2022 Summer Festival of Bridge

Ewart and Thomson to fight out Seniors Teams final

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Results

Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester

2022 Summer Festival of Bridge entries are closing

Entries close for the SWPT at midday on Monday 17th January

Play of the day

Senior Teams, Match 3, Day 2

Board 28, West deals, all vulnerable

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

Following my trend of trying to find deals where a defender or declarer triumphed, rather than focus on the (many) errors I see, is the deal above.

Best played hand so far goes to Sydney evergreen Tom Kiss, playing with my old friend Alasdair Beck, an ex-Kiwi, longtime resident of Sydney.

Alasdair and I started our bridge partnership in 1970, when he was still a boarder at Auckland Boys' Grammar School, and I was trying to find my niche in life (!).

In those heady days of bridge ignorance, we were lucky to be founder members of Akarana (Māori name for Auckland) Bridge Club. The club was formed as an arena for young bridge players - the aim was to provide a nurturing club for under 30s that was less formal than the stuffy Auckland Bridge Club. Akarana celebrated it's 50th anniversary in 2020, but the nucleus of the club are now seniors!

Tom and Alasdair

I watched a top player go down in 4♠ on the board above, but *Deep Finesse* confirmed 10 tricks were possible. Six Norths made 4♠, so I went through the wonderful replay facility offered by *RealBridge*, looking at the lines of play of the declarers who succeeded.

All but Tom made the contract through a defensive error of some sort (one East didn't cover ♦Q!, so North blithely let it run). Most Wests allowed the contract to make, however, by switching to a low club early in the play, without being endplayed into having to do so.

Tom, however, noting that the club pips could pose difficulties for the defenders, embarked on a more elegant double dummy line against the experienced partnership of Victorians Bob Gallus and Stephen Weisz.

He partially eliminated the hand by ruffing dummy's third heart and two of dummy's diamonds, ruffing red cards with high trumps in hand, and overtaking a low spade in hand with dummy's ♠7 to ruff a second diamond.

Having a full count of West's shape, he now played a club from hand, inserting ♣8 and end-playing West. In with ♣J, had the choice of leading away from ♣K or giving a ruff and sluff.

Inserting ♣10 from the East hand would not have helped , as the same endplay develops.

Alasdair and Tom have regularly played the popular NZ Congress, in 2018 and 2019 winning the Seniors Teams, and in 2019 the Seniors Pairs.

Board 5
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠A9432
♥A5
♦974
♣K75

♠Q75
♥KQ92
♦32
♣QJ43

♠K86
♥10864
♦KJ105
♣A9

♠J10
♥J73
♦AQ86
♣10862

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	7	5	7	7
S	6	7	5	7	7
E	7	5	8	6	6
W	7	5	8	6	6

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score		IMP	
andrew braithwaite & Arjuna de Livera	attilio deluca & David Lusk	1NT+1 S	♣3	120		+3.67	-3.67
Roger Januszke & Russel Harms	Peter Buchen & Terry Brown	2♠= N	♣A	110		+3.33	-3.33
Neil Ewart & Ian Robinson	Steven Bock & Dennis Zines	Passed out		—	—	-0.33	+0.33
Peter Jeffery & Les Grewcock	Chris Hughes & Kim Morrison	1NT-2 S	♥K		200	-6.67	+6.67

Seniors Teams semifinal

Call me old fashioned . . .

But I fail to see why I should be obliged to open agricultural hands vulnerable against not with sub-minimum honours and suboptimal shape (Board 5, above).

I am in the old-fashioned camp with Neil Ewart, (not all his decisions, however, are so passive) who passed the North hand, with the deal subsequently being passed out.

At the table I watched, Kim Morrison - Chris Hughes defended carefully to take 1NT two down. Kim led ♥K (also an old-fashioned boy, leading from his best suit), and declarer won ♥A, hoping to retain some sort of control over the heart suit.

He played a diamond to the queen and ran ♠J, correctly covered by Morrison with ♠Q. He won the ace, decimating the meagre North hand even more, and continued a spade, ducked by Chris Hughes.

A third spade saw Hughes win and play ♦10, forcing out ♦A. Declarer won and played a forlorn club to the king and ace. At this point the defenders cashed out for +200, 5 IMPs to EWART.

Maybe it's because we have poor defenders that we open the North hand. At the other three tables, each partscore made. In 1NT on a club lead, Arjuna de Livera made quick work of the hand, +120.

♣A against Roger Januszke's 2♠ swung the timing in his favour at the other table.

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The Foundation aims to assist participants of all skill levels to enjoy and promote our fascinating game. This includes encouraging young people to learn the game through to supporting and caring for, and expansion of bridge activities amongst our seniors.

The Foundation's role is to fund projects which are outside the proper domain and stated objectives of the ABF. As an example, the Foundation's trustees are planning to fund an academic research project into the benefits of teaching bridge to young people. This type of research might then be used to assist with the development of bridge programs in schools.

The Foundation's first major fund-raising event is our 'Pro-am Tourney' which will be held online in February. Many of Australia's leading players have donated their time to support this event. If you have always wanted to have a game with a pro this is a great chance to give it a try.

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National Seniors Teams semi finals

Even in your own home, 48 boards in one day can be a challenge. So it seemed in the seniors semi finals, with DE LUCA struggling to find form, with THOMSON running away with the match 161 - 85 IMPs, while in the other match JEFFERY stayed within sight of their opponents, EWART winning 101 - 84 IMPs.

What's on offer for 2022? More upcoming ABF Licensed Events

Despite Covid19's grip, the ABF are planning on serving up all your favourite events, taking you around the country to some of our most exciting cities.

The week after the Autumn Nationals, which finishes on May 2 takes you from Adelaide to Townsville for the Barrier Reef Congress, May 9 - 13

Jet straight back to Perth for the Western Seniors Pairs, May 14 - 15

The VCC is back in its normal time slot, the Queen's Birthday Weekend, from June 9 - 13

Tasmanian Festival of Bridge

Thu 24th- Sun 27th March 2022

Thursday/Friday:

TFoB Restricted Swiss Pairs

Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs - PQPs

Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs

Saturday/Sunday:

TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs – PQPs

Full Brochure & entries at myABF.com.au

Andrew Richman, Convener: It will be great if people can book accommodation early and then cancel if needed as V8 SuperCars have clashed with us.

TBIB Open Swiss Pairs leaders

Mimi Packer - Jonathan Free George Smolanko - George Kozakos Charlie Lu - Watson Zhou

TBIB Under 750 Masterpoint Swiss Pairs leaders

Shayne Palfreyman - Daria Williams Richard Deveridge - Nicholas Chilov Alexander Jones Tim Legge