



2023 Summer Festival of Bridge



Tuesday 10 - Sunday 22 January, 2023

Pack up and go home time



Bulletin 12

Saturday January 21

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SWPT winners: James Coutts, Justin Howard, Ziggy Konig, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa, Liam Milne

I watched BBO most of the day, and saw a variety of great plays, constructive and obstructive bidding that had even the most seasoned players reeling, and some fine defence.

Of course, there was rubbish too, but such is the ugliness and beauty of bridge.

I was sent this fantastic writeup by Nick Jacob about Justin Mill, part of ZIGGY, SWPT winners and is from the quarter finals of the National Open Teams.

As well as being a worthy contender for “Play of the Year”, the deal also showcases an effective bidding sequence which started at a high level..

“One in a Million”

by Nick Jacob

Justin Mill is one of Australia’s finest talents. His partner, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa, originally from Uruguay, is now one of Argentina’s best players. He was part of the team which won the World Youth Open Championships in Opatija, Croatia in 2015, to which Australia also sent a youth team.

People who know the two young stars have been excited to see what they can produce as partnership. Take this board, where Justin found a beautiful line of play in the quarter finals of the 2023 National Open Teams in Australia.

Round 8, Board 9, North deals, EW vulnerable

<p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ 9 8 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 3 ♣ 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 6 5 ♥ A ♦ K 4 2 ♣ A 9 6 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> </div>	<p>♠ --- ♥ Q 7 6 4 3 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K Q J 10 8 4</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 4 2 ♥ K J 10 5 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 7</p>
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West	North	East	South
Butts	Mill	Courtney	Garcia da Rosa
	1♠	4♣	4NT ¹
pass	5♠ ²	pass	5NT ³
pass	6♦ ⁴	pass	6♥ ⁵
pass	7♠	all pass	

1. RKCB for spades
2. 2 + ♠Q
3. Confirming all Key Cards
4. ♦K, no ♥K
5. Last Train

Lead: ♣K

Justin and Rodrigo brushed aside Michael Courtney's preempt to breeze into the grand slam. The contract was excellent. Trumps breaking 2-1 would allow declarer to draw trumps and claim on a crossruff. Three trumps in East would allow declarer to draw trumps and establish the thirteenth trick in hearts. Hence, Justin played a small trump towards dummy's ace.

East's club discard posed a problem for declarer. Had East held seven clubs – which looked a near-certainty on the auction – declarer would have been unable to trump a club low on the table without being overruffed. Hearts 4-3 would still provide the 13th trick, so Justin turned his attention to that suit. A heart to the ace was followed by a diamond to the ace. ♥K was cashed for a club discard, but



West's club discard on the third round of hearts showed that this suit would not break either.

Justin trumped the heart low and took stock. East was now marked to be 0526 shape. Joan Butts' ♠A would prevent a full crossruff, so Justin set about pruning East's idle cards for an exquisite ending.

♦K was cashed before declarer trumped his third diamond on the table. Justin now took the marked spade finesse to reach the following ending:

<p>♠ J ♥ --- ♦ Q J 10 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ --- ♦ --- ♣ 9 6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> </div>	<p>♠ --- ♥ Q 7 ♦ 7 6 ♣ Q J</p>	<p>♠ K 8 ♥ J 10 ♦ --- ♣ ---</p>
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When declarer continued with ♠Q from hand, East was caught in declarer's entry shifting squeeze. A heart discard would allow declarer to overtake the spade with dummy's king, a heart would be trumped to fell East's queen, and dummy could be reached with a club ruff to cash the good heart for trick 13.

A club discard fared no better. Declarer could duck the spade in dummy, remaining in hand to trump East's last club. Now a heart ruff to hand allowed declarer to win trick 13 with that precious club.

With his opponents failing to reach grand slam at the other table, Justin's one-in-a-million play was rewarded with +1510 and 11 IMPs.

Towards the end of the epic day (and I am exhausted just watching), there was a deal that illustrated how a balanced near useless hand could provide the vital extra trick declarer required in a 4♥ contract:

You are declaring 4♥ from the South hand, after East opens a weak 2♠ in third seat.

West leads a spade to the queen. Your play.

♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q 8 4

♠ —
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ A K 9 7

Your first instinct is to grab the first trick by ruffing. You note that dummy has two good cards, ♣Q and ♥10. You have nine top tricks. Where can you look for a 10th?

The hand is an example of combining your chances. You expect your RHO to have a 6-3-2-2 shape (with the likelihood that one of the doubletons is in your longest suit, hearts.)

Win the first trick and try playing a low diamond at trick two. The defence will win and play another spade. You trump again, and play ♦A and another diamond, finding East has three diamonds. Ruff the next spade (you are down to ♥AK now), draw two rounds of trumps and cross to ♣Q to draw the last trump (from West, as expected). You can discard a club from hand, and claim the last three tricks, +450.

An alternative (and simpler) line is to draw two rounds of trumps at tricks two and three then play three rounds of clubs. When East can't ruff, you have ♥10 to ruff the fourth club. Only 10 tricks but your game is home.

♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q 8 4

♠ Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 6
♦ K Q 10
♣ J 10 6 2

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♠ A K J 10 7 5
♥ 3 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ 5 4 3

♠ —
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ A K 9 7

The quarter finals saw SWPT winners ZIGGY, Siegfried Konig, Liam Milne, James Coutts, Justin Mill, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa defeat BUTTS, Joan Butts, Michael Courtney, Yumin Lee, Peter Jeffery 160.1—118.

LEIBOWITZ, Tony Leibowitz, Paul Gosney, Paul Dalley, Tony Nunn, GeO Tislevoll, Nick Jacob defeated Aa, Ashley Bach, Arlene Dalley, Tomer Libman, Lavy Libman 154.1—107.

TRAVIS, Barbara Travis, Peter Reynolds, Candice Ginsberg, Michael Smart, Rick Roeder, Alan Watson conceded to NEWMAN, Peter Newman, Matthew Thomson, Ben Thompson, Renee Cooper after three of the four stanzas 51—161.5

ASHTON, Sophie Ashton, Peter Gill, Andy Hung, Sartaj Hans, Nabil Edgton, Michael Whibley defeated APAHEILI, Axel Johannsson, Kate McCallum, Barry Myers, Sally Brock, Sascha Wernle, Jovi Smederevac 165.1—93.





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How would you defend?

Problem 11

South deals, EW vulnerable

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ A 9 6 3 2
♣ 10 6

♠ Q 6 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1♥
2♥ ¹	2♠ ²	3♠	4♦
pass	5♦	pass	6♦
all pass			

1. 5+ spades, 5+ minor
2. Strong heart raise

West leads ♣7: six – king – nine. What do you play as East at trick 2?



Where have they all gone to?



Pack up all your cares and woes

Winning the Pack up and go Pairs was Hugh Grosvenor—Tania Lloyd from Bob Geyer—George Lovrecz and Leon Meier—Jane Lennon.



How would you defend?

Problem 11 solution

The deal comes from Stage 1 of the 2008 Australian Open Team Selection.

<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ A 9 6 3 2 ♣ 10 6</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ Q 6 3 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A K 8 4 2</p>
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W E					
S					
<p>♠ K J 10 9 5 2 ♥ --- ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q J 7 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A 4 ♥ A J 10 5 3 2 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ 9</p>				

NS had a nice auction, but chose the wrong slam, as 6♥ is unbeatable. Still, they would have made 6♦, but for West' clever lead, ♣7. East won and tried to decipher the meaning of the lead. West obviously started with ♣Q-J-7-5-3. What was the seven all about?

East worked out that it was a suit-preference lead, asking for an unusual return. East shifted to a heart and that was one down for +12 IMPs.

Open datum: NS 670. Three pairs made 6♥, once doubled and once redoubled.

Women's datum: NS 480. Three EW pairs saved in 5♠ and two NS pairs were doubled in 5♥.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM 9

South leads a top club and throws a heart if West does not cover. Now declarer draws hearts and the rest is trivial. It is more interesting if West covers. Now declarer ruffs ♦A high and draws trumps, finessing and declarer can now reach the good ♣J.

THE BRIDGE SHOP

Double Dummy Problem 10

NORTH	
<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ 4 ♦ - ♣ 8 7 6</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ 3 ♣ Q J</p>
SOUTH	
<p>♠ 9 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ -- ♥ 8 7 ♦ 9 8 7 6 ♣ 4</p>

South to lead with spades as trumps - North-South to win all of 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](#).



TASMANIAN FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

23-26 March 2023

It will be four years since the last Tasmanian Festival of Bridge in Hobart and this year it will be held in a spacious, comfortable and well-equipped new venue, MyState Bank Arena, about 15 minutes from the Hobart CBD.

The Swiss Pair events are for players of all levels including Rookies (25 or less masterpoints on 30 Sep 2022)

For entries and more information go to myabf.com.au/events/view/424

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Entry Fees

An early bird (EB) discount will apply for entries received by 28th February 2023.

Entries close on Monday 20th March 2023

TFoB Restricted Swiss Pairs:	\$220 per pair	EB \$200
Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs:	\$220 per pair	EB \$200
Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs:	\$220 per pair	EB \$200
TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs:	\$230 per pair	EB \$210
TFoB Rookie Swiss Pairs:	\$90 per pair	EB \$80

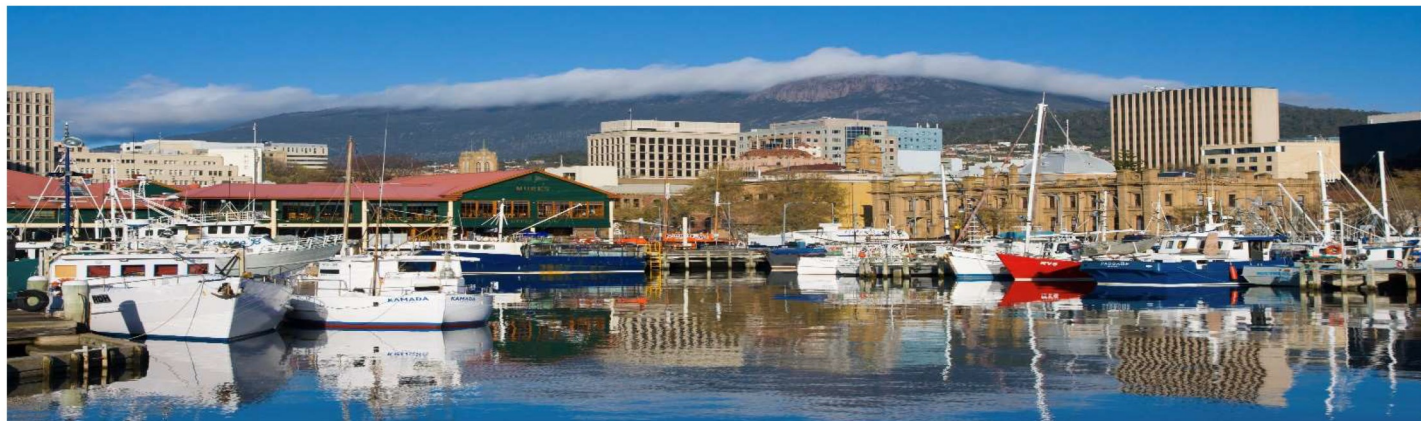
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March is one of the best times to visit Tasmania so why not stay a few extra days to enjoy:
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TASMANIAN FESTIVAL of BRIDGE



MyState Bank Arena, Glenorchy

Thu 23rd - Sun 26th March 2023

Thursday/Friday

TFoB Restricted Swiss Pairs
Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs – PQP event
Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs

Saturday/Sunday

TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs – PQP event

Sunday

TFoB Rookie Swiss Pairs for players with < 25 MPs

NEW

Saturday Evening Dinner

Bookings by 20th March essential

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Join **ANDY HUNG's** **NOOSA BRIDGE HOLIDAY!**

Monday 8th – Saturday 13th May, 2023

(If this gets booked out, a second week 15-20th May is possible – register your interest!)



Andy Hung invites you to a relaxing getaway Bridge Holiday at the Ivory Palms Resort in Noosaville. There will be four fantastic lessons covering the dilemmas that we face on a regular basis at the bridge table! Other than bridge, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the warm temperatures and relax by the pool, go on a nature walk, or indulge in Noosa's great restaurants!

The All-Inclusive Package:

- ♥ Five nights at the Ivory Palms Resort
- ♥ All bridge activities; professional seminars with a full set of notes, duplicate sessions, and hand analysis and discussion
- ♥ All meals including breakfast, afternoon tea, and dinners (except for one dinner where you are free!); from Monday lunch on arrival, to Saturday lunch (including wine and prize giving) prior to departure *(Your only expense will be the one dinner, drinks with dinner and personal items)*
- ♥ Farewell drinks with Friday lunch

Pricing: ♦ Single: \$2199 ♦ Double: \$2049 pp

Non-bridge players welcome – cost is reduced by \$400

The Bridge:

- ♣ Professional bridge seminars with Andy
- ♣ **Topic focus:** Everything about Minor Suit Bidding
 - Diagnosing 3NT vs. 5minor, Inverted Minor Raises, Slam Bidding in a minor suit, and lots more
- ♣ Duplicate Bridge with Hand Analysis

Contact, or for the full Brochure:

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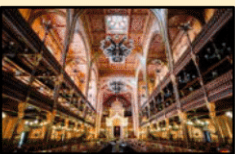
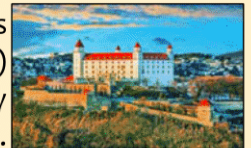


Bridge Holiday in **BUDAPEST** **(Hungary) & BRATISLAVA (Slovakia)**

Sunday 10th – Thursday 21st September 2023 (11.5 Days 11 Nights)



Andy Hung's international bridge holidays have returned, and this time, it is in two new destinations of Budapest (capital of Hungary) and Bratislava (capital of Slovakia). Both cities are rich in the history and culture, and are easily accessible from anywhere in Europe.



This holiday starts in Budapest, and we will have our own private bus transfer to Bratislava. After our holiday, you can even extend it to Vienna which is only an hour away from Bratislava! There will be lots of tours on offer, and let's not forget about bridge!



The All-Inclusive Package:

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