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Tuesday January 22 2008

Session Times Tuesday / Wednesday

10.00 1.30 5.00

No evening play on either day

Bus One

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave

The full route is

- Gateway Motel, Northbourne Ave
- The Pavillion
- Capital Executive Apartments
- Saville Apartments
- James Court

- **Rydges Lakeside**

(about 15 minutes to here from start)

Then

- The Statesman Motel, Curtin
- The Hellenic Club

Bus Two

Leaves 1 hour before play each session each day

From Rydges Lakeside

The full route is

- Rydges Lakeside
- Bentley Apartments, Manuka
- The Pinnacle Apartments, Owens St, Kingston
- Eyre St Apartments (around the corner from Owen St)
- The Hellenic Club

Buses leave both The Hellenic Club & Rydges Lakeside 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time for the session and return participants to their accommodation.



Tim Bourke's Problem

7. DIAMOND TRICKS

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ 9 7 6 3
 ♣ Q J 2

♠ A K Q J 8 7
 ♥ A
 ♦ A K J 5
 ♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All pass			

As the two notrump response promised eight to ten points, you were always going to end up in a slam. It was only because of North's failure to cue bid over three spades that you settled at the six level.

How do you plan to make twelve tricks once West leads the jack of hearts and your bare ace of hearts wins the trick?

Ron Klinger's Problem

Opening Lead Problem 2

Teams, dealer South : N-S vulnerable

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
4♥	5♠	Dble	6♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

⁽¹⁾ Artificial, 15+ HCP

What should West lead from:

♠ 10
 ♥ A K 9 8 5 3 2
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ 9 7

Terry Brown's Challenge

Yesterday, I offered you this challenge from Terry. Initially, he had been puzzled by DeepFinesse's assertion that the defence should prevail against 4♠ on the hand below. After a while, Terry found the necessary defence though any partnership which found it at the table would surely be in line for a brilliancy prize.

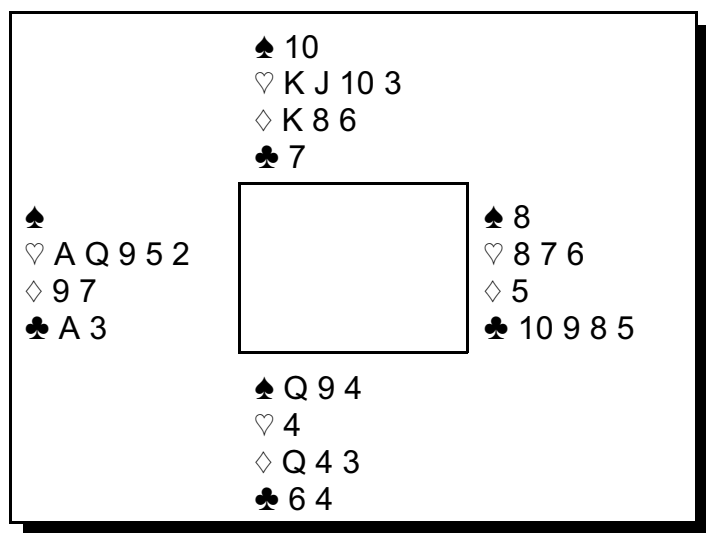
Dealer : W	♠ J 10 7 ♥ K J 10 3 ♦ K 8 6 2 ♣ K 7
Vul: All	
♠ 6 2 ♥ A Q 9 5 2 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ A Q 3	
	♠ A 8 5 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ J 5 ♣ J 10 9 8 5
	♠ K Q 9 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A Q 4 3 ♣ 6 4 2

On the lie of the cards, the defence has three quick tricks through its Aces. Declarer, meanwhile, has four tricks in each of spades and diamonds by weight of cards. In addition, declarer can establish the Kings of clubs and hearts with a lead towards each. Also, there is the possibility of a club ruff in dummy. The defence must establish its fourth trick before declarer establishes his two outside the pointed suits. Listening to Terry, there appear to be three critical points in the hand. The first comes immediately when declarer takes the lead of the ♦10.

If declarer goes after his side suit tricks at this point, then it is a simple matter for West to give East a diamond ruff for the setting trick. Declarer must, therefore, lead a trump. East ducks the first but takes the second trump, thus reducing dummy to a single trump.

This brings us to the second crucial point. East must return the Jack of clubs and West must play the Queen. The effect of these plays is to enable either East or West to take the next round of clubs.

Declarer is now on table in this position



♠ 6 4 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ Q J 2

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

and the third key position has been reached. Obviously, declarer has four options.

1. He draws the last trump. When declarer tries to set up the ♥K by leading towards dummy, West steps in with the Ace and cashes two clubs
2. He plays a heart from dummy - West takes this, crosses to East with a club and East removes the last trump. Declarer cannot now score either a ruff or a heart trick.
3. He comes to hand with a diamond in order to lead towards the King of hearts. West takes the heart and gives East a diamond ruff.
4. He plays the ♣7. East takes this and draws the last trump and the position is as number 1.

A fascinating defence. Many thanks to Terry who took me through the defence very patiently, until even I could understand it.

Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

After drawing trumps in three rounds, the trick is to get to dummy to discard any losers on the king and queen of hearts. If diamonds were 3-2 then playing the ace, king and jack of diamonds would ensure you could reach dummy with the nine of diamonds. However, suppose the full deal is:

The straightforward play in diamonds will see West take two tricks. As it turns out, when diamonds are 4-1, the best play is to cash the ace of diamonds and then make a surprising play – to lead the jack of diamonds next. On the above layout, whenever West takes with the queen of diamonds he is be endplayed. A diamond will give you an entry to dummy and so will a club or heart shift. No matter what West does, you will take twelve tricks. Of course, West may try to avoid the endplay by withholding his queen of diamonds. However, this will be to no avail for king and another diamond will leave him on play with only hearts and clubs left, either of which will give you your twelfth trick.

If both defenders had followed to the second round of diamonds you could then reach dummy with the nine of diamonds on the fourth round.

You might ask yourself "What would happened if East turned up with four diamonds headed by the queen and ten?" Obviously, East would take the queen of diamonds and return a club and you would only succeed if East began with the king of clubs.

If diamonds turned out to 5-0, and trumps were 2-2 you would lead the jack of diamonds next if it was West who had the diamond length. In all other cases of a 5-0 break, you would continue with ace and another club, playing with the odds that the hand with the void has the king of clubs. When that is the case, that defender must give you and entry to dummy with either a heart or a club.

Ron Klinger's Problem - Solution

Given the 1♣ opening and North's jump to 5♠, the opponents do not seem to be too concerned about your intervention. As South has some values in spades, they have bid slam with around 26 points or so. Clearly then they must have good shape to compensate for the lack of high card values. When opponents bid to a slam despite your pre-empt, they expect to make their slam. This is particularly so when they are vulnerable. It should come as no surprise if one of the opponents is void in hearts.

Your best move is to lead the ♦A. This is hardly likely to cost a trick and can allow you to see dummy and decide what to do next.

Awards: ♦A: 100; ♦4/3: 80; ♠10: 60; ♣9: 30; ♥A: 20

Tip: When the opponents bid to a slam after you have shown strength in a suit, do not expect them to have losers in your suit. Try some other suit.

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

East would have been wiser to pass 5♠, but South might have bid 6♦ anyway. When the hand does not belong to you, do not double them in the wrong spot unless you can also double any other spot to which they might run. From East's point of view, North-South might have been cold for 7♦ or 7♣, so why discourage them from playing in 5♠?

In an international teams match West led a top heart and became instantly sadder and hopefully wiser. Declarer had no trouble making.

The ♦A lead works in a somewhat lucky fashion with the blockage in the black suits but the

principle is sound. If you have a heart trick coming, it will still be there at trick 2. After ♦A and another diamond, the slam is two down. As it happens, a low diamond lead also works.

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The Accidental Promotion

New Zealand international player, Stephen Henry, was amused by this one from the Swiss on which he admits to not knowing, at the time, quite why he did what he did, he still managed to produce a trump promotion to defeat the contract.

Dealer : S	♠ A 6	
	♥ 10 4 2	
	♦ A 9	
Vul: EW	♣ K Q 10 7 5 4	
♠ J		♠ K Q 10 8 5
♥ Q 9 7 6		♥ K 8 5 3
♦ K J 8 7 4 2		♦ Q 6 3
♣ A J		♣ 2
	♠ 9 7 4 3 2	
	♥ A J	
	♦ 10 5	
	♣ 9 8 6 3	

Stephen's wife, Annette, opened 2♠ to show spades and a minor, weak. West doubled, which drew 3♥ from East. West bid the heart game and Annette led a low spade.

Stephen took the Ace and considered his options. None particularly appealed so he finally returned a spade, taken by declarer. A heart was produced and Annette took the Ace. She now produced the third round of spades and declarer could not avoid a second trump loser.

Curiosities

In the first round Klinger versus Goldstein match at Rydges, imps were exchanged on all 20 boards including 3 consecutive boards played at Ron's table in one of a suit!



Runners-up in the National Seniors' Teams were:

Barry Noble, Apolina Kowalski, Terry Brown, Merik Milaszewski, George Bilski and Avi Kanetkar

Managing A Moysian

Adam Sarten was most impressed by the way his opponent Vicki Foots handled a 4-3 trump fit in the first round of the SWPT.

Vicki's trumps are very solid, there aren't a lot of them. Nonetheless, it must have been tempting to try them out. Vicki resisted the temptation, choosing instead to play three rounds of clubs. Adam found himself facing a most unpalatable set of options. If he ruffed then Vicki could draw trumps and make ten tricks easily. He chose instead to discard and Vicki could now play on cross-ruff lines for 10 tricks.

Adam enjoyed the next hand from round 2 rather more.

Dealer : N	♠ 10 3		
	♥ 9 8 6 5 4		
	♦ A K Q 8		
Vul: Nil	♣ 5 2		
♠ A Q 9 7 2		♠ 8	
♥ J 3 2		♥ A K Q 10	
♦ 9 7		♦ 10 4 3	
♣ 10 7 3		♣ A K Q 9 6	
	♠ K J 6 5 4		
	♥ 7		
	♦ J 6 5 2		
	♣ J 8 4		

SWPT 1/1

Vicki was playing 4♥ and received the lead of a diamond taken by Adam, North with the Queen. Adam cashed a second diamond honour and played a third diamond ruffed on table. Although

Australian Bridge Directors' Association

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in the **Executive Room at Rydges** on

Tuesday, 22nd of January at 8pm

Dealer : E

Vul: NS

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

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

SWPT 2/2

Adam was playing 4♥ after East had shown a weak 2 in spades. The ♣7 was led and West cashed a second club. A third club was played on which Adam discarded a spade. He noted with interest the fact that East ruffed with the 9 of trumps East continued the King of spades, scooping dummy's Queen and taken by the Ace in the closed hand.

That ♥9 now had due effect as Adam dropped the King by playing the Ace. He now ruffed a spade in dummy and drew trumps. A club was ruffed by declarer and the last trump drawn to bring about:

	♠ 9	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 4 2	
	♣	

♠		♠ J
♥		♥
♦ J 10 8		♦ Q 9 7
♣ J		♣

♠		
♥		
♦ A K 6 5		
♣		

The last heart provided a memory squeeze against East. Did Adam have the Jack of diamonds or had the ♠9 been pitched at some stage. Happily for Adam, East decided to protect the ♦Q.

During this match, I kibitzed Terry Brown and George Bilski of the Noble Team against English visitors John Hassett and Dave

Debbage. There were a number of interesting hands with the spotlight mainly falling on George.

The first to catch the eye was:

Dealer : E

Vul: All

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

♠ A 10		
♥ J 7 5 3		
♦ J 9 7 2		
♣ A J 10		

SWPT 2/10

John and Dave competed briefly before George took the wheel in 3NT. The ♦3 was led to the Ace and George played a spade to his Jack and John's Ace. The ♠10 was continued which George took on table, discarding the 9 of hearts from the closed hand. He led the ♣Q off table and John took the Ace to return a diamond. On dummy, George cashed his high club and then conceded a club to John's Jack. Another diamond went to dummy and brought about this position:

	♠ 9 7 5	
	♥ A 4	
	♦	
	♣	

♠ K 8		♠
♥ 6 2		♥ K Q 10
♦ 4		♦
♣		♣ 8 6

Irrelevant

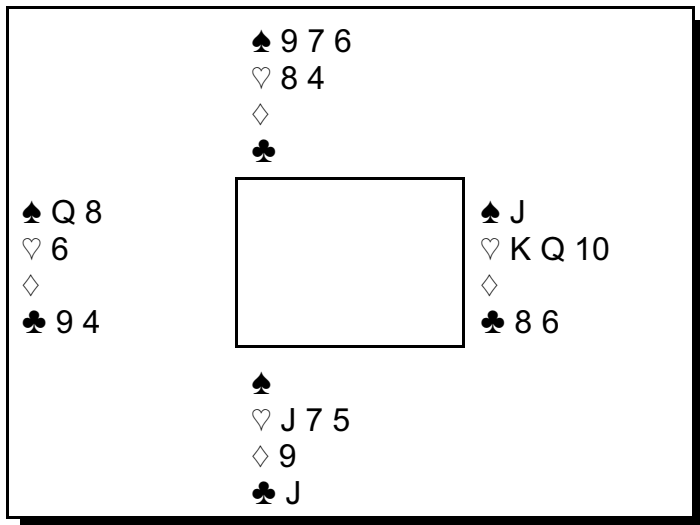
George led the ♥2 and North signalled his resignation by taking the Ace. Should he duck, then George will cash the clubs and exit with the King of hearts, using North as a stepping stone back to the King of spades.

At the other table in this match, Joan Butts was also in 3NT. The play went differently but was just as satisfying for declarer.



*Runners up in the Women's Teams were
Julette Alexander, Candice Berman, Leonie Fuller, Alida Clark, Elizabeth Havas & Eva Kaplan*

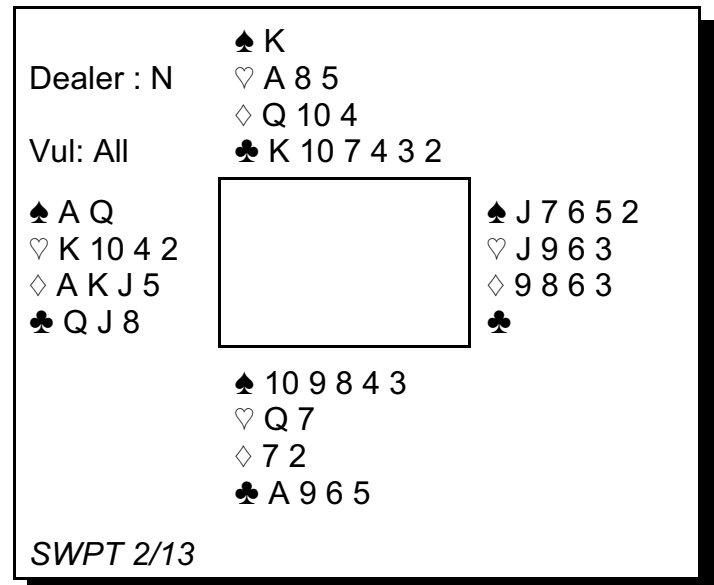
Joan was declaring against Barry Noble and Mike Prescott. A different sequence of plays saw this end position eventuate.



Joan cashed the Queen of spades and Mike, South, was in trouble. He threw the winning diamond but Joan just threw him in with a club to force the lead away from his Jack of hearts.

On the next exhibit, the focus is on Terry.

Dave opened 1♣ and Terry passed. George doubled John's 1♠ but, over Dave's club repeat, Terry passed again. John pushed with 3♣ and when this reached Terry, he backed in with 3♥. George raised to game.



The 1♠ response bit back when John opted to lead the 10 of that suit. 10 from K 10 x x (x) looked unlikely so Terry flew the Ace and was rewarded by the sight of Dave's King. He ruffed three clubs in hand, crossing to table each time with a high diamond. He then led the ♥9 and everybody ducked!

The ♦8 was ruffed by John with the Queen and he played the Ace of trumps, ruffed on table while a diamond was discarded from the closed hand. He was able to ruff dummy's last diamond and come to 10 hard earned tricks.

It does seem a little strange that declarer should only play one round of trumps and score that with the 9 while the defensive trumps were still

in tact.

Back to George for the next one:

Dealer : S	♠ A		
	♥ K J 9 7 3		
	♦ A K 6 4		
Vul: NS	♣ J 10 9		
♠ J 8 7 6 4 2			♠ K 3
♥ 5 2			♥ A 4
♦ J 2			♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ A K 4			♣ Q 8 7 3 2
	♠ Q 10 9 5		
	♥ Q 10 8 6		
	♦ 9 7 5		
	♣ 6 5		

SWPT 2/15

The auction was lively.

West	North	East	South
2♦ (multi)	x	2♥	P
2♠	x	xx	P
x	P	3♠	2NT end

George's redouble was to play!

The ♦A was led and the Jack of clubs continued to George's Ace. He exited a diamond to Dave's King. The King of hearts saw the Ace take the trick and the ♦10 enabled George to discard his small heart. He now ruffed a heart in hand and led a small spade. Dave took his Ace and tried the ♣10, taken by dummy's Queen.

The Queen of diamonds came next and, when John ruffed, George discarded the King of clubs and could not be prevented from taking 9 tricks.

Board 16 was a push in 3NT although the ways of getting 9 tricks differed.

	♠ Q 7		
	♥ 9 4 2		
Dealer : W	♦ J 9 3 2		
	♣ J 10 6 5		
Vul: EW			
♠ K 8 3			♠ A 6 5 4
♥ A 8			♥ K 10 7 5 3
♦ Q 6			♦ K 7
♣ A K Q 9 8 3			♣ 7 4
	♠ J 10 9 2		
	♥ Q J 6		
	♦ A 10 8 5 4		
	♣ 2		

This time Terry had an easy ride. John led a spade against the 9 trick game and, when the club break came to light, Terry could concede one with equanimity, his diamond stop being in tact.

Joan had more of a problem. Barry Noble led a diamond and Mike Prescott inserted the 10. The second round of clubs exposed the position but Joan simply continued the suit. Mike had to find a discard from:

♠ J 10 9 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ A 8 5 4 ♣

A diamond discard would mean that there would only be three winners in that suit when Joan gave up the club. A heart looked like it would cost 3 tricks so Mike prayed for Barry to hold ♠Qxx and discarded that suit.

His prayers were not answered.

Apologies

Firstly to Neville Moses for not naming him as the producer of the bridge cryptic puzzle. Unfortunately when the puzzle was given to me, it was not attributed to anybody.

Also to those who would like email access to submit Bulletin material. I only have access to the net at uncertain times (usually when the Bulletin is complete.)

Alan Taylor

Text Book Play

It's a simple enough play but I suspect it works more often in the books than at the table. Andrew Richman tried his luck with it in round 4 and it did work.

The opponents had studied the system card assiduously and had checked carefully on carding methods. Then this one hit:

Dealer : N	♠ Q 6		
	♥ 10 7 4		
	♦ K Q J 3		
Vul: Nil	♣ K 8 4 3		
♠ A K 10 8 7 4			♠ J 9 5
♥ A 6			♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 8 4			♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ 7 6 5			♣ J 9
	♠ 3 2		
	♥ K Q J 3		
	♦ A 10 6		
	♣ A Q 10 2		

SWPT 4/15

Andrew and his wife, Sandra, were defending 4♥. Sandra led the Ace of spades which asked for (reverse) attitude and declarer knew it. Andrew played the 5. Sandra cashed the King on which Andrew dropped the 9.

Sandra continued a third round and declarer, convinced by the carding that Andrew had a doubleton, ruffed with the 10. A few moments later the 9♥ turned into an awfully good card.



Rebecca Thornberry and Josh Wilkinson, Runners-up in the AMP Novice Pairs

SWPT Rydges after 3 Rounds

Place	Name	Score
1	Markey	75
2	Green	69
3	McLeish	66
4	Scudder	65
5	Smee	64
6	Ewart	63
7	Sarten	62
8	Beauchamp	62
9	Parfait	61
10	Genc	61
11	Jacobs	61
12	Rosendorff	61
13	Butts	61
14	Gal	61
15	Noble	59
16	Leibowitz	58
17	Feeney	57
18	Brookes	57
19	Canning	55
20	De Jong	55
21	Campbell	54
22	Pettitt	53
23	Steer	53
24	Foster	53
25	Turner	53
26	Louton	53
27	Kelso	53
28	Sheather	52
29	Varadi	51
30	McCulloch	51
31	Banks	51
32	Henry	50
33	Jacobs	50
34	Andrews	50
35	Harde	49
36	Snashall	49
37	Shaw	49
38	Ridgway	49
39	Small	48
40	Garbutt	48
41	Maclaurin	48
42	Andrew	47
43	Rabey	47
44	Mottram	47
45	Limaye	47
46	Hart	46
47	Livesey	46
48	O'Connor	46
49	Darley	45
50	Carter	45
51	McDonald	45
52	Punturiero	45

Place	Name	Score
53	Van Abbe	44
54	Hegedus	44
55	Blecher	43
56	Perosin	43
57	Errington	43
58	Shannon	42
59	Vaughan	42
60	Saleeba	42
61	Rhodes	42
62	Carter	42
63	Lau	41
64	Lucas	41
65	Read	41
66	Freeman	40
67	Mabin	40
68	Russ	40
69	Fallet	39
70	Law	39
71	Carola	39
72	Kent	38
73	Barva	37
74	Cornish	37
75	Purbrick	36
76	Horsman	36
77	Henton	36
78	Kovacs	36
79	Jain	34
80	Allgood	34
81	Yeates	34
82	Foots	34
83	Dickson	33
84	Lowry	32
85	Eastaugh	32
86	Gallagher	32
87	Mack	31
88	Pryde	31
89	Combes	29
90	Lewin	29
91	Whitmee	29
92	Goldstein	29
93	Fraser	28
94	Yovich	28
95	Obenchain	27
96	Jones	27
97	Thompson	27
98	Horan	26
99	Carmichael	25
100	Carter	23
101	Lachs	21
102	Schaap	19
103	Dyer	16
104	Cruickshank	11

SWPT Hellenic Club After 3 Rounds

Place	Name	Score
1	Hung	73
2	Ebery	71
3	Walsh	71
4	Finikiotis	67
5	Neill	67
6	Stern	66
7	Bloom	65
8	Cherry	65
9	Rothfield	64
10	Danta	63
11	Morrison	63
12	Kiss	63
13	Marston	61
14	Zuber	58
15	Hills	57
16	Williams	57
17	Callaghan	56
18	Macleod	55
19	Robinson	55
20	Crichton	55
21	Atkinson	55
22	Fallon	54
23	Rogers	53
24	Daynes	53
25	Holford	53
26	Currie	52
27	Hackett	51
28	Dudley	51
29	Gariepy	51
30	Tulpule	51
31	Fitz-Gerald	51
32	Clarke	50
33	Riddell	50
34	Grenside	49
35	Thorp	49
36	Harris	49
37	Cooper	48
38	Fordham	48
39	Quach	47
40	Lynch	47
41	Ellery	47
42	Crockett	47
43	Gangal	47
44	Hill	46
45	Zurawel	46
46	Toohy	45
47	Miller	44
48	Dunn	43
49	Boxall	43

Place	Name	Score
50	Taylor	43
51	Buchanan	43
52	Creet	43
53	Bugeia	42
54	Joss	41
55	Walker	41
56	Wilks	41
57	Weston	41
58	Gumby	41
59	Tobin	40
60	Tant	39
61	Bates	39
62	Beyfus	38
63	Ascione	38
64	Redfern	38
65	Wilkinson	38
66	Powell	37
67	Stewart	37
68	Kelly	37
69	Butcher	37
70	Dressler	36
71	Mason	36
72	Rushforth	36
73	Hunter	35
74	Metcalfe	35
75	Kefford	34
76	Duncan	34
77	Monahan	33
78	Boyce	33
79	Tarlinton	33
80	Wilkinson	33
81	McMahon	32
82	Anlezark	32
83	McKay	31
84	Bailey	30
85	Kwok	30
86	Steele	30
87	Atkins	29
88	Fanos	28
89	Phillips	28
90	Rich	27
91	Roxburgh	27
92	Merrylees	25
93	Whigham	24
94	Logan	24
95	Mare	23
96	Beer	22
97	Lavender	15
98	Campbell	2

2008 SWPT Rydges Datums

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score
1	-100	1	60	1	-340
2	440	2	340	2	-30
3	30	3	-930	3	400
4	160	4	10	4	-220
5	-230	5	1790	5	80
6	-140	6	10	6	-1060
7	-50	7	-200	7	620
8	-40	8	70	8	-280
9	20	9	370	9	170
10	-80	10	-410	10	390
11	360	11	-40	11	370
12	50	12	-370	12	-20
13	-300	13	-190	13	-650
14	320	14	20	14	390
15	470	15	280	15	-400
16	30	16	-420	16	430
17	-100	17	110	17	-60
18	-150	18	70	18	-390
19	-510	19	610	19	-70
20	320	20	70	20	30

2008 SWPT Hellenic Club

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score
1	-100	1	120	1	-350
2	620	2	60	2	60
3	80	3	-710	3	490
4	430	4	-110	4	-120
5	-130	5	2090	5	50
6	-260	6	100	6	-1050
7	-60	7	-140	7	570
8	-60	8	-60	8	-340
9	-10	9	460	9	240
10	-80	10	-240	10	180
11	420	11	-50	11	380
12	0	12	-470	12	-120
13	-660	13	-30	13	-780
14	350	14	-90	14	420
15	460	15	60	15	-440
16	20	16	-380	16	730
17	-140	17	80	17	90
18	-110	18	60	18	-400
19	-360	19	330	19	-110
20	400	20	20	20	70