



## 1. Bidding and Play Challenges

You and your partner are sitting E/W. How would you bid these hands?

Our solutions are later in the newsletter.

### Bidding challenge: No 1

North	
West (D)	East
♠ KQ7	♠ AT9
♥ A86	♥ -
♦ AKJ974	♦ 86532
♣ Q	♣ 98543
South (D)	

South (the dealer) Passes.  
 North will overcall West's opening bid with a weak 2♥.  
 South will extend the pre-empt to 4♥.  
 How do you bid the hand?

### Bidding challenge: No 2

North (D)	
West	East
♠ K6	♠ AT32
♥ KQJ2	♥ 6
♦ KJT9	♦ A87632
♣ K65	♣ T3
South	

North (the dealer) opens the bidding with 1♣.  
 How do you bid the hand?

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## 2. Club News



Manager

From our manager,  
Mike Prescott

### The NSBC Festival of Bridge

This is the most important event in our club calendar and it's run over 9 days towards the end of June. Full details can be found later in this newsletter, but in summary:

The **weekend 22 / 23 June** has two events for the **newer players** at our **East Lindfield venue**. There will be a Saturday "Teams of 4" event and on Sunday a "Matchpoint Pairs" event. Both these Restricted & Novice events are sponsored by "**Two Men and a Truck**".

From **Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th June** there are 4 days of Open events in the **Club Willoughby auditorium**, comprising Thursday's "Matchpoint Swiss Pairs", Friday's "Swiss Teams", Saturday's "Swiss Pairs" and Sunday's "**TBIB Swiss Teams**".

Come and enjoy some great bridge & earn some red points. **Let's make it the best ever!**

## Changes to the Supervised options

Club Willoughby is introducing a new supervised game on a Monday night at 7pm. Created primarily for the graduates from the classes for beginners, all existing supervised players are also welcome.

In addition, the Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon supervised games will become 2 sections: a 15-board game for players on the move to Rookie, and a 12-board game for the new players (numbers permitting).

## Courses for Beginners

The next semester of lessons for beginners will start late July 2019 with Liz Wilkinson at Club Willoughby, and late August 2019 with Ed Barnes at East Lindfield.

Most of our new players are referred to the club through word of mouth, so if you know anyone who is interested in learning this absorbing game of ours, do get them to call Sue Crompton on **0416 290 867**, or email her at: **scrompton67@hotmail.com**.

Liz Wilkinson  
0433 389 952



Teacher

Learn to play bridge at Club Willoughby with **Liz Wilkinson**, starting

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm, or  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** at 10:30am.

Ed Barnes  
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Teacher

Learn to play bridge at Club Willoughby with **Ed Barnes**, starting

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 2pm, or  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 7pm.

## Short Classes at East Lindfield

On Friday mornings at East Lindfield at 9:30am, our manager Mike Prescott gives a free half-hour lesson aimed at players from Rookie level up. Players are welcome to stay and play in the **10am Open game**.

## Club Champion Progress

NSBC 2019 Club Champion		
Pos	Leaders after 6/18 Events	CC
1	Warren Dobes	21
2=	Lorna Ichilcik	20
2=	Lynn Kalmin	20
4	Witold Chylewski (Jun)	19
5	Gary Lane	18

See "Club Events" on our website.

## From the Club Library

East Lindfield now has a small collection of bridge library books for loan. They are in the glass cabinet near the Director's table. Please fill in the Loans Book when borrowing a book. **Loans are for 3 weeks.**

## Congratulations:

Pos	Bathurst - Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (40P)	VP	W-D-L
1	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes	104	6-0-1
2	Rosemary Hummelshoj & Lloyd Cleaver	102	5-0-2
Pos	Bathurst - Swiss Teams (21T)	VP	W-D-L
1	John Mottram, Lorraine Schaap, Jane North, Ian Lincoln	95	5-0-1
2	Dennis Raymond, Ernie Newman, Kelela Allen, Susan Capp	82	5-0-1



Ros & Tony



John, Lorraine, Ian, Jane

Pos	Trumps - Autumn Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Peter Jeffery - Yumin Li, Wayne Zhu - Wei Zhang	143	5-0-3
2	Kit Meyers - Anita Curtis, David Hudson - Fiona Fawcett	134	5-1-2



Winners standing: Yumin, Wayne, Wei, Peter  
Seated: Kit, Fiona, Anita, David

## In the NSW Seniors' /state Team Selection:

NSBC Members contesting the NSW Senior's Team Selection	
Berri Folkard & Elli Urbach	Mike Hughes & Peter Fordham
Kevin Davies & Gary Lane	Heather Cusworth & Frances Lyons
Nicky Strasser & George Bilski	George Finikiotis & Steven Bock
Peter Strasser & Rena Kaplan	Peter Jeffery & Andrew Markovics
Cevat Emul & Wayne Zhu	Richard Douglas & Bob Sebesfi
Jane Beeby & Philip Beeby	Marilyn Chadwick , Toni Sharp
Tina Zines & Dennis Zines	John Mottram & Neil Perry

Well done to George Bilski & Peter Jeffery who made the 2019 NSW Seniors team.

Pos	NSWBA Seniors Team Selection	VPS
1	Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer	114
2	Nicky Strasser & George Bilski	104
3	Peter Jeffery & Andrew Markovics	102



George, Nicky, Warren, Pauline, Andrew & Peter

Well done the NSBC members in both teams playing in the ANOT grand final in Adelaide.

ANOT - Open Teams Grand Final		IMPS
1	Sophie Ashton, Helena Dawson, Paul Gosney, Sartaj Hans	130
2	Kate McCallum, Axel Johannsson, Michael Wilkinson, Paul Dalley	91



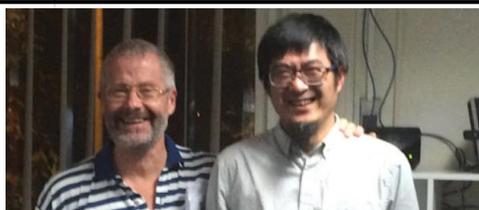
Sophie, Helena, Sartaj



Paul, Michael, Axel & Kate

Well done to Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li who won the NSWBA Swiss pairs.

Pos	NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li	108	7-0-0
2	Johnno Newman & Rico Ranson	100	6-0-1
3	Withold Chylewski & Ruth Tobin	91	5-0-2



Peter And Yumin

## May 2018 Monthly Winners

2019 Club Monthly Comp		2019 May Winners at East Lindfield	
Mon	Open 9:30am	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	
	Open 1pm	Elfy Suchet & Selwyn Suchet	
Tue	Open 10am	Richard Ulrick & Eric Daniel	
	S'vised 2pm	Kerrie Haig & Beverley Coleman	
	Rookie 2pm	Felix Shteyman & Robyn Walker	
	S'vised 7pm	Jane Van-Roekel & Chris Berry	
	Begin 7pm	Keith Powell & Jenny Powell	
Wed	Open 10am	Pam Hughes & Armine Ansourian	
Thu	Open 1pm	Michael Clarey & Penny Clarey	
Fri	Open 10am	Janet Crocker & June Straw	
Sat	Open 1pm	Liz McEwen & Sandra Da Silva	

2018 Club Monthly Comp		2019 May Winners at Club Willoughby	
Mon	Open 10am	Gwen Cordingley & Anne-Marie Hazell	
	Restr 10am	Beth Rose & Mohsen Shamselli	
	S'vised 2pm	Pam Drury & Helen Clark	
	Rookie 2pm	Judy Winning & Sue Rutkowski	
	Open 7:30pm	N/Q	
Tue	S'vised 10am	Catherine McReady & Doug Leigh	
	Rookie 10am	Fiona Zabeti & Michael Zabeti	
	Open 1pm	Roslyn Hunyor & Helen Jeffery	
	Open 7:30pm	Savita Bhalerao & Narayan Bhalerao	
	S'vised 7:30pm	Kevin Mulhall & Kay Mulhall	
Wed	Rookie 7:30pm		
	Open 10am	Alicia Mercer & Julia Connor	
	Restr 10am	Felix Shteyman & Simon Vinson	
	S'vised 2pm	Paula O'Hara & Jacqui Lowe	
	Rookie 2pm	Noni Glew & Judy Chapple	
Thu	Open 7:30pm	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	
	Open 10am	Neil Perry & John Mottram	
Fri	Rookie 2pm	Robyn Walker & Marg Daridis	
	Open 10am	Neil Perry & John Mottram	
Sat	Restr 10am	Robyn Walker & Marg Daridis	
	Open 1pm	Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios	
Sun	Open 1pm	Marjorie Thomas & Pieter Kliffen	

The monthly winners are also part of the Club championship process and the top 7 Master point earners will receive CC points in November. Current May leaders are:

MP won	Monthly CC progress after May (6/18) rounds	Likely CC Pts
11.94	Sallie Quarles	10
9.36	Jillian Hagley	7
7.68	Hymie Osie	5

## Profile: Tony Howes

Tony is our most senior director. He looks after the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening games at Club Willoughby.



I arrived in Australia, from England, in 1970 and took up playing Bridge in 1977. I had a keen interest in the game and in 1984 I decided to learn a bit about the Laws. That led me to becoming a qualified congress director and soon thereafter I was running State events. In 1987 I directed at my first National event in Canberra and am now qualified as a National A1 Director able to be chief Director at National events. One of the events I am most proud of, is having helped to set up the Coffs Harbour Super Congress where I have been the Chief Director from its inception 16 years ago.

Outside of Bridge, my wife Ros and I own an off-road caravan and love to get out of the city and into the bush, having made several trips to outback Queensland and South Australia. Next year we are hoping to make a trip to the tip of Cape York. I also love playing classical and Flamenco guitar, unfortunately with more enthusiasm than talent. One last thing is my advice to any budding bridge player is to not aim to be brilliant but to work on cutting out silly mistakes. Do that then you won't always win but you will be very hard to beat.

### Tony Howes - May 2019

## Profile: Ed Barnes

Ed teaches the classes for beginners at our East Lindfield venue.



I learnt bridge at my mother's knee as a 7 year old, but waited until university to grow a passion for it.

I've been teaching and directing for 23 years. I have a BA/BSc from the University of Sydney, majoring in Psychology and the History and Philosophy of Science. I've run my own catering business and I founded the bridge club Kings and Queens in 2003.

I developed, with Matthew McManus, the first dynamic web display of bridge results in Australia, and I have managed the integration of Bridgemates with scoring software and result displays in Australia's biggest bridge event - the Gold Coast Congress.

I've published two books: Bridge for Newbies (1999) and Bidding for Bunnies (2016).

These days I split my time between Oberon in the central west of NSW and Sydney, where I direct and teach at RSGC and the North Shore Bridge Club and I also run a business finding monofloral honey around the globe and selling it online.

### Ed Barnes – May 2019

### 3. Club Events

#### Completed Events:

How our club's State Mixed Pairs representatives fared in the qualification session at the NSWBA:

Ven	NSBC Representatives @ the State Mixed Pairs Finals in MAY	Q%	made Final?
NSBC	Liz Fanos & George Finikiotis	120%	Yes
EL	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes	111%	
NSBC	Steven Bock & Julianne Rocks	110%	
NSBC	Ruth Tobin & Witold Chylewski	105%	
EL	Fiona Ballard & Ian Plummer	93%	
CW	Alicia Mercer & Leo Goorevich	97%	
CW	Fiona Lavery & John Mottram	93%	
NSBC	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton	DNP	

The winners of the 2019 EL Swiss Pairs were:

Pos	EL Swiss Pairs Champions	VP
1	Kevin Davies & Gary Lane	80
2	Elaine Dignan & Ian MacLaren	77
3	Susan Feeney & Tony Halse	68



Winners: Gary & Kevin

Bridge for Brains - Results				%
CW AM Open 17T	NS	Kitty Biro & Judy Twigg		64%
	EW	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes		60%
CW AM Restr 15T	NS	Kerry Rymer & Angela Johnstone		61%
	EW	Beth Rose & Mohsen Shamseili		59%
CW PM Rookie 23T	NS	Yve Close & Mary Craven		70%
	EW	Kay Finlayson & Anne Perkowski		64%
CW PM SUP 3T	NS	Pam Drury & Helen Clark		54%
	EW	Anne Lister & Pam Clinch		69%
EL AM 9T	NS	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux		64%
	EW	Lyn Terry & Dawn Marshman		61%
EL PM 20T	NS	Marilyn Grass & Barbara Madeley		70%
	EW	Ian Hoshcke & Sylvia Billingham		67%
Raised : \$1731.30 + \$750 club = \$2481.30 for the charity				

### Upcoming Club Events

CW - Tournament Events (Jun-Aug)			
Thursday Championship nights @ 7:30pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
6/Jun		No Night Session - ABF VCC Melbourne	in progress
13/Jun	5/5	GNOT Direct Finals	
20/Jun	1/3	Hybrid Teams	bookings Required
27/Jun		No Night Session - NSBC Festival Events	
4/Jul	2/3	Hybrid Teams	
11/Jul	3/3		
18/Jul	1/2	ANC Swiss Pairs	bookings Required
25/Jul	2/2		
1/Aug	1/4	"Morgans" SWISS PAIRS	CC event bookings Required
8/Aug	2/4		
15/Aug		No Night Session - ABF Coffs Harbour	
22/Aug	3/4	"Morgans" SWISS PAIRS	
29/Aug	4/4		

CW Tuesday Daytime @ 1pm (Jun-Aug)			
Date		Event Details	Status
21/May	1/3	CW State Open Pairs Qual Red Point Tournament	in progress
28/May	2/3		
4/Jun	3/3		
2/Jun	1/3	CW State Open Teams Qual Red Point Tournament	bookings Required
9/Jun	2/3		
16/Jun	3/3		
20-Aug	1/3	CW Daytime GNOT Metro Qualifier Gold Point Tournament	Bookings Required website
27-Aug	2/3		
3-Sep	3/3		
10/Jun		CW Queen's Birthday Monday 1:00pm Red point Bridge	

CW & EL All Saturday's Daytime @ 1pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
3/Aug	1/5	TBIB Stratified Matchpoint Pairs Joint CW/EL fields (CC) Red Point Tournament	CC event No bookings Required
10/Aug	2/5		
17/Aug	3/5		
23/Aug	4/5		
31/Aug	5/5		

EL - Special Events (Mar/May)			
10/Jun		EL Queen's Bday Monday 9:30am Red point Bridge	
10/Jun		EL Queen's BDay Monday 1:00pm Red point Bridge	
25-Aug	30T	EL Swiss Teams Congress	CC event Bookings Required

EL - Tournament Events (Jun-Aug)			
EL - Tuesday Championship Night @ 7:30			
Date		Event Details	Status
11-Jun	1/3	EL Butler Pairs Championship Red point Tournament	Bookings Required website
18-Jun	2/3		
25-Jun	3/3		
EL - Tuesday Championship Daytime			
11-Jun	1/3	EL State Open Pairs Qual Red point Tournament	Bookings Required website
18-Jun	2/3		
25-Jun	3/3		

### Queen's Birthday Monday

Three **red point** sessions are scheduled for the Queen's Birthday holiday on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Queens Birthday Bridge**  
Club Willoughby  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
at 1:00pm only  
(No other sessions on this day)  
Red Points  
Normal Table Fees

**Queens Birthday Bridge**  
East Lindfield  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
at  
9:30am and/or  
1:00pm  
Red Points  
Normal Table Fees

## Hybrid Teams

The 3-week Hybrid teams sessions start on **Thursday nights on 20<sup>th</sup> June**. This event uses a mixture of swiss teams (VP) and board a match (VP) scoring.

**Hybrid Teams at Club Willoughby**

3 Thursday Night Sessions at 7:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> July  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
Red Point Event  
\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members

The 2018 winners were:

NSBC Hybrid Teams champions	
2018	<b>Judy Osie, Witold Chylewski, Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets, Lorna Ichilcik (Sub)</b>

## NSBC Festival, Normal sessions

All the normal sessions on Congress days will be **Red Point events**, at both Club Willoughby and East Lindfield.



**TONY BEMROSE**  
INSURANCE BROKERS

## Festival: EL Restricted & Novice Events, sponsored by "Two Men and a Truck"

The Festival starts at East Lindfield with two restricted & novice congress events, targeted at our improving players.

On **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, starting at 10am, there is the Festival **Restricted & novice Congress Teams of 4**. The format will depend on the number of entries.

Festival @ EL - Novice & Restricted TEAMS			
22-Jun	30T	<b>"Two Men and a Truck"</b> Festival Congress Teams of 4 for Novice & Restricted	bookings Required website

Last year's Teams winners were:

2018	<b>"2 Men and a Truck" Festival Restricted Congress Teams Champions</b>
Restr	<b>Craig Mietzke, Phillip Edwards, Peter Bardos, David Emmerson</b>
Novice	<b>Russell Drake, Giles Drake, Jo Ampherlaw, Kim Dickinson</b>

On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, starting at 10am, there is the Festival **Restricted & Novice Congress Pairs**. This will be Matchpointed pairs, with the format dependent on the number of entries.

Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Pairs			
23-Jun	30T	<b>"Two Men and a Truck"</b> Festival Congress Matchpoint Pairs for Novice & Restricted	bookings Required website

Last year's Pairs winners were:

2018	<b>"2 Men and a Truck" Festival Restricted Congress Pairs Champions</b>
Restr	<b>Jenny Barnes &amp; Catherine Else</b>
Novice	<b>Wenjie Liu &amp; Ming Xie</b>



## Festival: Thursday Matchpointed Swiss Pairs

### Club Champion Qualifying Event

This is an open event that is worth **CC points** for any members in the top 7 outright positions.

This is the first Festival Congress event at Club Willoughby and it will be held on **Thursday 27 June**, starting at 10am. The format has been changed this year and a Matchpointed Swiss format is being used.

Last year's graded pairs winners:

2018 Festival Thursday Congress Pairs	
Open	<b>Peter Jeffery &amp; Yumin Li</b>
Senior	<b>Kevin Davies &amp; Leo Goorevich</b>
Women	<b>Helene Pitt &amp; Gisele Mundell</b>

## Festival: Friday Swiss Teams

### Club Champion Qualifying Event

This is an open event that is worth **CC points** for any members in the top 7 teams.

It is the second Festival Congress event at Club Willoughby and it will be held on **Friday 28 June**, starting at 10am.

Last year's Winners:

Festival Congress Friday Swiss Teams Champions	
2018	<b>Richard Douglas, David Weston, David Fryda, Michael Cartmell</b>

## Festival: Saturday Swiss Pairs

### Club Champion Qualifying Event

This is an open event that is worth **CC points** for any members in the top 7 positions in each direction. It will be the third Festival Congress event at Club Willoughby and it will be held on **Saturday 29 June**, starting at 10am.

North Shore Bridge Club

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The format used is IMP/VP with Swiss draws; NS and EW fields are usually separate, producing two outright winners. Last year's winners were:

Watermark 2018 Festival Congress Swiss Pairs	
NS	<b>Peter Jeffery &amp; Julian Abel</b>
EW	<b>Judy Mott &amp; Cathryn Herden</b>

## Festival: "TBIB" Swiss Teams

### Club Champion Qualifying Event

This is an open event that is worth **double CC points** for any members in the top 7 teams.

This is the final Festival Congress event at Club Willoughby and it will be held on **Sunday 30th June**, starting at 10am. This is our big sponsored teams event and the format will be IMP/VP with Swiss draws.

Last year's Winners:

TBIB Festival Congress Swiss Teams Champions	
2018	<b>Warren Dobes, Witold Chylewski, John Scotford, Judy Osie</b>

## ANC Swiss Pairs

The ANC Swiss Pairs is being held while the ANC (Interstate teams and Butler) are on in Melbourne. It is a **two-session event** with the popular IMP / VP Swiss format, starting on **Thursday night, 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

The 2018 winners were:

NSBC ANC Swiss Pairs	
2018	<b>Wayne Xhu &amp; Yixiang Zhang</b>

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## CW State Teams Qualifier

Club Willoughby will be running a 3-session daytime event on Tuesday afternoons, starting on **2<sup>nd</sup> July**. These are qualifying sessions for the NSW Open teams.



**STATE OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING**  
Club Willoughby

**Tuesday Afternoons 1:00pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> July  
9<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> July

\$45 for members  
\$60 for non-members  
**Red Point Event**

Let's Play Bridge!

The 2018 winners were:

CW State Open Teams Qualifiers	
2018	<b>Brian Assaee, Dominic Kwok, Elane Dignan, Ian MacLaren</b>

## EL Butler Pairs championship

This will be a 3-session Butler Pairs Championship (**Red Points**), to be held on Tuesday nights at East Lindfield, starting on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**.



**Butler Pairs**  
East Lindfield

3 Tuesday Evening Sessions: 7:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June

**Red Points**

\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members

Let's Play!

Last year's Winners:

EL Butler Club Championship	
2018	<b>Colleen Bosci &amp; Sandra Da Silva</b>

## EL State Open Pairs Qualifier

This will be a 3-session Matchpoint Pairs Championship (**Red Points**) to be held on Tuesday mornings at East Lindfield, starting at 10am, from **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. This event qualifies pairs to the NSW State Pairs.



**State Open Pairs Qualifying**  
East Lindfield

3 Morning Sessions on Tuesday: 10:00am

11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June

**Red Points**

\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members

Last Year's Winners:

EL State Open Pairs Qualifiers	
2018	<b>Alexis Ngan &amp; Bijan Assaee</b>

## CW GNOT Metro Daytime Qualifier

This is the final opportunity to play for a spot in the NSW GNOT Metro final, or just to play for "**Gold Points**" against local club members. It's a 3-session daytime event at Club Willoughby on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm starting on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**.



**GNOT Metro Qualifying**  
Club Willoughby

Tuesday: 1.00pm  
3 Sessions  
2<sup>1st</sup> August  
28<sup>th</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup> September  
**GOLD POINT EVENT**

\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members

The 2018 winners were:

CW GNOT Metro Daytime Teams winners	
2018	<b>Alicia Mercer, Prue Siemsglues, Leo Goorevich, Colin Thomas</b>

## 4 Our Game of Bridge



Matthew McManus has been the Chief Director of the NSWBA since 1995. He officiates at a number of events around the country and in New Zealand in his capacity as a National Director, and is a very occasional bridge player.

### Just because

There are many situations in bridge where what is conventional wisdom is really not that wise. Quite often, someone says, “so and so told me that....”. And also, quite often the “so and so” is a director, so therefore it must be true! A little more investigation usually shows that the person doing the quoting was relaying what they wanted to hear, not what they were actually told. So, in the interests of trying to shed a little more light, here are a range of “**just because**” situations....

**Just because** an opponent claims, and there is a trump outstanding, it doesn't mean that you will get an extra trick. There are a range of tests that the director will use before deciding what the appropriate ruling will be. In many cases, it may result in an extra trick or tricks to the non-claiming side, but it is not automatic.

**Just because** someone revokes, it does not mean that there will be an automatic 2 trick penalty. The rules for revoking are quite complex – call the Director – make him do his job!

**Just because** on the hand records Deep Finesse says that partner can make 7NT, it doesn't mean that they have bid incorrectly, or misplayed, when they only made 9 tricks in 3NT. The Deep Finesse analysis can frequently be quite misleading. It is based on what you could do if you saw all the hands. Sometimes making the same number of tricks as Deep Finesse can be indicative of bad play, not good play.

Suppose you find yourself in 7NT and have to make 4 tricks out of this suit combination: J T 9 8 opposite A Q 7 6. Deep Finesse makes it by playing the ace on the first round to drop the singleton king. However, in real life that would be a very bad play. You would be taking a line with a 2.5% chance of success, as opposed to the 50% chance by finessing.

**Just because** the players take the cards from the wrong pocket of the board and look at them, it does not mean that you won't be able to play the board. One of two things may have occurred:

1. North took out South's cards and East took out West's cards, and vice versa. NS still have the NS cards and EW still have the EW cards. The board is played and scored normally.
2. The players take the cards out of the board, but the board is turned through 90 degrees. That is, West has South's cards, North has West's, East has North's and South has East's. This known as an arrow switch board, and in most cases the director can allow the board to be played this way. NS and EW will get the score they get based on the cards they actually hold and play with. This is even though in normal circumstances they would have had the other ones. This leads to...

**Just because** the hands are arrow-switched, it doesn't mean that the result will be unfair to your side. In fact, it will not be unfair at all. You will get the result you deserve. Some players are incensed and believe that they are hugely deprived by not getting the right cards. Such thoughts may be real though they are not rational. If one side is disadvantaged, then surely you would think that the other side must benefit.

Very recently, I was confronted with the following arguments from both sides about the unfairness of the arrowswitch. According to the hand record, NS could make 6♠. But the board was arrowswitched, so the EW pair got to hold the good cards. NS were furious that they had missed out on a possible slam. (“That's so unfair”). Their actual Matchpoint score on the board was rather good as the

opponents who held the cards didn't bid the slam, but they were still unsatisfied. EW, on their part, were also unhappy – they played the hand in 3NT, which only just made, not a good score compared with the rest of the room. What was their complaint? If they had had the proper cards, they would not have had the opportunity to have the bidding mix up that they did.

**Just because** you think it is boiling hot, it doesn't mean everyone else does. Please remember!

**Just because** a special agreement is on the system card, it does not mean that you are **excused from your responsibility to alert it**. For example, the opponents open 1NT, your partner bids 2♥. You play DONT, so this shows hearts and spades. You fail to alert it and the opponents get into trouble when they end up in a spade contract and assume that she just has hearts. If the director is called, it will be no defence to say, "But it is on the system card". You still have an obligation to alert an agreement which the opponents may not know about.

**Just because** an opponent claims without stating a line of play, it does not mean that you can tell them how to play the cards. With 5 cards to go, declarer has this club suit: A K Q J 2 opposite 7 6 5 4 3 and just puts their hand face up on the table. You have T98. You cannot make them play a low club first, so you can make a trick. If you object to the claim, you must call the director. The Laws set out a procedure that the director follows in the event of a disputed claim. If there is a careless way that the claimer could lose a trick, then it will be awarded to the opponents. However, an irrational line of play will not be forced upon the claimer. Here to play ♣2 first is clearly irrational and ridiculous.

**Just because** you expect partner to pass your sign off, you can't write the contract on your personal score card before he has bid. **Nothing more to say!**

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### MIKE LAWRENCE



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## Guessing everyone's shape before the opening lead is made.

Everyone has one of those special moments when you see something that might not normally be spotted. A few weeks ago, I was teaching a group of players at my house and this hand came up. I sat South.

Standard Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Two Over One bidding. East's 2♦ raise shows 6-9 support points.

*ED: Note not playing inverted minors!*

This was my hand:

South	
♠	J94
♥	QT3
♦	J97
♣	KJ42

At the table, before my partner made her opening lead, I noticed something very rare. Without seeing the lead or the dummy, it was possible to state what everyone's distribution

was. This is not a trick question. All the facts you need are in place.

Here are some important questions you need to think of. How many points does your partner have? Why did your partner not overcall or balance? If you are going to try to work this out, you should stop now and do it. If you want the answer, continue reading.

Firstly, opener did not bid again so opener rates to have a minimum hand. Your RHO only raised to 2♦. He won't have much either. This means that they can have from eighteen to twenty-three points.

You have eight points. If your opponents have eighteen, your partner has fourteen. Not likely. They must have a little more than minimum values.

If your opponents have twenty-three, your partner has nine points. With nine points or more, your partner would try to balance if she could. It is very poor in general to hear the opponents bid a suit and raise that suit and then allow them to play it there. They have a fit and letting them play in one of these contracts is usually bad.

Why did partner, who normally is aggressive at balancing, **not balance this time**? The logical answer is that her distribution is bad. She might have three diamonds.

If your partner has three diamonds, it means that they have seven. Almost surely, East will have four of them for the raise, and that means opener has three.

What shape might opener have if she has three diamonds? Opener can have only one shape with three diamonds that opens 1♦ in standard bidding. Opener has 4-4-3-2 distribution.

If my partner has three diamonds, she would lean toward bidding a four-card major if she could. She would be rooting for me to have one or two diamonds and hopefully, some support for her major. But my partner did not bid. It sounds like she has no four-card major. That leaves her with 3-3-3-4 distribution.

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I know she has three cards in each major because if she had two, the opponents would have an eight-card fit and they would have bid it.

All of this leaves your RHO with three spades, three hearts, four diamonds, and three clubs.

Here is the actual hand.

		North		
		♠ K82		
West (D)		♥ J76	East	
♠ AQT6		♦ 832	♠ 753	
♥ A842		♣ AQ95	♥ K96	
♦ K64			♦ AQT5	
♣ T8		South	♣ 763	
		♠ J94		
		♥ QT3		
		♦ J97		
		♣ KJ42		

The bidding may look just a little odd. Many players holding the East hand would bid 1NT. Actually, I like East's raise. It allows opener to bid notrump if they want, and that surely will be better than having East bid notrump. His three little cards in spades and clubs suggest that notrump from East's side of the table is not a good idea.

On this hand, the 2♦ raise did not work well. But it was well thought out and, on any hand, where opener is about to look for game, giving opener the chance to play the hand is a good thought.

Incidentally, if West has a hand with diamonds and some shape, East's 2♦ bid will help West judge when to play in a diamond contract. A nice, unselfish bid by East.



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## 5. For the Newer Players



Ask yourself what could go wrong before deciding on a line of play.

By Pat O'Connor

North	South (D)
♠ J65	♠ AKQT72
♥ 986	♥ AKT
♦ 95	♦ K74
♣ 97432	♣ A

The bidding:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Standard or 2/1 Bidding Notes			
2 ♣	Game Force (alertable)		
2 ♦	Negative or waiting (alertable)		
2 ♠	Game Force Suit		
4 ♠	Fast arrival - no interest in Slam		

You are sitting South with **23 HCP** and a strong spade suit. You open 2♣, essentially forcing to game. Partner bids 2♦, a waiting bid that says nothing about diamonds. You show your spade suit by bidding 2♠. Partner has support for spades but nothing else and signs off in game. West leads the ♣Q which you win perforce with the ♣A in your hand. What is your plan?

### Analysis

You have four losers - one in hearts and three in diamonds, so you need to eliminate one of them. You could plan to ruff a diamond loser in dummy or you could play a diamond from dummy towards your ♦K. If East has the ♦A this will eliminate a diamond loser.

### What will you do?

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## Not playing a board

One of the situations we find most difficult as directors, is having to ask a table to average a board (not play it) when the table is running late. Often it is not their fault at all, as their opponents arrived late – again probably through no fault of their own. However, somewhere along the line we must intervene and ask a table to take an average, or else the whole game gets behind. Sometimes it is pointed out to us that the tables on either side are still playing and now **they** will have to wait – insult added to injury! But the other tables will be well into the board already, and if the late table starts a new board, then everyone will have to wait 7 minutes – and so it goes on.

The simple guideline is “**don't start a board when there is less than 3 minutes on the clock**” – that's when the timer turns red. And if you are asked not to start a new board, we are truly grateful to those players who graciously accept the situation and move on.

Which brings me to another point; the difference between all 4 players looking at their hands and Passing, as opposed to not playing the board because you have run out of time.

### When all 4 players look at their hands and Passed:

An example would be where each hand has 10 HCPs, and each hand has the dreaded 4-3-3-3 shape; no one has an opening hand, so there are 4 Passes. You enter the board number and then press the King key, which you will see has the word “Pass” underneath the “King” and everyone gets a score of zero. If another table gets to a 2S contract say, and they make it, they will do better than you with +110, if they go down **you** will win out. Hence the varying percentages.

### When you run out of time and don't play the board at all:

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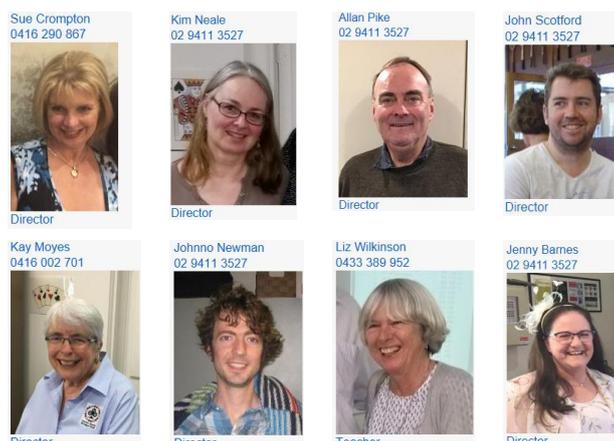
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## The Solution to Pat's Problem

The full hand:

	North	
	♠ J65	
West	♥ 986	East
♠ 984	♦ 95	♠ 3
♥ Q4	♣ 97432	♥ J7532
♦ AQT2		♦ J863
♣ QJT8	South (D)	♣ K65
	♠ AKQT72	
	♥ AKT	
	♦ K74	
	♣ A	

Before proceeding, it is a good idea to play through both scenarios in your mind.

Let's mentally try leading a diamond from dummy towards the ♦K. The only way to dummy is to lead a spade to the ♠J. So, you do that and lead a diamond from dummy. Let's assume the worst - West has the ♦A and returns a trump. You win and duck a diamond. West wins again and returns a third trump. This leaves you with no trumps in dummy to ruff a diamond, so you go down.

What happens if you duck a diamond immediately at Trick 2? The opponents can win and lead a trump but you then lead a second diamond. They can lead a second trump but you have the ♠J left in dummy to ruff the third diamond. This second plan will work, so it is the one to choose.

This is a case where South would have been better off being dealt the ♦2 instead of the ♦K. Then there would be no temptation to try and set up the ♦K.

### Key Point

**Ask yourself what could go wrong before deciding on a line of play.**

## Counting a suit

The traditional way to count a suit is to count up to 13 as the cards are played. For example, you are the declarer in 4S; you hold 5 spades and dummy has 3, for an 8-card fit. Maybe you lose a couple of tricks and then get in with a ruff; that's 1 trump gone. Now you play a round of trumps and they both follow suit; that's 5 trumps gone etc, counting up to 13.

An alternative idea that some people find easier, is to focus simply on the cards that you can't see. In the above example, when you ruff in, nothing changes, there are still 5 trumps out. Now you play a round of trumps and they both follow suit, there are 3 trumps out, and so on, counting down to zero.

And on the same subject, I'm often asked "when will I be able to count all the suits". My answer is, "probably never"! Start with the trump suit. Once you can count that without too much difficulty, then have a look at the other 3 suits to see if there is a suit you are interested in and count that as well. And that will serve you well for a long time to come!

## Ready for even more challenges?

### Trumps friendly Pairs

On **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, this event is targeted at restricted pairs.

**NSWBA Teams of Three** on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, this event at the NSWBA clubrooms, is where you enter as a team of 3, get allocated an experienced captain who will play 2 rounds of the SWISS Teams event with each of the 3 players.

As mentioned earlier under "Club Events", our **NSBC Festival of Bridge** starts with the **Restricted and Novice Pairs and Teams** at our East Lindfield venue over the **weekend 22/23 June**. These are **Red Point events** for Restricted and Novice players – that's you!

## 6. Solutions

### Bidding Challenge Hand 1 problem

North	
West (D)	East
♠ KQ7	♠ AT9
♥ A86	♥ -
♦ AKJ974	♦ 86532
♣ Q	♣ 98543
South (D)	

South (the dealer) Passes.  
North bids a weak 2H.  
South pre-empts 4H.

#### Solution:

This hand comes from the Gold Coast Teams (played at 464 tables in 5 grades from Open to Novice teams) and is a tough competitive auction.

#### 2019 Gold Coast Congress - Teams

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Teams Qualifying Open Board Results for Round 1 Board 3.

Results across the 5 graded sections were:

Contract	T	NS	Total	IMPS		Matchpoints	
				Differ	NS	NS	NS
		Score	FREQ	Score	IMP	MP	%
4Hx/N	10	590	2	1110	15	925	100%
3Hx/N	9	530	2	1050	14	921	99%
4H/N	10	420	1	940	14	918	99%
4H/W	6	400	2	920	14	915	99%
3H/N	9	140	9	660	12	904	98%
4H/N	9	-50	27	470	10	868	94%
5H/N	9	-100	25	420	9	816	88%
6H/N	9	-150	3	370	9	788	85%
4D/W	12	-170	63	350	8	722	78%
5Hx/N	9	-300	30	220	6	629	68%
6Hx/N	9	-500	6	20	1	593	64%
5D/W	12	-620	231	-100	-3	356	38%
3NT/W	10	-630	12	-110	-3	113	12%
5D/W	13	-640	1	-120	-3	100	11%
5Dx/W	12	-750	2	-230	-6	97	10%
5Dx/W	13	-950	6	-430	-10	89	10%
6D/W	12	-1370	41	-850	-13	42	5%
6Dx/W	12	-1540	1	-1020	-14	0	0%
			464	AVR NS = -520		Max MP = 926	

**NS:** Any positive or low loss (<-600) scores positive IMPS or +64% at Match points.

**EW:** must get to at least 5♦ or double any further hearts bids to score well. 6♦ is a difficult top contract to reach.

The full hand:

West		North	East	
♠ KQ7	♥ A86	♠ 842	♥ KT9752	♠ AT9
♦ AKJ974	♣ Q	♦	♣ KJT2	♥
		South (D)		♦ 86532
		♠ J653	♥ QJ43	♣ 98543
		♦ Q10	♣ A76	
		♣ A76		

Suggested competitive bidding:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			Pass
1♦	2♥	3♦	4♥
4NT (♦)	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Notes on the competitive bidding. My choices of bids are highlighted and, in the table, above.

**West:** 1♦ Standard 19 HCPs, unbalanced hand, open longest suit. Not enough for a GF bid but a good 5-loser hand.

**North:** 2♥ Weak 6+ ♥ suit normally 6-9, but at this favorable vulnerability, opposite a passed partner, could be much less. I might make an even more aggressive overcall of 3♥ with my 6-card suit!

**East:** given the weak 2♥ bid by North, there is a choice of bids: You have at least a 9-card diamond fit, a heart void and 4 HCPs. Partner likely has a big hand, but we are **Vulnerable!**

- Pass and wait, intending to bid 5♦ over 4♥. Bit this allows NS to pre-empt my partner.
- 3♦ Try just a simple raise and see what the opponents and my partner do?
- 5♦ a bigger weak jump? Should stop the auction, but maybe too high?
- 4♦ Partner may take that as strong Minorwood (♦) bid.
- 3♥ strong cue raise, or asking for a stopper to muddy the waters for NS. May push partner too high.

**South:** given the 3♦ min support bid by East, South has a choice of bids: Partner (North) is long and weak in hearts. We have a 10-card heart fit, you have only 1 defensive trick, but favourable vulnerability (Green v Red). We have less than 16 HCPs in total, they have at least 25 HCPs. What should South bid?

- 4♦ Cue, a good heart raise! Trying to confuse the opponents into not bidding on.
- 4♥ A pre-emptive bid trying to buy the contract.
- Pass and wait and see what they do? But why give the opponents bidding space?
- 5♥ A big pre-emptive bid, may push them into a 6♦ contract which could make or get ourselves doubled! 5♥x is far too much!

**West:** Given the 4♥ bid by South, having been pre-empted out of a 3NT bid, what to bid now?

- **Double**, looking for a 4♥x penalty. But we have too many diamonds for a rich X.
- **Pass**, nothing going for this bid as we have the majority of HCPs and they are pre-empting us.
- 5♦, a practical bid, as partner just bid 3♦ planning to double a 5♥ bid for penalty.
- 4NT keycard in diamonds, suggesting to partner that we are possibly in slam territory. Planning to convert 5♣ to 5♦, and Pass 5♦!

**North:** Given 4NT by East, Pass; this is too high, I have made my bid (weak 2♥) so my partner is in control.

**East:** Given 4NT/W, partner is very strong, using Keycard in diamonds, but did not open a GF. I have 1 Ace and a heart void, but little else. What to bid?

1. 5♦ (1 or 4) showing my one keycard
2. 5♥ (2 no ♦Q), showing my void as a Keycard and forcing the partnership to 6♦
3. 6♦ signoff; not telling my opponents anything.

**South:** Pass. 5♥x would be too much, and 5♦ may go down as we have up to 16HCPs.

**West:** Pass, unlikely to bid 6♦, missing a Keycard and maybe the ♦Q. Partner only bid a minimum 3♦ after all

I would settle for a 5♦ contract in this complex competitive auction. But if I thought that we were doing badly and losing the teams match, maybe I'd punt 6♦ to try to recover some IMPs.

Some deals are difficult to bid, especially in auctions with both partnerships actively bidding.

But you must be prepared to be competitive, understanding what is going on at the table, if you want to win at bridge in the long term.

### Bidding challenge: Hand 2 Problem

North (D)	
West	East
♠ K6	♠ AT32
♥ KQJ2	♥ 6
♦ KJT9	♦ A87632
♣ K65	♣ T3
South	

North (dealer) opens the bidding with 1♣. How do you bid the hand?

This hand was also played at the Gold Coast Congress by 466 tables in various grades.

#### **2019 Gold Coast Congress - Teams**

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Teams Qualifying Open Board Results for Round 2 Board 21.

The full hand:

		North (D)			
		♠ Q854			
West		♥ AT5		East	
♠ K6		♦ 5		♠ AT32	
♥ KQJ2		♣ AJ842		♥ 6	
♦ KJT9				♦ A87632	
♣ K65		South		♣ T3	
		♠ J97			
		♥ 98743			
		♦ Q4			
		♣ Q97			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N					
S					
E		4	1		1
W	1	5	1	2	3

The par contracts are 3NT or 5♦ by West, protecting the ♠K from the opening lead. 26 different results across the 466 tables were recorded on the board. Key result bands were:

EW Contracts	Tables	EW IMP	EW MP%
EW Game (3NT) or Better	245	3 to 13	66% plus
EW Underbids (<Game)	176	1 to -6	47 - 10%
EW Disasters (NS Positive scores)	45	-10	<5%

The likely auction at most tables:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (N)	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Bidding Notes	
1♣ /N	Aggressive, 11 HCPs and OK shape
1♦ /E	Overcall, 5+ diamonds, minimum but shape
Pass /S	Could squeak 1H, with Qxx♣
3NT /W	Must be a play with my 16 HCPs

How did NS talk 200+ EWs out of their cold 3NT/5♦?

The EW problem starts with a timid pass by East. With favorable vulnerability (Green v Red) you must get into the bidding early. You have a good trick-taking 6/4 hand (but only 8 HCPs). If South squeaks out a 1♥ bid, and even over West's strong 1NT bid, North can either make a "support X" or bid 2♥ with their shape.

Over a support X by North, showing 3 hearts, East has a few options to describe their hand to partner:

- XX: Penalty, shows some good values, but likely flattish.
- 2♦: 5+ diamonds, weak signoff?
- 3♦: 6+ diamonds, points, but may miss a 4-4 spade contract?
- 2♥. Strong cue raise, showing 4 spades

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (N)	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1NT	X	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT			

Bidding Notes	
1♣ /N	Aggressive, 11 HCPs, shape is OK
Pass /E	Timid bid 6/4 shape and 2 Aces
1♥ /S	Aggressive 1H response, 5 hearts, 5+ HCPs
1NT /W	Strong balanced hand
X /N	Support X, just shows 3 hearts
2♥	Strong Cue Raise, 8+ HCPs, 4 spades
2NT	Min 1NT, stoppers in clubs and hearts
3♦	5+ diamonds, second suit
3NT	3NT is likely on a heart lead, plus a club stopper

Over a 2♥ bid by North, East has a good two-suiter, but fewer options:

- double (negative) showing at least 4-4 in the side suits and some points.
- 3♥ Strong cue raise, with 4 spades. Partner will bid 3NT.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (N)	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1NT	2♥	X	Pass
?			

Bidding Notes	
1♣ /N	Aggressive 11 HCPs + Shape is OK
Pass /E	Timid bid 6/4 shape & 2 aces
1♥ /S	Aggressive 1H call, 5 hearts, 5HCPs
1NT /W	Strong NT, balanced hand
2♥ /N	Minimum fit, raise ATx, shape (not playing support doubles)
X	Negative double - shows 4/4, ♦ and ♠

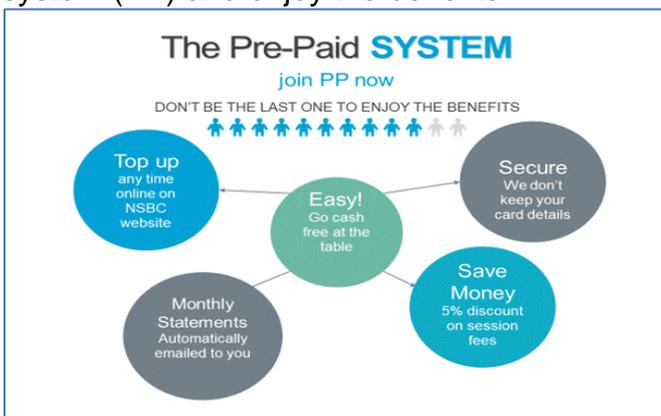
West now has the bidding problem, with 4 basic options:

- **Pass – For a Vulnerable Penalty.** 15HCPs, but has no first-round controls, this is risky. If Pass, then attack with ♥K to remove North's ruffing power. But N/S still can make 6 tricks, for +500 against best defence.
- **3♦** - Agree diamonds, signoff in at least the 4/4 fit. Safe move, will likely score a positive, 9 tricks.
- **2NT** Settle for part score in NTs
- **3NT** Bid game, hope for a heart lead. Hard to find this bid, with partner's **Pass** on the first round. I would expect only a part score hand, so this **is an overbid.**

Another possibility is a poor EW free bidding and still not reaching 3NT. Suggested free bidding sequence to 3NT is:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (N)	East	South
	Pass ?	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	X	3♠	Pass
3NT or 5D			
Bidding Notes			
Pass?	Ed: I would open 1♣ - minimum, but good shape		
1NT	15-17 Balanced		
2NT	Transfer to diamonds, may be a weak signoff		
3♣	Super accept in diamonds		
X	Lead suggestion if South on lead		
3♠	GF, second suit, 6/4 shape (3NT or 4♠ or 5♦)		
3NT	Prefer the 3NT bid, min with stoppers in ♣/♥		

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## Playing 3NT by West

### North's best opening lead?

Assuming the suggested standard auction, a **4<sup>th</sup> highest club** is likely the best lead, you still have ♥A for entry to cash the clubs.

### West's planning to make the contract

The contract looks good for 9 tricks.

Winners: 1♣+6♦+2♠ = 9

Losers: 1♥+ 4♣ after ♣ lead

Problems:

- The diamond suit needs to be untangled
- Play ♦A first, in case South (most likely) has all 3 diamonds and then I can safely finesse.
- **I cannot touch the heart suit, or they will cash 5 tricks (1♥ + 4♣).** So just go for the contract and ignore the possibility of overtricks.

Play – Card by Card

T1 West, take South's ♠Q with your ♠K

T2 Small ♦9 to East's ♦A, both follow

T3 Small diamond to West's ♦K (♦Q drops)

T4/5 Cash West's high diamond tricks (unblocking)

T6 Small spade to East's ♠A

T7/8 Cash remaining two diamond tricks

T9 Small spade back to ♠K = **9 tricks**

T10 ♥K. If North discards correctly, he can cash the 4 remaining tricks.

## Playing 5♦ by West

### North's best opening lead?

♦5, as cashing unsupported Aces over the top of a NT hand is likely to give away tricks.

### Planning and play by West

Looks straight forward, draw last trump, lead ♥K to North's Ace. (if South has the ♣A you are going down).

North will now cash the ♣A, else you will make 12 tricks. Now you have **11 tricks!**

## 7. Congress News

### ABF News and Coming Events

	Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	June 6-10
2	APBF Championships – Singapore	June 11-20
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1	Open European Championships – Istanbul	June 15-29
9	Australian National Championships – Melbourne	July 13-25
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ABF Western Senior Pairs - Perth			
Swiss Pairs		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Don Allen &amp; Trevor Fuller</b>	127	7-1-1
2	<b>Margaret Bourke &amp; Peter Reynolds</b>	123	7-0-2

ABF Autumn Nationals - Adelaide				
ANOSP - Open Swiss Pairs (60P)		VPS	W-D-L	PQP
1	<b>Philip Markey &amp; Bruce Neill</b>	131	7-0-1	16
2	<b>Elizabeth Adams &amp; Andrew Peake</b>	108	6-0-2	12
3	<b>Brad Coles &amp; George Kozakos</b>	96	6-0-2	8
4	<b>Bill Nash &amp; James Wallis</b>	89	5-2-1	4
Seniors - Swiss Pairs 18P		VPS	W-D-L	PQP
1	<b>Terry Brown &amp; Peter Buchen</b>	103	5-2-1	24
2	<b>George Bilski &amp; Martin Bloom</b>	102	5-2-1	18
3	<b>Roger Januszke &amp; John Zollo</b>	94	4-2-2	12
4	<b>Richard Douglas &amp; Bob Sebesfi</b>	91	6-1-1	6
Womens - Swiss Pairs 24P		VPS	W-D-L	PQP
1	<b>Sue Lusk &amp; Viv Wood</b>	108	6-2-0	16
2	<b>Liz Sylvester &amp; Greer Tucker</b>	104	6-0-2	12
3	<b>Cathryn Herden &amp; Judy Mott</b>	97	5-0-3	8
4	<b>Liz Fanos &amp; Julianne Rocks</b>	96	5-2-1	4

Under Life Master - Swiss Pairs 38P		VPS	W-D-L	
1	<b>George Wagner &amp; Nick Walsh</b>			
2	<b>Rob Holgate &amp; Neil Williams</b>			
ANOT - Qualifying Open Teams (62T)		VPS	W-D-L	PQP
1	<b>Kate McCallum, Axel Johannsson, Michael Wilkinson, Paul Dalley</b>	132	7-1-1	GF
2	<b>Sophie Ashton, Helena Dawson, Paul Gosney, Sartaj Hans</b>	131	7-0-2	GF
3	<b>Ron Klinger, Philip Markey, Ian Thomson, Justin Williams</b>	124	7-0-2	9
4	<b>Matt Smith, George Smolanko, Ben Thompson, Jamie Thompson</b>	120	7-0-2	
ANOT - Open Teams Grand Final		IMPS		PQP
1	<b>Sophie Ashton, Helena Dawson, Paul Gosney, Sartaj Hans</b>	130		36
2	<b>Kate McCallum, Axel Johannsson, Michael Wilkinson, Paul Dalley</b>	91		18

ABF Barrier Reef - Cairns			
Open - Butler Swiss Pairs (82P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Justin Mill &amp; Ken Anderson</b>	119	7-0-1
2	<b>Ken Dawson &amp; Verna Brookes</b>	108	5-1-2
Restricted - Swiss Pairs (34P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Debra Goodchild &amp; Eric Goodchild</b>	127	8-0-0
2	<b>Valerie Robbins &amp; Peter Robbins</b>	100	4-1-3
Novice - Swiss Pairs (20P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Simon Jones &amp; Audrey Ledbrook</b>	113	7-1-0
2	<b>Ming Ting &amp; David Ting</b>	99	5-0-3

Under Life Master Teams 18T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Heidi Colenbrander, Rob Holgate, Ray Hurst, Neil Williams</b>	120	6-1-2
2	<b>Colin Clifford, Terry Healey, Patricia McGaffin, John Rogers</b>	116	6-2-1
Consolation Teams 10T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Terry Brown, Peter Buchen, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer</b>	68	4-0-1
2	<b>Martin Doran, Stephen Fischer, Paul Hooykaas, Pele Rankin</b>	62	3-1-1

ABF Barrier Reef - Cairns			
Open - Butler Swiss Pairs (82P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Justin Mill &amp; Ken Anderson</b>	119	7-0-1
2	<b>Ken Dawson &amp; Verna Brookes</b>	108	5-1-2
Restricted - Swiss Pairs (34P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Debra Goodchild &amp; Eric Goodchild</b>	127	8-0-0
2	<b>Valerie Robbins &amp; Peter Robbins</b>	100	4-1-3
Novice - Swiss Pairs (20P)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Simon Jones &amp; Audrey Ledbrook</b>	113	7-1-0
2	<b>Ming Ting &amp; David Ting</b>	99	5-0-3

Open Teams (44T)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Richard Ward, Therese Tully, Toni Bardon, Yolanda Carter</b>	127	8-0-0
2	<b>Chris Stead, John Brockwell, Richard Hills, Michael Cullen</b>	104	6-0-2
3	<b>Ashley Bach, Simon Andrew, Gwen King, Kim Del'monte</b>	103	6-0-2
Barrier 300 Teams (22T)		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Ming Shu Yang, Gill Phillippo, Eugene Pereira, Rex Meadowcroft</b>	109	7-1-0
2	<b>Nick Edginton - Christine Newbery - Annette Scott - Rhonda Graham</b>	105	5-1-2
3	<b>Charlie Georgees - Jennifer Mullen - Audrey Ledbrook - Kay Mukai</b>	104	5-0-3

## NSWBA and Congress Events

Pos	NSWBA Seniors Team Selection	VPS
1	Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer	114
2	Nicky Strasser & <b>George Bilski</b>	104
3	<b>Peter Jeffery &amp; Andrew Markovics</b>	102



**2019 Seniors ITS Winners**  
George Bilski, Nicki Strasser, Warren Lazer,  
Pauline Gumby, Andrew Markovics and  
Peter Jeffery

Pos	NSWBA State Mixed Pairs	MP
1	Shirley Arnold - Barry Dalsto	368
2	Warren Lazer - Pauline Gumby	361
3	Freddie Zulfiqar - Annette Marshall	360

Pos	Coffs Harbour - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>David Weston</b> , Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo, Michael Simes	115	7-0-1
2	Rex Hanson, Eric Baker, Brian Glover, Alison Hanson	105	5-0-3

Pos	NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Peter Jeffery &amp; Yumin Li</b>	108	7-0-0
2	<b>Johnno Newman &amp; Rico Ranson</b>	100	6-0-1
3	<b>Withold Chylewski &amp; Ruth Tobin</b>	91	5-0-2

Pos	Leeton - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Michael Ross & Kevin Douglas	86	6-0-0
2	Helen Tootell & Peter Tootell	79	3-2-1

Pos	Leeton - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Phil Glover, Bal Krishan, David Brennan, Jan Rava	88	5-0-1
2	Richard Douglas, David Weston, Vicky Lisle, Ian Lisle	87	5-0-1

Pos	Maitland - Swiss Teams (36T)	VP	W-D-L
1	Ann Harrison - David Harrison - Greg Farrell - Helen Baker	87	5-0-1
2	Paul Mcgrath - Grant Cowen - Chris Dibley - Julie Gleeson	82	4-0-2

## Upcoming Congress events

June, 2019	
NSWBA Teams of Three	Jun 2 (Sun)
ABF Victor Champion Cup (Melbourne)	Jun 6 (Thu) - 10 (Mon)
Nambucca Valley Bridge Club <i>Swiss Pairs &amp; Teams</i>	Jun 8 (Sat) - Jun 9 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre <i>Friendly Pairs</i>	Jun 9 (Sun)
Grafton Bridge Club <i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Jun 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Newcastle Bridge Club <i>Swiss Pairs &amp; Teams</i>	Jun 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams	Jun 16 (Sun)
Illawarra Bridge Association Chris Diment Memorial Congress	Jun 22 (Sat) - Jun 23 (Sun)
<b>North Shore Bridge Club Bridge Festival</b>	
Restricted & Novice Teams @ EL	Jun 22 (Sat)
Restricted & Novice Pairs @ EL	Jun 23 (Sun)
Swiss Matchpoint Pairs @ CW	Jun 27 (Thu)
Swiss Teams @ CW	Jun 28 (Fri)
Watermark Swiss Pairs @ CW	Jun 29 (Sat)
TBIB Teams @ CW	Jun 30 (Sun)

July, 2019	
Brisbane Water Bridge Club (Woy Woy) Super Congress <i>Open/Restricted Swiss Pairs, Swiss teams</i>	Jul 6 (Sat), Jul 7 (Sun)
Australian National Championships (Melbourne) Interstate Teams	Jul 13 (Sat) - 19 (Fri)
Australian National Championships (Melbourne) Butler's	Jul 20 (Sat) - 25 (Thu)
State Veterans Pairs (Bowral) Booked out	Jul 26 (Fri) - 28 (Sun)
Taree Bridge Club Teams	Jul 27 (Sat) - 28 (Sun)
Peninsula Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Jul 28 (Sun)

August, 2019	
State Individual @ NSWBA Clubrooms	Aug 3 (Sat) @ 10am
Orange Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs, Swiss teams	Aug 3 (Sat), Aug 4 (Sun)
Nowra Bridge Club - Swiss teams	Aug 4 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre - Winter Swiss teams	
ABF: Swan River Open Swiss Pairs	Aug 10 (Sat) - 11 (Sun)
Central Coast Bridge Club Novice and Restricted Congress - Swiss Pairs, Swiss teams	
Moree Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	
Wagga Wagga Bridge Club 41st Annual Congress - Swiss Pairs, Swiss teams	
Ingleburn RSL Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	Aug 11 (Sun)
ABF: Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Aug 13 (Tue) - 18 (Sun)
Tamworth Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	Aug 24 (Sat) - 25 (Sun)
NSBC at East Lindfield - Swiss teams	Aug 25 (Sun)
Toronto Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	
Tweed Bridge Club Birthday Congress - Swiss Teams	
Blue Mountains Bridge Club Inc Bygone Beauties - Swiss Pairs, Swiss teams	Aug 31 (Sat), Sep 1 (Sun)