	35.55
110	CARROLL (105)	44.99	130	ANDERSON (127)	35.29
111	NEALE (115)	44.36	131	NARITA (53)	33.44
112	BLACK (114)	44.31	132	PERCIVAL (130)	30.56
113	COATS (68)	44.28	133	BUTCHER (118)	20.49
114	WHITMEE (98)	44.23	134	*HOUSE (134)	12.59

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Celebrity Speaker Sartaj Hans	9.00 – 9.40 am	Eureka Room	Everyone welcome	Gold coin donation – proceeds to Neurological Research at the
(How to Play against the Top Teams)	Wednesday 21 January	Ground Floor		Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane
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