



# 2023 Summer Festival of Bridge



Tuesday 10 - Sunday 22 January, 2023

Congratuions to Ashton, NOT winners

Bulletin 13

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ASHTON, Peter Gill, Michael Whibley, Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung, Nabil Edgton

## Marathon concludes

The last hour or so of the semi final was held with a wedding reception taking place in the background. This included much hoopla, fireworks, noise and music to test the concentration of the players.

The stress of high level bridge can be immense, with decisions to be made which can swing double digits your way – or theirs. Here’s a decision for you to make, 13 IMPs ride on your choice.

You hold ♠Q10643, ♥KQ107, ♦K53, ♣Q

Do you call this a “good” hand or a minimum, in support of hearts? Yes, you have good trumps, but you have three queens, one of them a singleton. Asset or not?

At one table the choice over a forcing 2♥ was 4♣ to show a four-card raise with a club shortage while at the other, the 4♥ bid showed heart support in a minimum hand.

Answer coming up.



ZIGGY, James Coutts, Justin Mill, Siegfried Konig, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa, Liam Milne

### Keep the pressure up

Playing 64 boards in one day is gruelling, especially when there are pitfalls and traps to avoid at every turn.

You hold ♠8, ♥5, ♦KQ763, ♣QJ8743 as dealer, all vulnerable

Do you have a bid to show this hand? Should you preempt 3♣, only to find that you have a diamond fit and no club fit?

If the answer is no and no you shouldn't, what do you do after the bidding goes all pass to your RHO, who opens 1♠. The white hot spotlight is on you again. Do you bid 2NT to show a distributional hand with the minors or do you pass?

If you pass, you have missed the boat. EW make 10 tricks in a spade game.

Meanwhile, at the other table, over West's 1♠ opening, the player in your seat tries 2NT, and after a spade raise on your left, partner bids 5♣.

The opponent in your seat hears RHO bid 5♠, and no matter what you lead, the opponents can-not make 11 tricks. In fact RHO, Tony Leibowitz has done well, because 5♣ is cold, and the 5♠ bid is a good save.

Joan Butts wrote several columns for the SFOB Daily Bulletin about "What Should I do?" We can't always get things right, but it pays to be consistent about your decisions, and it is imperative at IMP scoring that you do keep the pressure up on the opponents.



## How would you defend?

### Problem 12

East deals, NS vulnerable

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

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

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
dbl <sup>1</sup>	3♠	dbl <sup>2</sup>	pass
4♦	pass	pass	4♠

all pass

- At least 4-4 minors
- Takeout

West leads ♥9: two – ace – seven. What do you make of the lead? What do you play at trick 2?

♥9 could be a singleton or top from ♥9-4 doubleton. Since partner had a reasonably safe lead in clubs, there is a strong chance that the lead is a singleton. Is there a way you can find out?

Board 5, North leads, NS vulnerable

♠ Q 10 6 4 3  
♥ K Q 10 7  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ Q

♠ A 5  
♥ 8 3  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 3



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

♠ —  
♥ A J 9 6 5 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ K J 8 4 2

If you splinter over partner's 2♥ with 4♣, that is music to partner's ears, and he will drive to slam. ♣Q did turn out to be a very good card.

In the semi finals, ZIGGY defeated NEWMAN 190.1 – 110, turning up the heat in the last stanza, which ZIGGY won 75 – 15.

ASHTON defeated LEIBOWITZ 169.1 – 133.

### The final

This provided a myriad of exciting hands, and while I was travelling for most of the day, I drained my phone battery watching BBO.

The final score was ASHTON 133 ZIGGY 76.1. My nickname for Sophie's team has been "The Juggernauts", and I think Sophie really should take more notice of me.

Congratulations too to the players, who played with intense passion and belief. Somebody had to lose.

Ziggy, I loved your 7♠ lead from ♠J7, a trump against 4♠x, which led to two down +500. You'll know the hand!

*Stephen Lester, Editor.*

### SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM 10

South starts with a top diamond, throwing a club, then a low diamond ruffed high and East has no good discard. Throwing a heart or a club allows declarer to set up that suit, while underruffing hands declarer the rest of the tricks on a platter.

Board 29, North leads, all vulnerable

♠ 8  
♥ 5  
♦ K Q 7 6 3  
♣ Q J 8 7 4 3

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



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

♠ J 9 4  
♥ 10 9 4  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ A 9 5 2

Here is the hand where you had to make a decision whether to showing a good or a not so good hand:

## How would you defend?

### Problem 12 solution

Today's deal is from the final of a 2022 Open Teams.

<p>♠ A 10 7 3 2 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ J 5</p> <p>♠ J 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A J 10 8 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ A 8 6 5 3 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ A K 9 2</p> <p>♠ K Q 8 6 5 ♥ K Q 7 4 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 10 3</p>
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After 1♥ from East and 1♠ from South, what should West do? There is a huge disparity in West's suits, both in length and suit quality. West is not strong enough to respond 2♦ (10+ points in standard methods) and double, showing both minors, is preferable to passing.

Also worth noting is East's takeout double of 3♣. The natural inclination would be to bid 4♣, since East's clubs are longer and better than the diamonds. The takeout double, however, caters for the possibility that West has longer diamonds than clubs.

Against South's 4♠, West led ♥9. At trick 2, East played ♣A to get a signal from West (some would play ♣K, but ♣A was played at the table). A low-like signal would indicate interest in a second round of clubs. In practice West played ♣8, high-hate. East then played ♥3 (suit-preference for clubs): four – ♠4 – ♥10. West returned ♣7, highest club to ask for another heart and thus confirm that West had a second trump.

East won with ♣K and returned ♥5. West ruffed and cashed ♦A. The defenders had taken the first six tricks to take 4♠ three down, EW +300.

At the other table:

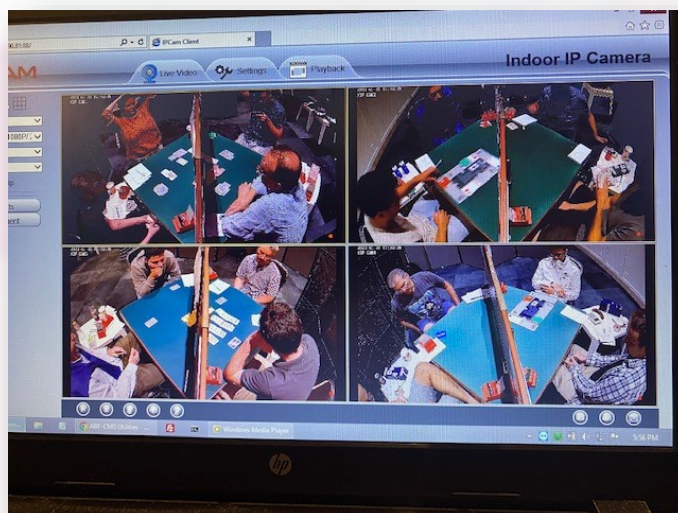
West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
dbl <sup>1</sup>	2NT <sup>2</sup>	3♣	4♠
5♣	pass	pass	dbl

all pass

1. At least 4-4 in the minors
2. Constructive spade raise

In the above auction, how would you and your partner take a bid of 4NT by West over 4♠? In a competitive auction at game-level, 4NT is used to suggest two or three places to play. Could 4NT here show longer diamonds than clubs and ask East to choose again between the minors?

South led ♦2. How should East play? East could hold the result to one down by playing ♦A, ♣A, ♣K, ♦Q, but East chose ♦J. If South had led ♦2 from ♦K-x-2, 5♣ would make if clubs were 3-2. In practise, North won ♦K and returned ♦9 (suit preference for spades). South ruffed and switched to ♠K. North overtook with ♠A and gave South another diamond ruff. That was two down, NS +300 and +12 IMPs.

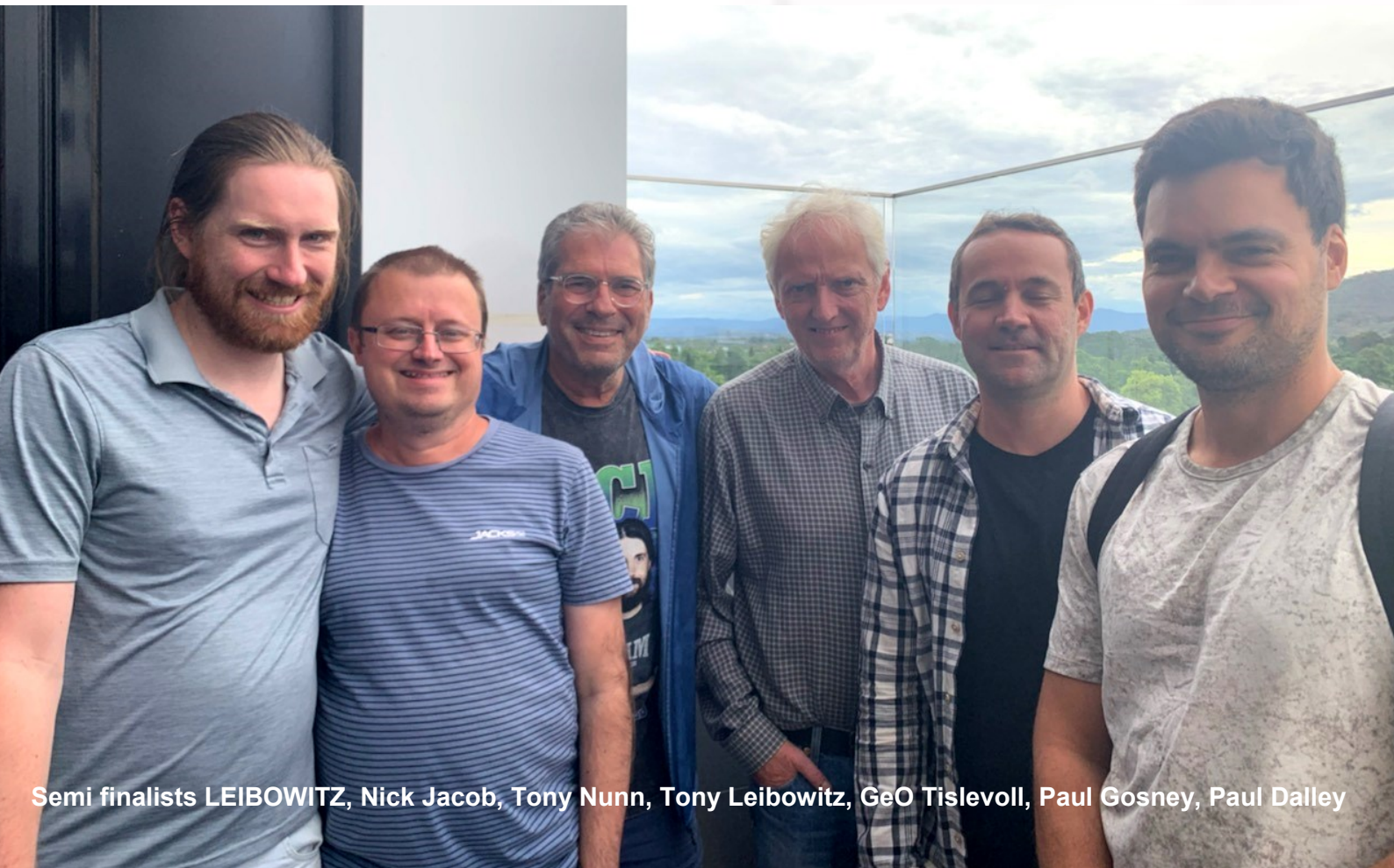


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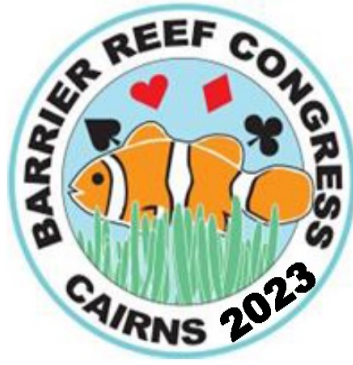


Semi finalists NEWMAN, Ben Thompson, Peter Newman, Renee Cooper, Matthew Thomson



Semi finalists LEIBOWITZ, Nick Jacob, Tony Nunn, Tony Leibowitz, GeO Tislevoll, Paul Gosney, Paul Dalley

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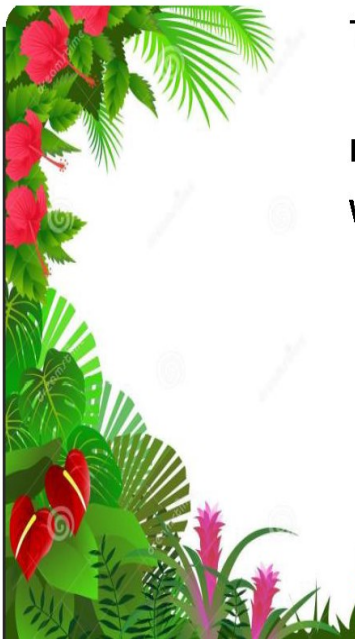
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