

Surrounding Seres

Roman Morawiecki, ex Double Bay now a Gold Coast resident, found this thoughtful opening lead against Tim:

Pairs Final 1, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ 83
 ♥ Q7532
 ♦ 85
 ♣ A975

♠ J1097 ♠ Q52
 ♥ KJ96 ♥ A84
 ♦ Q3 ♦ J42
 ♣ J82 ♣ K1064

♠ AK64
 ♥ 10
 ♦ AK10976
 ♣ Q3

Tim played 2NT/S after North had bid hearts. Picking declarer for a stiff heart, Roman found the spectacular lead of the ♥J! In fact there are always 8 tricks but it was pleasing to pin the ♥10.

Pairs Final 2, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ QJ85
 ♥ J1086
 ♦ J
 ♣ Q985

♠ 6 ♠ 109432
 ♥ K93 ♥ A52
 ♦ AK9852 ♦ 1073
 ♣ 764 ♣ J10

♠ AK7
 ♥ Q74
 ♦ Q64
 ♣ AK32

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	No	No	1♣
2♦	DbI	No	3NT
End			

West has to lead a top diamond then sit back for +100, or find the brave heart switch for +400. A low diamond lead is more attractive at IMPs.

Don't think anyone in the final bid



and made grand slam here:

Pairs Final 1, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ KJ1093
 ♥ 973
 ♦ A54
 ♣ 82

♠ A82 ♠ Q6
 ♥ KJ6 ♥ AQ1042
 ♦ KJ1082 ♦ —
 ♣ KJ ♣ AQ10963

♠ 754
 ♥ 85
 ♦ Q9763
 ♣ 754

There are only 12 tricks in 6♥ unless someone leads a diamond (or North leads a spade, or flies on a low diamond off dummy) but 7♣ makes when the ♦A comes down. Any claimants?

Would you have fallen for this:

Pairs Q2, Bd 23

S/Both ♠ 43 ♠ 98762
 ♥ J86 ♥ Q1094
 ♦ A8532 ♦ 94
 ♣ A74 ♣ Q3

♠ 5 ♠ AKQJ10
 ♥ K72 ♥ A53
 ♦ KQJ7 ♦ 106
 ♣ KJ962 ♣ 1085

Richard J played 2♠/S with 8 top tricks. He ducked the ♦K lead and the club switch. He won the second club, drew all East's trumps, then crossed to the ♦A to lead a heart up. Then a strange thing happened – East played the ♥Q! Declarer had correctly picked East for 5-4-2-2, in which case she was down to ♥K-Q-x-x. So Richard ducked and ducked again when she exited with



Recently engaged MaryAnne Brifman & Ryszard Jedrychowski

the ♥9. West won his now bare ♥K and cashed two minor winners for one off!

Remembering Mary

How did Mary make this one?

W/NS ♠ A32
 ♥ K742
 ♦ KJ7
 ♣ KQ10

♠ 7
 ♥ A983
 ♦ A854
 ♣ A843

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♠	DbI	4♠	6♥!
End			

West leads the ♠K. Answer on page 3.

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Name that tune

As someone who likes to sleep in, I sometimes wish someone would clock that carillon. With no great musical knowledge, I'm also finding it hard to pick some of the tunes, particularly when a lot of the chimes are off key.

Care to fill in the gaps:

8am Beethoven? sonata?
9am Waltzing Matilda
10am Greensleeves
11am When the Saints ...
noon ?
1pm Advance Australia Fair
2pm ? (playing bridge)
3pm ? (" ")
4pm ? (" ")
5pm ? (" ")
6pm Advance Australia Fair
7pm Edelweiss

I always forget the words to the national anthem. How does it go? "When gallant Cook from Albion sailed"

On a related matter, what was the cause of the big explosion somewhere South of the ANA, around midnight on Sunday?

System cards

Especially for the teams, each pair should have two identical ABF system cards.

I reckon there should be a prize for the neatest cards - nominations please.

How did Mary make 6♠?

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

In 6♠/S on the ♠K lead, Mary won dummy's ♠A and ruffed a spade to set up a dummy reversal. Then came ♥A-K and another spade ruff. When she crossed to the ♣K and exited with a trump, East was endplayed. If West had turned up with the long trump, East would be squeezed in the minors.

This hand is from her win in the 1972 Evian Pairs in France, with Tim Seres as her partner.

Mary won the Gold Coast Pairs six times, mostly with Tim, once with Ruth Eaton.

Peter Hill Gallery

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Brain teasers

1. The manufacturer doesn't want to use it, the buyer doesn't need to use it, and the user doesn't know he's using it. What is it?
2. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
3. What is it that when you take away the whole, you still have some left over?
4. FOUR is HALF of FIVE.
Is this statement True or False?

Answers

1. A Coffin
2. Charcoal
3. The word Wholesome
4. It's True. The Roman Numeral FOUR (IV) is in the middle of the word Five: F(IV)E



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A long time between drinks

Bill Winter of Sydney was born in Vienna where he knew Renate Wilson. She was in Australia in 1987 and keen to come back, so Bill rang her up and asked to come on over for a game. They're playing in the Seniors.

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It's Your Lead

by Ron Klinger

This problem arose in Pairs Qualifying 2. S/NS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣ ¹⁵⁺
1♠	No	No	3NT
No	No	4♥	No
No	4NT	End	

What would you lead as West from:

♠AQJ64 ♥A9 ♦65 ♣8765

On this unusual hand each side can make 10 tricks in notrumps provided that they have the first lead: (Directions changed for convenience)

S/NS ♠ 10 7 5 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ K 3
♣ 10 4 3

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

If North-South declare, a diamond to the king and the club finesse gives South ten tricks. East-West have seven hearts and three spades via the spade finesse plus the ♠K dropping. After the auction given West had the lead. Starting with the ♥A would have taken 4NT seven down (at one table at least, North played 3NT and the easy heart from East lead saw East-West chalk up +600).

Here the ♥A lead is not so easy. Judging that declarer had ♠K-x and probably the same in hearts, West opted for a non-committal club lead, hoping this might force South into a suicide squeeze. Alas, it was more like partnericide and South promptly claimed 10 tricks.

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