

Dear Bridge Players

Once again it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 43rd Summer Festival of Bridge. For some it is annual ritual but for others this is their very first Summer Festival congress.

This year we have twice as many Super Novice (0-20MPs) Players as last – it is great to see new people taking up this wonderful game. Please take the time to say hello and introduce yourselves to one another. Bridge is a social game too.

All in all the first week of the 2015 Summer Festival is looking good, and even bigger and better than last year. Look for the programme of morning lectures for both novice and more advanced players.

Once again we have the Summer Festival App for Apple and Android devices – download the 2015 version from the app store. It's a great way to keep up with the scores, the draws and the fun stuff.

Happy Bridging

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Convener, 2015 Summer Festival of Bridge

Tim Bourke's Problem**1. SURPRISE**

Dealer North. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ A K 7 5 4
♥ A K 8 5 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ -

SOUTH

♠ 6 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 10 9
♣ K Q J 10 8 6

West North East South

1♠	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT

All pass

* *invitational*

West leads the queen of diamonds.
How do you plan to make nine tricks?

In Memoriam

New Zealand International player, Tony Taylor, passed away just before Christmas. Tony was proud of having won two National Open Teams titles and always enjoyed playing in Canberra. His favourite hand of all time, in all competitions, was played here. It occurred in 1999 when his team of Tony, Tina McVeigh, Stephen Burgess, Tania Lloyd, George Kozakos and Avon Wilsmore finished runners up. The layout was :



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

Tony takes up the story.

In the other room, Bobby Richman opened the East hand 5♣ and rapidly claimed +440. At our table though, the auction was more interesting.

West	North	East	South
West Tony	North Seamus Browne	East Tina	South Khokan Bagchi
1♥	3♦	1♣	1♦
		?	

As regards the opening bid, anyone who tells you there is only one correct action here is kidding themselves - there are no hard and fast rules for freaks. The Daily Bulletin headed its story "The Mysteries of the Kiwi Mind" and invited its readers to guess Tina's next action. Her female intuition assured her that I wouldn't pass; so she produced a negative double!

From my point of view, this seemed to show some interest in the majors so I bid 4♦, intending to raise 4 of a major

to 6 (trusting to find at most a singleton diamond opposite.) Tina's next bid of 6♣ caused a change of plan. Unable to envisage a hand with any minor losers bidding like that, I finally raised to 7♣.

From my perspective, this is the most remarkable auction I have ever been involved in. Consider: I had AKJxxx in one major and bid it once. I had AKQx in partner's implied suit and never bid it. I had xxx in the opponents' suit and cue bid it. I had a void in partner's suit and raised her to a grand slam.

You might not agree with our methods but you can't argue with the result - note that 7♣ (even 6♦) goes down on a diamond lead.

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