

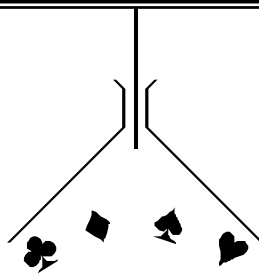


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Saturday, January 27

Session Times		
Saturday		
10am	2pm	8pm
Sunday		
10am	2pm	

NOT Qualifiers			
Rydgcs		The Hellenic Club	
1	B Haughie, D Lilley, N Rosendorff, A Braithwaite, R Klinger, J Ebery	1	Z Nagy, B Richman, I Del'Monte, V Demuy, T Nunn, S Hans
2	N Ewart, B Howe, A Clark, C Feitelson, P Rogers, E Havas	2	B Brogeland, E Erichsen, P Gill, L Stern, R Grynberg, D Stern
3	B Noble, P Marston, G Bilski, P Gue, M Prescott, T Brown	3	G Ware, N Griffiths, P Fordham, M Porter, D Geromboux, E Barnes
4	V Vainikonis, R Jedrychowski, J Pszczola, W Malaczynski, W Olanski, A Kowalski	4	P Markey, A Mill, A Peake, G Smolanko
5	M Watts, P Gosney, E Adams, D Beauchamp	5	G Jesner, R Nixon, R Hills, H Ali, P Kahler, S Mendick
6	V Gardiner, B Callaghan, A Bach, V Cornell, M Cornell	6	G Ridgway, A Robbins, A Newlands, D Newlands, T Jackman, J Brockwell
7	P Wyer, M Courtney, S Andrew, S Burgess, G Lorentz, J Lester	7	N Giura, N Hughes, D Morgan, M Abraham, T Antoff, A Simpson
8	M Genc, M Perley, C Ackerley, W Burrows	8	J Howard, A Hung, N Edgtton, A Edgtton



*The Summer Festival
Of Bridge*

Tim Bourke's Problem

11. TRIUMPH

Dealer South. EW Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 7 5 4

♥ A 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ 10 8 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 8 3

♥ K 9 6

♦ A K 8

♣ A K

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

1. Cue bid for spades

West leads the jack of diamonds against your sound small slam in spades. How do you plan to make twelve tricks?



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The Cuddly Hashmat Ali

Richard Hills

Hashmat Ali is one of the most pleasant experts around (which is why I love partnering him). And he is also cuddly to his opponents, loving to give them a little squeeze when they meet.

	♠A976	
	♥J	
	♦Q7652	
	♣765	
♠QT43		♠K52
♥A65		♥94
♦A43		♦K98
♣A98		♣KQJT2
	♠J8	
	♥KQT8732	
	♦JT	
	♣43	

Dealer S, Vul Nil

Bal Krishan sat West with Hashmat East.

South opened 1H and Bal optimistically doubled for takeout. (in the Open Swiss Pairs, which played the same boards, I pessimistically passed and scored a mere +100 against 3H. This proves, yet again, World Champion Bobby Wolff's cathphrase : "Pass is too dangerous.")

Hashmat, equally optimistic, jumped to 5C. Now he had to make it. The King of hearts opening lead was won by the Ace and trumps were drawn in three rounds, ending in dummy. A low spade was led to the King, then a low spade back to the Jack, Queen and Ace. North exited with a diamond to the ten and Ace.

Hashmat now prepared his cuddly little squeeze by giving South a heart trick. South continued this suit (the Jack of diamonds is no better) which Hashmat ruffed. And now, Hashmat cuddled with a bear hug by leading the thirteenth trump in this endgame :

	♠97	
	♥	
	♦Q7	
	♣	
♠T4		♠5
♥		♥
♦43		♦K9
♣		♣T
	♠	
	♥Q87	
	♦J	
	♣	

Dummy could throw a low diamond but North could not afford to throw anything. +400 in 5C was a key result for the Ali-Krishan partnership, helping them to earn the silver medal in inaugural Senior's Swiss Pairs.

More From Youth Week

Griff Ware

The first board out of the slots in Stage II of the Youth trials was spectacular, both in terms of an unlikely layout and an unlikely score comparison between the two tables. Peter Hollands and Justin Howard were North, dealer at Nil Vul and held:

♠	QT9852
♥	K
♦	J9
♣	KJ97

What would be your choice of opening call? In a big field, I would expect pass, 1S, 2S and 3S all to feature to a significant extent. Any of these actions could prove fruitful. Hollands chose pass and ended up with a score of +50. Howard chose 3S and ended up +100, for only a 2 IMP swing. This may all seem quite boring, but before reading on I invite you to predict the two contracts that lead to the scores of +50 and +100 respectively.

Also consider what you would do in 4th chair after the 3S opening, pass, pass holding

♠ –
♥ 9876432
♦ 8
♣ AT542

Without any raise to 4S on your right, it appears that partner has a penalty pass of 3S, so double has something going for it, planning to take however big a penalty is coming to you (and hoping partner's hand is good enough). However, I suspect that many votes would go to a bid of 4H, which is what Daniel Krochmalik chose. He might have been a bit concerned when Paul Gosney's next bid was a 'bash' raise to 6H. Meanwhile, at the other table, Adam Edgton had the 4th seat hand after the start pass, 1S, pass, and, fearing a misfit, chose to go quietly in 1S rather than make the other possible choice of bidding 1NT. This led to the peculiar comparison mentioned earlier when the the final contracts were 1S by E down 1 and 6H by W down 2, the full deal being:

♠ QT9852
♥ K
♦ J9
♣ KJ97

♠ - ♠ AJ764
♥ 9876432 ♥ AQ
♦ 8 ♦ AQ54
♣ AT542 ♣ 63

♠ K3
♥ JT5
♦ KT7632
♣ Q8

Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

It would be easy for you to be careless on this layout:

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

Suppose you win the opening lead with the ace of diamonds and play a trump to the king the upshot is that you can no longer make your contract. There is no way to avoid a diamond loser and the third round of hearts will be overruffed by East.

While you may rate this as incredibly unlucky, when a contract appears to be certain, you turn your attention to a distribution that might defeat you. As a 2-2 or 3-1 trump will see you draw trumps and ruff a heart safely in dummy, a 4-0 break is the only potential problem.

So, at trick two you should begin playing trumps by cashing the ace first. When West discards, you will cross to the ace of hearts to lead a second round of trumps from the table. When East plays low, you will finesse the eight and if he inserts the nine or ten of trumps you win the trick with queen. Next,

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you will cash the king of hearts and ruff your losing heart with dummy's king of trumps. Now you can pick up East's remaining trumps, finessing the eight if necessary. So, despite some bad breaks in the majors, you will score twelve tricks.

The Boss Suit

Conventional wisdom has that control of spades often gives you control of the auction. Some quite different outcomes occurred with big spade hands in rounds 13 and 14

Exhibit A

♠Q3		
♥Q984		
♦982		
♣QJ75		
♠76	♠J2	
♥AKJ52	♥T6	
♦AJ4	♦QT753	
♣A42	♣KT63	
	♠AKT9854	
	♥73	
	♦K6	
	♣98	

Dealer E, Vul NS

NZ Women's international, Vivien Cornell found an out-of-turn pass as North. After this had been rejected and East had passed, Brian Callaghan decided, that with a forced to pass partner, there was no point in his entering the auction, so he passed.

West opened 1H and West responded 1NT. Brian now tried 2S which saw East bid a contemptuous 2NT.

This became the final contract and Vivien led the Queen of spades and 6 rounds later Brian ran out of the suit.

Exhibit B

Brian's teammate and Vivien's husband Mike had a rather more unfortunate experience against a big spade suit although Michael admitted that it was his lack of testicular fortitude which really caused the problem.

		♠AK765432	
		♥754	
		♦9	
		♣Q	
♠QT8			♠
♥QT86			♥3
♦K6			♦AQT843
♣AJT2			♣976543
	♠J9		
	♥AKJ92		
	♦J752		
	♣K8		

Dealer S, Vul EW

South opened 1H and North was quickly in 4S. Mike didn't like his club texture, nor the vulnerability, and passed. -420 against the making 5C.

Paul Wyer and Michael Courtney did better

Runners Up in the Women's section of the Seniors Teams
Helen Snashall, Sheila Bird, Karen Creet with, in front,
Julia Hoffman, Sally Murray White and Jenny Thompson



in the auction and on the lead, though the play could have been more successful.

Michael and Paul reached 6C. The Ace of spades was led and ruffed. Declarer can now advance the Queen of spades, covered, perforce, by North, ruffed in dummy and squashing South's Jack. A trump to the Ace enables the 10 of spades to be advanced which allows the losing heart to go from dummy. South can take his King of trumps whenever he likes but the defence will take no other trick.

Sadly, declarer didn't have a hand record and chased some other chimaera for one off.

The spade suit was less robust (though still very acceptable) on

Exhibit C

♠QT9	
♥Q9	
♦AKT976	
♣92	
♠AJ8432	♠5
♥AK754	♥T863
♦J	♦8543
♣8	♣T643
	♠K76
	♥J2
	♦Q2
	♣AKQJ75

Dealer E, Vul Nil

	♠QT9	
	♥Q9	
	♦AKT976	
	♣92	
♠AJ8432		♠5
♥AK754		♥T863
♦J		♦8543
♣8		♣T643
	♠K76	
	♥J2	
	♦Q2	
	♣AKQJ75	

Dealer E, Vul Nil

Mike Prescott opened 1C (Precision style) as South and Ron Klinger bid 2H which showed both majors. Paul Marston put in 2D and Jamie Ebury described his hand very accurately with a second pass. Mike tried again with 3C and Ron also tried again with 3S. Paul doubled and Jamie (with some sense of fore-boding) corrected to 4H. This ran back to Paul who doubled.

Ron was not extended to find 11 tricks, much to Jamie's delight (and surprise).

In the other room, Andy Braithwaite opened a natural club as South and Phil Gue bid 2C to show both majors, weak or strong. Nigel Rosendorff bid 2D and George Bilski offered 2H. Andy doubled this, hoping his partner knew what the double was (which would make 50% of the partnership who did.)

Phil tried again with 3S and Nigel found an imaginative 3NT bid. When this ran back to

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Phil, West, he saved Andy and Nigel from themselves with a 4H bid. When this came to Andy in the pass-out seat, he opted for 5C. One off, undoubled, garnered 11imps for the Braithwaite, Rosendorff, Ebury, Klinger combine.

There were a hundred honours in spades on this one though the suit had only a peripheral role to play.

	♠52	
	♥K854	
	♦87	
	♣KQ753	
♠63		♠AQJT4
♥QJ972		♥63
♦63		♦AKT42
♣JT96		♣4
	♠K987	
	♥AT	
	♦QJ95	
	♣A82	

Dealer S, Vul ALL

Jimmy Wallis opened a systemic spade as South and Siggy Konig responded 1NT. Ryszard Jedrichowski doubled which Jacek Pszczola took out to 2H. Ryszard found a 2S bid somewhere which looks awfully like hear support. Whatever it meant, it sent Jacek off to 4H. Not surprisingly, Siggy doubled this and the dust settled on 1100.

There then broke out one of those special Polish post-mortems, You know, the ones which sound like both partners are chewing broken glass. Lightheartedly, Siggy pointed out that only English was allowed at the table; to which Jacek replied that his English was not good enough to express adequately what he thought of the 2S bid!

Yet another big spade fit back-fired on its holders in round 13.

	♠K873	
	♥863	
	♦K9	
	♣KQT7	
♠5		♠A42
♥2		♥AKJ97
♦AJT8732		♦Q
♣8652		♣AJ94
	♠QJT96	
	♥QT54	
	♦654	
	♣3	

Dealer N, Vul Nil

New Zealand's Patrick Carter sat West facing Barry (the Bemused Bunny) Jones. After some lapine bidding adventures, Patrick became declarer in 5Cx.

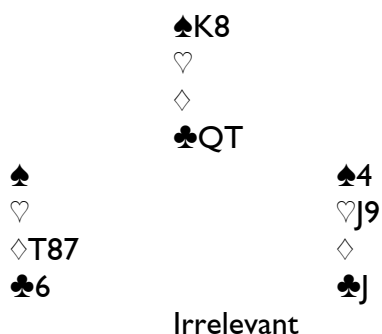
A spade was led to the Ace and Patrick ruffed a spade. He pushed out the 8 of



The Winners of the Women's section of the Senior Teams : Carol Judd, Lyn Pears, Anne Grayden and Lanie Jespersion

Clubs, North didn't cover and Patrick played small. To his surprise, he was still on lead.

Patrick cashed the Ace of diamonds and was delighted when North's King appeared on the second diamond which followed. He ruffed in dummy and cashed the 2 top hearts. He now played the boss diamond and North ruffed high, over-ruffed with dummy's Ace. This left , with Patrick still needing 2 tricks:



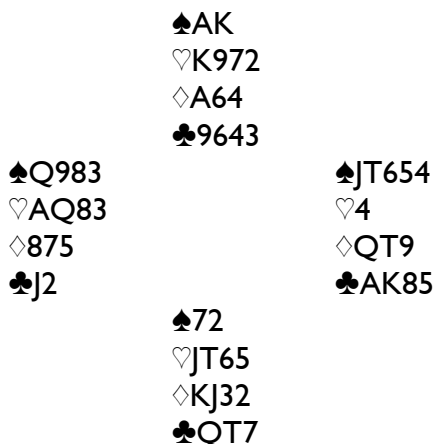
Patrick ruffed a spade back to the closed hand and advanced a diamond to promote his Jack of clubs *en passant*.

Our final boss suit offering, sees East-West get together in spades and then allow themselves to be conned into letting a doubled heart game through.

John Wignall has been around the highest echelons of New Zealand bridge for more years than he likes to count. He was a member of New Zealand's first ever international team in 1964 and has accumulated 7 NZ Pairs titles, 3 NZ Teams titles and 12 Interprovincial (which is what you have when you don't have states) titles.

He maybe slightly less sprightly than in days of yore, but his hand has not lost its cunning.

Witness this effort from John in the last round of Teams qualifying.



Dealer E, Vul ALL

East opened 2S to show spades and a minor and less than an opening hand. John passed and West made a non-forcing 3S call. Bob Scott decided that he and John were getting robbed so he doubled. John bid a resigned 4H and West doubled.

The 3 of spades was led and John assessed his rather meagre assets. They were inadequate. Not having anything particularly constructive to do, John asked himself what suit he didn't want led. Answering himself that it was clubs, he immediately produced the Irish Coup, leading a small club off table. East went in with the King and returned a diamond which John ran to dummy's Ace. He cashed the King of spade and repeated the Guinness Coup to put East in with the Ace of clubs.

East persisted with diamonds and John finessed the Jack. To his surprise, this worked. He ran the 10 of hearts, also successfully, and then led the 5 of trumps. West took the Ace and promptly conceded a ruff/sluff with a spade switch. This left, with John needing all the tricks:

<p>♠ Q9 ♥ Q ♦ 8 ♣</p>	<p>♠ ♥ K ♦ 6 ♣ 96</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ ♦ Q ♣ 85</p>
	<p>♠ ♥ 6 ♦ K3 ♣ Q</p>	

West made the rather egregious switch to a spade. John discarded a diamond from table, while ruffing in his own hand. He cashed the King of diamonds, discarding a club and advanced the diamond 3 which smothered West's trump Queen.

Another 10 card spade fit saw E-W defend on this one

<p>♠ AQT83 ♥ J95 ♦ AJ7 ♣ 85</p>	<p>♠ 974 ♥ A82 ♦ T9 ♣ AQJT3</p>	<p>♠ KJ652 ♥ K7 ♦ K63 ♣ 742</p>
	<p>♠ ♥ QT643 ♦ Q8542 ♣ K96</p>	

Dealer W, Vul NS

After "The Auction From The Crypt" North declared 5Cx. Michael Courtney led a trump which was taken in the closed hand.

Seeing dummy, declarer has to assume firstly that the opposition 4S was a make and therefore that his aim (vul against not) must be to take 10 tricks.

He played back a small heart. If Michael makes a reflex jump with the King of hearts, then declarer can very easily escape for one off.

Say Michael returns a trump, declarer takes it in hand, ruffs a spade in dummy and returns to hand with the Ace of hearts to draw the last trump. Now a heart to dummy's Queen ensures 10 tricks. If Michael doesn't return a trump then declarer can ruff 2 spades.

At the table, Michael played small on the heart and declarer scored the Queen. Although he was now able to drop the King of hearts, Paul Wyr still had the Jack and, twist and turn as he might, -500 was the outcome.

2007 Canberra 2 GNOT Team 'Home Knockout' Selection

In 2007 BFACT is planning to run a new Gold Masterpoint 'home knockout' event. This event will be used to select the 2nd Canberra Team sent to the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) finals in Banora Point (provisionally scheduled to be held from 30 November to 3 December 2007).

Despite its part in this important national competition, the Canberra 2 home knockout is intended to offer an opportunity to play competitive tournament bridge in a more social atmosphere than usual. The matches will primarily be held in participants' homes. CBC will be available as a default venue.

The event will start in February and teams will be required to play matches about once a month, until they are knocked out.

Teams of 4, 5 or 6 are invited to register their interest in this event by sending their captain, members and a contact email or phone number ASAP to Griff Ware at thegruffle@mac.com or phoning him on 62485982.

Email is strongly preferred as a means of communication with team captains.

**SWPT Hellenic Club
Round 14 - 2007**

Place	Name	Score
1	Oz One	287
2	Brogeland	275
3	Ware	256
4	Markey	249
5	Jesner	245
6	Ridgway	244
7	Giura	243
8	Howard	242
9	Bourke	241
10	Morrison	238
11	Harms	236
12	Tuxworth	235
13	Wawn	232
14	Walsh	231
14	Wilks	231
16	Francis	231
17	Monahan	229
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- 2007**

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DATUMS

SWPT Rydges
Session 13

Board	Score
1	-70
2	-130
3	-520
4	100
5	-350
6	-1470
7	530
8	410
9	-260
10	560
11	-400
12	-370
13	-240
14	-850
15	320
16	-190
17	-190
18	-130
19	60
20	660

SWPT Hellenic
Club Session 13

Board	Score
1	-110
2	-40
3	-510
4	130
5	-450
6	-1330
7	530
8	400
9	-180
10	260
11	-400
12	-400
13	-100
14	-850
15	470
16	-170
17	-140
18	-170
19	90
20	620

SWPT Rydges
Session 14

Board	Score
1	-130
2	70
3	420
4	-110
5	370
6	220
7	380
8	290
9	-90
10	-30
11	40
12	-100
13	610
14	-440
15	550
16	-70
17	880
18	280
19	220
20	-1080

SWPT Hellenic
Club Session 14

Board	Score
1	10
2	240
3	450
4	-290
5	10
6	190
7	230
8	260
9	-130
10	80
11	-40
12	-70
13	520
14	-320
15	520
16	-20
17	700
18	250
19	320
20	-1090

National Open Teams Round Of 16

Haughie	Beat	Ware
Ewart	Lost to	Markey
Nagy	Beat	Noble
Brogeland	Lost to	Vainikonis
Watts	Lost to	Howard
Gardiner	Appeals pending	Giura
Jesner	Lost to	Genc
Ridgway	Lost to	Wyer

Losers in bold type will play off with winners in plain type for a place in the quarter finals

