



# 2023 Summer Festival of Bridge



Tuesday 10 - Sunday 22 January, 2023

South West Pacific Teams starts



Bulletin 7 January 16

## Results

### Vale Denis Howard 1932—2023

Denis Howard passed away peacefully yesterday, surrounded by his family; he was 90.

Denis was a long-term Australian representative player, bridge administrator and President of the ABF. He was an incisive bridge columnist and founding editor of *Australian Bridge*. He was a member of the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation from 1982-1986 and President from 1986 to 1991.

Denis coupled his university studies and early legal career with involvement in bridge, of which he was a world-class player. He had won his first national title in 1957, and represented Australia at the Olympiads of 1964, 1968, and 1976. A six-time winner of the Australian Pairs Championship, and a 12-time winner of the Interstate Teams, Howard



## Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester

retired from active competition in 1976. He nonetheless retained an involvement in bridge for years thereafter, as a president of the NSW Bridge Association, the ABF, and the World Bridge Federation. He was elected President in 1986 to 1990. Re-elected for a second term, he resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge.

Denis was a bridge journalist for the *National Times*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Australian Bridge* magazine, of which he was founding editor.

He was highly regarded for his integrity, intellectual rigour, and legal skill, and known for his modesty, fondness of Shakespeare, and sly humour.

He was also a great force in the lives of close friends. His friendship with superstar of the past, Tim Seres meant that on Sunday mornings there was a ritual in the Howard household. Tim would ring at precisely 10 o'clock and for the next hour or so Denis and Tim would review events, in the bridge world and beyond.

## Online bridge discussion

The ABF has set up the Online Bridge Committee to investigate all aspects of on-line bridge in Australia. It is acknowledged that both in-person and on-line bridge are important for the future of our game. The Committee is very interested in hearing from all stakeholders in our bridge community.

An online survey is being prepared which will be sent out shortly, but while we are together in Canberra, we are also organising a face-to-face discussion session on **Tuesday January 17**, in between sessions at the venue. If available, please come along to participate in this session.

The session will be held in the break room in the Rex, from 12.15pm to 12.45pm

*Jenny Thompson, Online Bridge Committee*



1 Monday, January 16

*Ed: I was not in Australia when Denis was an active participant in bridge, but as editor of Australian Bridge from 1990 – 2000, I can tell you he still subscribed to the magazine, and I would get the odd letter from him, making some comment on an error, or sometimes delivering a compliment. His letters were always erudite and a good read, and he offered me assistance whenever I had the occasion to write to him.*

### Visitors in action at Wroclaw

Our visitors at the 2023 Summer Festival include a number of Kiwis, Americans, British and Austrian players.

Jovi Smederevac and Sally Brock, winners of the Women's Teams in the McCALLUM squad were also partners in the Women's Pairs at the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw.

Here's a deal they played against a prominent women's pair who represent the USA:

*Board 12, West deals, NS vulnerable*

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	♥ 7 2										
	♦ Q J 8 5 3 2										
	♣ A Q 6 3										
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	♦ A 4										
	♣ K J 8 2										
West	North	East	South								
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>SMolson</i>	Brock								
1♠	2♦	pass	2♠								
Pass	3♣	pass	3NT								

Janice Seamon-Molson (from Hollywood, 5th in WBF World women's rankings) was unable systematically to make a preemptive raise in spades, so stayed silent. Brock declared 3NT and won the heart lead cheaply in hand then thoughtfully played ♦A, and was delighted with the result.



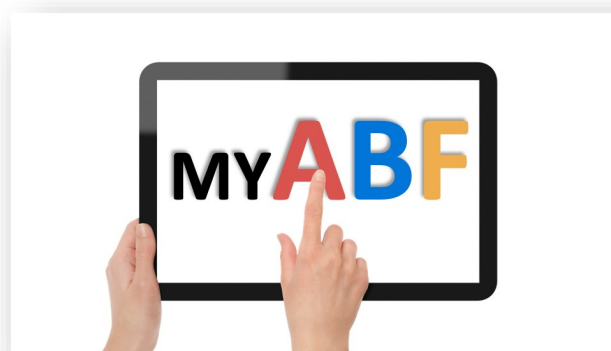
Jovi

Now she played a spade up; Hjordis Eythorsdottir ducked, so Brock came to hand with a top club and led another top spade.

Eythorsdottir (Iceland US player) won ♠A as dummy pitched a heart, and, not knowing if the diamonds were running, took her ♥A. That meant declarer had 660.



Sally





**The story of the two of spades**

by Mark Horton

Back in 1989 I was the assistant onsite organiser of the World Junior Championships that were staged in what was then my hometown of Nottingham. The Australian team included one Ben Thompson, and I have fond memories of dealing with their request for six tickets for the third day of the Test Match between England and Australia that was being staged at Trentbridge the day after the Championships ended.

Returning from a shopping expedition (*Ed: at the Wroclaw Bridge Series*) I bumped into Ben during the interval between the fifth and sixth sessions of the Mixed Pairs Qualifier. He showed me a deal that I have adapted into what might be called 'The Story of the two of Spades'.

**7. ADVANTAGE**

*South deals, all vulnerable*

**NORTH**

- ♠ K 9 2
- ♥ 8 2
- ♦ Q 10 9
- ♣ 9 7 4 3 2

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A J 10 8
- ♥ K Q 3
- ♦ A J 2
- ♣ A J 8

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
pass	3NT	all pass	2NT

West leads a fourth highest ♥5 and East covers ♥8 with ♥9. This is a tenuous venture and it seems natural to place ♠Q and ♦K on your right.

The former in an effort to keep East off lead for a heart through and the latter because you need three diamond tricks.

So, after winning the first trick, how do you plan to make nine tricks when East has both of these honours?

*Board 6, East deals, EW vulnerable*

- ♠ K Q 3
- ♥ J 9 7 5 4 3
- ♦ --
- ♣ K J 10 9

♠ J		♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ 8 6		♥ A 10 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 8 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N W   E S           </div>	♦ 5 2
♣ 8 6 3		♣ A Q 7 5

♠ A 8 7 6 2
♥ K Q
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ 4 2

After an auction where West had overcalled 3♦, Ben found himself in 4♠.

West led ♦K, and having won with the ace, pitching a heart he played ♥K, East winning and returning a diamond.

Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a heart to hand and a club to the nine and queen. When East exited a trump, declarer was back in the game. He won in dummy, cashed ♠K and pitched a club on ♥J. He then played dummy's ♣K, forcing East to cover. He ruffed and played two rounds of spades, using East as a stepping-stone to dummy's two club winners. That was worth 127-31.



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## SOLUTION to *Tim Bourke's Test Your Play*

Suppose the full deal is something like this one:

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

After winning the first trick with ♥Q, play your ♠J to dummy's king. Next, you lead ♦Q and when East plays low you must unblock ♦J from hand (otherwise East will play ♦K on the second round of the suit thereby locking you in hand).

Once this passes off successfully, lead ♦10 and pass it when East plays low (it will not help his cause to play ♦K at this point because you can return to hand by leading ♦2 to your then established ♦9).

Now you tackle the spade suit. The reason you made the unblocking play of ♠J to ♠K is because you can now lead ♠9 and run it when East follows with a low card. (If you had not done so then you would have to win the second round of spades in hand and there would be no fourth trick in spades.) When that wins, continue with ♠2 and finesse ♠10 when East follows with his third low spade. This will be your sixth trick (three spades, one heart and two diamonds) and ♠A, ♦A and ♣A will bring home the contract.

Thinking about it later, Ben realised he had overlooked a small detail. He had used ♠2 to cross to dummy! If East had unblocked the nine and ten of spades, retaining the five, then he would be able to underplay in the spade suit, leaving declarer with two losing diamonds.

However, looking at the deal later, I spotted a counter. Instead of pitching the losing club, declarer throws a diamond. He then plays another heart, forcing East to ruff, after which he can draw trumps and play a club, forcing East to give dummy a club trick.

Only an initial club lead defeats 4♠ - I'll leave you to work out the best way to play 4♠ after a diamond lead. (Here's a small clue – leave those clubs alone!)

What makes this story extra special is that Ben was playing against Tomasz Winciorek and Renata Dancewicz – the latter being one of Poland's best known film and television stars.



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## Well judged

Board 7, South deals, all vulnerable

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

I'm not sure of the exact meaning of the bids, so to save having to print a retraction, I can confirm that Dagmar Neumann opened a strong notrump, Tutty enquired with 3♣, and when Dagmar showed no five-card major, she set diamonds as trumps, bidding 6♦ when Dagmar showed her three controls.

Dagmar and Jodi had right-sided the contract; a club lead from East would put paid to the slam. As it was, Catherine Zhang led a safe ♠J. Dagmar was able to duck a heart and claim when dummy's club loser could be discarded on the 13<sup>th</sup> heart.

At the other table, NS played 3NT, +690 for -12 IMPs.

The swing was not enough to swing the match THOMPSON's way (they had led for the first part of the final, then suffered a penultimate 20-50 loss followed by a last session defeat of 10-42.)

The final scoreline was 196.1—149 to DAWSON.

In the Seniors, LORENTZ defeated BUCHEN 205—167.1.

## Foreigner in our midst

US expert Rick Roder loves his visits to Australia, and is well known to players here. His personal goal, which he has been pursuing for a number of years is to persuade the draconian US national bridge body to allow Multi 2♦ bids into American bidding vernacular.

He is making progress, but things were postponed recently until the Spring NABC in New Orleans.

Note to self: Change my system card to expunge the Multi 2♦ before I get arrested.

Rick has been playing in Canberra with good friend Bruce Neil, while Peter Fordham, Sydney has been playing with Alan Watson, once an ACT resident. Their team for the Seniors, WATSON were 2<sup>nd</sup>, a mighty achievement.



Rick, Joan Butts and Alan

## Vale David Morgan by Nick Hughes

David Morgan - a fine Australian player, though better known as a writer and theorist - died last Friday, aged 63.

As my first serious bridge partner, he introduced me to the joys of symmetric relay and forcing pass systems. Click on his profile to see his frequent posts on esoteric bits of theory.

He wrote articles and book reviews for *Australian Bridge* and *The Bridge World*. He won Australian championships, the first being the Interstate Youth



teams in 1983.

<https://bridgewinners.com/profile/david-morgan/>

As you can imagine with a name like that, David came from a

rugby family. His uncle, Pogo Morgan, played for the Wallabies. He grew up in Sydney, moving to Canberra as a career diplomat at DFat, though his overseas postings were limited by a serious kidney condition.

Later he moved to Melbourne with wife Barbara and son Rhys, lecturing at Melbourne Uni. They always had lots of pets at home, notably Harry the blind dog they went out of their way to adopt.

He received a kidney from his father, then a second one from a friend. He became Chairman of the Australian Kidney Foundation. David was under strong medication much of his adult life and spent his last years in an out of hospital, succumbing to an aggressive tumour.

*Ed: Until recently, David was a regular opponent for the BBO matches organised by George Koza-kos. David and Brad Coles practised their complicated system on us. I will miss his company online very much.*

### Free Quiz booklets

**Andy Hung has offered a set of free Bridge Quiz booklets for anyone to take!**

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### Ben Thompson

Ben not only finds time to play bridge, travel for bridge, and work for bridge as President of Zone 7, the South Pacific, but is also a management consultant with Partners in Performance.

New consultant is Alex Pitt, brother of Jason and son of Helene. Alex played bridge for a while but is now inactive.



Alex and Ben



Four of the victorious DAWSON squad at score up

## How would you defend?

### Problem 6 solution

The deal comes from a bridge workshop, conducted by Sydney experts, David Beauchamp and Sartaj Hans at the Coffs Coast Gold Congress, 2011. The topic was defensive play and this deal was one example:

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

West should switch to ♣2 to attack dummy's entry. If East can produce ♣K, the defence can knockout ♣A and hopefully deny declarer access to any spade winners. As the card lie, it also gives the defence four tricks. Another reason for the club shift is that ♣K-J-x with East is much more valuable than ♦K-J-x with East if West were to switch to a diamond at trick 2.

## Double Dummy Problem 4

<p>♠ 6 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A J 6 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ —</p>
<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ Q 7 ♣ 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ A J 5 ♦ K ♣ 5 2</p>

South to lead with hearts as trumps - NS to win the remaining seven tricks. Solution in tomorrow's bulletin.

This problem is taken from **A Compendium of Double Dummy Problems** by Hugh Darwin, available from **The Bridge Shop** [here](#).



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## How would you defend?

### Problem 6

North deals, nil vulnerable

♠ Q J 6 5

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A 5 4

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	1♥
pass	2♥	pass	4♥
all pass			

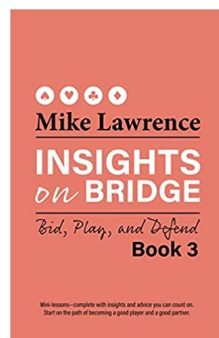
West leads ♠A. East plays the ten (high-discouraging), ♠4 from South. What should West do at trick 2?

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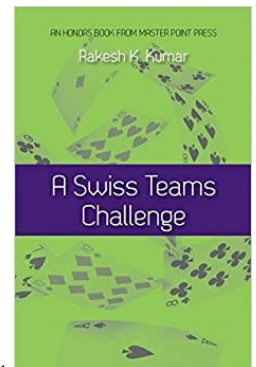
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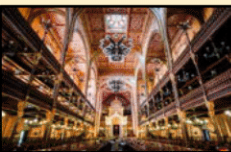
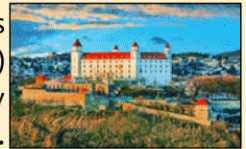


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