NSBC Newsletter



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2019 Club Champion Progress



The 16th Club Championship event (the **EL Labour day Congress**) was completed in early October. That leaves only 2 major events to be played:

- Club Teams (2x CC points) in November
- Monthlies CC awards in November.

Current standings are:

Place	Player	Points
1	Peter Jeffery	65
2	Judy Osie	50
3	Lorna Ichilcik	48

The detailed results are on our website

Interclub Competition

Although NSBC didn't take out this trophy, a word of congratulations to those pairs who scored points in their sections:

	NSBC Pair	Pts
Α	Julianne Rocks & Liz Quittner	1.0
В	Julie Guthrie & Mark Guthrie	8.0
В	Sunny Pang & Ian Maclaren	7.0
В	Edward Truscott & Alexis Ngan	
С	Jenny Genocchio & Jan Winn	6.0
С	Hans Van Weeren & John Rogers	4.0
D	Ming Xie & Weijun Liu	9.0
D	Pam Ranney & Chris Willoughby	6.5
D	Paulina Martin & Ming Li	2.0

Good Luck

We wish the 3 members who have entered into different teams for the play off for the 2020 Australian Open Team good luck!

They are Johnno Newman, Peter Gill & Nigel Rosendorff.

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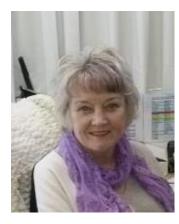
Ready for Melbourne Cup Day?

Come and join us for an enjoyable day of bridge, lunch and sweeps, then watch the race together on the big TV screens.





Club News



Profile: Margaret Owen

Office Administrator

Born in sunny Edinburgh Scotland. I left school at 15 and trained as a comptometer operator. I got married and had two children, then when my son was three I went back to college and enrolled at Edinburgh University studying maths and physics.

In my first year I worked for an accountant calculating pub stocks for a brewery. That was the busiest time of my life - full-time study, four hours each night working for the brewery and Saturdays at the TAB office. No time for socialising. I then studied accounting and trained with Coopers and Lybrand in Edinburgh qualifying as a chartered accountant.

In 1983 I married my husband Rod who is from Adelaide and we moved there. I couldn't believe the heat and the number of spiders and creepy crawlies. We returned to the UK where I considered bridge, but Rod wasn't keen.

In 2000, we moved to Sydney where I worked as an accountant until 2005. I decided to learn bridge and booked into Tina Zines' lessons at the NSWBA, a 10-week course. On the first day I remember thinking I was way behind everyone.

Four weeks in, Rod and I went away for a week. I spent the mornings at the pool reading my notes. I also joined at Willoughby and attended Lorraine Harness' lessons. Ever since I have been hooked on this game.

I was asked to become membership secretary when Val Mace moved to Adelaide. I love working in the club and meeting members.



Profile: David Hudson

> Committee Member

I started playing bridge in the early 1980s in Canberra when I was in my twenties and embarking on my career. I had deliberately deferred learning until after uni because my Dad had dropped out of medicine to play bridge and pool and my friend from school dropped out of law and played a lot of bridge and golf. I though this must be a great game but with my obsessive personality it might be best to wait!!

I was lucky enough to sneak into a couple of very good ACT youth teams in the mid 80s and also played a lot with my Dad which I remember very fondly.

I gave it away in the late 1980s as career and family took over. After a break of more than 20 years I started again about 8 years ago at North Shore and was very fortunate to strike up a partnership with Anita Curtis.

Since then, my wife Fiona has taken up the game, learning from Liz and Anita and is doing very well.

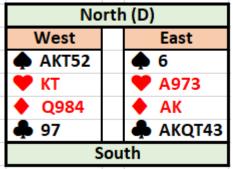
I joined the committee almost 5 years ago and it has been very rewarding to make a contribution to a big vibrant club like NSBC.

Monthly Winners EOY Tournament

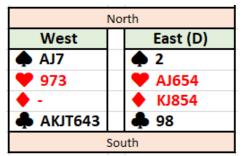
A special one session tournament for Monthly Winners is being held on Sunday 15/Dec starting @ 11am at Club Willoughby. You must have won a monthly session at either EL or CW to be entitled to <u>play for free</u>. Link to entry

Bidding & Play Challenges

Challenges 1 & 2



Matchpoints: no interference, free bidding to your best contract



If East Passes, South will open 2♠ (weak) or 2♦ (multi) and North will raise to 3♠ if room.

If East opens 2♥, South will overcall 2♠ and North will raise to 3♠ if room.

News from the library



It is always a joy to see people using the Library books on Bridge, thank you for signing out the books and returning them to the plastic storage box.

This week we had a book returned with an apology because it had been out of circulation for longer than normal. If you have ever borrowed a book, and may have forgotten about it, would you please check around and return. The Library Team will be reconciling the books in the Library to those signed out in order to understand the gap.

Happy learning and Bridge playing.

Fiona and Marion

Congratulations: EL Labour Day Pairs Congress

This popular congress attracted a full house of 33 tables. The event was run as two separate North-South and East-West fields.



Winners – Francis, Janet, John M, Patrick & Vivien Full <u>Results</u>, <u>Articles</u>, <u>Honour Board</u>

EL Labour Day Congress NS Pairs Pos **NS Winners** % CC 1 Janet Rowlatt & Frances 118 10 Garrick 2 Alexis Ngan & Bijan 117 7 Assaee Margaret Owen & Sunny 3 116 5 Pang Leo Goorevich & Fiona 4 115 4 Lavery 5 Janet Crocker & June 113 3 Straw 6 Julianne Rocks & Judy 112 2 Marks 7 Steven Bock & Kevin 107 1 Davies

EL Labour Day Congress EW Pairs

Pos	Winners	%	CC
1	Patrick Starck & Vivien Eldridge	124	N/A
2	Peter Jeffery & Julian Abel	117	7
3	Elliott Kaplan & George Fleischer	116	5
4	Liz Fanos & George Finikiotis	114	4
5	Judy Osie & Hymie Osie	112	3
6	Pamela Potter & Lois Chambers	112	2
7	Cevat Emul & Les Grewcock	111	1

Thursday night Swiss Pairs

	Winners	VPs	W-D-L
1 st	Witold Chylewski & Judy Osie (Warren Dobes -Sub)	80	5-0-1
2 nd	George Bilski & Jennifer Rothwell	77	3-1-2

Club News



Links to full Swiss Pairs Results & News Article

	Pennant Hills – Swiss Teams	VPs	W-D-L
1	George Fleischer & Peter Gill, Andrew Peake & Ron Speiser	103	6-0-1
3	Kate McCallum & Axel Johannsson, Warren Lazer & Pauline Gumby	102	5-0-2
C. C.			

Winners: Peter, Andrew, Ron & George Link to the full <u>Pennant Hills Results</u>

ABF: Bloom – Club Results

Brockwell Mixed Teams Final	Imp
Liz Sylvester, Peter Gill, Axel	160
Johannsson, Kate McCallum	
Julia Hoffman, Christophe Quail, Sally	52
Clarke, Garry Clarke	

Link to full Canberra in Bloom Results:

ABF: Spring Nats -Club Results

Link to full Spring Nats results

1	Restricted & Novice (16 Teams)	VPs	W-D-L
1	Kevin Murray, Rob Holgate, Margaret Stevens, Lydia Gibbs	83	4-1-1



Margaret Stevens, Kevin Murray, Lydia Gibbs and Rob Holgate with Mike Prescott

3	Kit Meyers & Kerry Rymer,	73	3-0-3
	Fiona Fawcett, Jenny Barnes	/5	5-0-5

	Novice teams	VPs	W-D-L
1	Maeve Doyle, Robyn Rogers, Michael Bishop, Mary Carter, Brett Slater	73	3-0-3



Winners- Michael Bishop, Maeve Doyle, Robyn Rogers, Mary Carter and Brett Slater with Mike Prescott

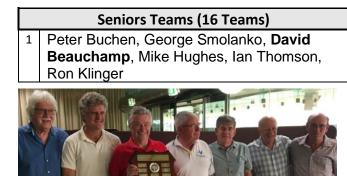
C	Open Swiss MP Pairs (128 Pairs)	VPs	W-D-L
2	Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu	170	9-1-2
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Runners up- Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu with Paul Lavings

	Restricted Swiss MP (30 Pairs)		W-D-L
1	John Rogers & Colin Clifford	168	10-0-2
3	David Burton & Bob Lygo	143	8-0-4



John Rogers & Colin Clifford with Marilyn Chadwick



Winners: George, (Michael Evans), Peter, Mike, Ian, Ron & David

	Women Teams Qual
2	Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin, Sue Lusk & Viv Wood
4	

Runners up- Ruth, Sue, Viv & Helene

October 2019 Monthly Winners Link to Monthly results East Lindfield:

Mon	Open	am	Margaret Easton & Jennie Hoffmann
Mon	Open	pm	Fieny Reimann-Pijls & Rod Binsted
Tue	Open	am	Joyce Edwards & Bruce Edwards
Tue	Sup	pm	N/Q
Tue	Rook	pm	Beverley Thomson & Neville
			Thomson
Tue	Sup	eve	Mark Brown & Jo Brown
Wed	Open	am	Giles Drake & Russell Drake
Thu	Open	pm	Tony Halse / Susan Feeney
Fri	Open	am	Janet Crocker & June Straw
Sat	Open	pm	Joyce Edwards & Sallie Quarles

Club Willoughby:

Open	am	Maurice & Rachael Loomes
Rest	am	Denzil Seldon & Sarah Seldon
Sup	pm	N/Q
Rook	pm	Jane Loveday & Pauline Beckton
Sup	eve	
Open	eve	N/Q
Sup	am	Lynda Cabeldu & Anne Maree Gleeson
Rook	am	Alan Barwick & Debbie Irwin
Open	pm	Tricia Matheson & Kyoko Luiker
Open	eve	Francis Spencer & Robert Coles
Rook	eve	Julie Halliday / Jo Ampherlaw
Open	am	Hymie Osie & Liz Wilkinson
Rest	am	Tien Chey & Bill May
Sup	pm	N/Q
Rookie	pm	Karen Doecke & Jane Loveday
Open	eve	Hymie Osie & David Osie
Open	am	Neil Perry & John Mottram
Rook	pm	Robyne Fleming / Sue Gordon
Open	am	Jake Lin & Kevin Wu
Rest	am	Shirley Gatliff & Joan Colley
Open	pm	Maurice & Rachael Loomes
Open	pm	Kerry Mckay & Ian Plummer
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Monthly results (Masterpoints) are also tallied for the Club Championship

Have you tried Thursday nights?

Thursday night is the club's principal Championship night, with multi-session events running throughout the year. For the keenest competition of the week, please do come and join us. You will be playing against our club's best players, including Australia and NSW representatives, in tough competition. This is the best way to improve your bridge. You may not win initially, but you will quickly learn to become a competent, competitive bridge player. In December we have the Xmas Teams Championship which is held over three Thursday nights. This event is for teams of 4 or more, an excellent opportunity to move up into the top open game and to try team match scoring (IMP / Victory Points).



Our NSBC team (Elaine Dignan, Ian Maclaren, Janet Rowlatt, Bev Peters) at the State Metro Teams ran a credible 3rd in the Metro Clubs qualifying group.

Masterpoint Promotions From East Lindfield:

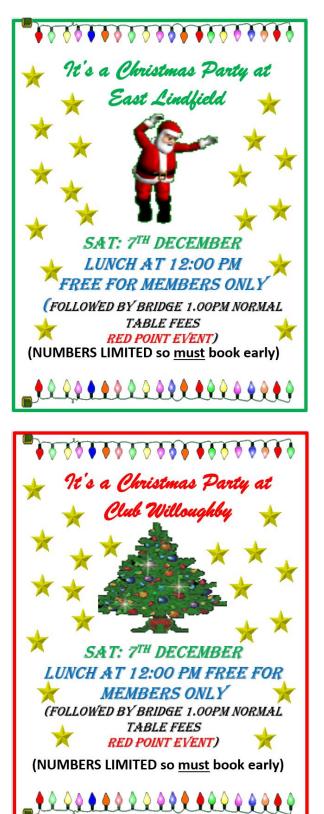
NAME	HOME	Promoted to
NAME	CLUB	RANK in SEP
Paul, Sue	EL	National
Hagley, David	EL	National
Kneprath, Marg	EL	*Regional
Pearman, Mark	EL	*Regional
Berry, Chris	EL	*Local
Wallace, Mary	EL	*Local
Long, Carolyn	EL	Local
Neill, Frances	EL	Local
Holder, Anne	EL	Club
Holder, Gerald	EL	Club

And from Club Willoughby:

		Draw at a d ta
NAME	HOME	Promoted to
	CLUB	RANK in SEP
Siemsgluess, Prue	CW	Gold Life
McLean, Annabel	CW	Bronze Life
Rolston, Rosemarie	CW	**National
Else, Catherine	CW	**National
Mitty, De	CW	*National
Nicholls, June	CW	*State
Martin, Paulina	CW	State
White, Roy	CW	*Regional
Greene, Jill	CW	Regional
Jones, Roy	CW	Regional
Karnani, Ramesh	CW	**Local
Thurloe, Julia	CW	**Local
West, Geoff	CW	*Local
Colyer, John	CW	*Local
Chandler, Merryl	CW	*Local
Napier, Peter	CW	Local
Monch, Chris	CW	Local
Rein, Anne	CW	Local
Gilmour, Rod	CW	Local
Pausey, Sarah	CW	Local
Gwatkin, Beverley	CW	Local
Dunn, Faye	CW	Club
Sardana, Bill	CW	Club
Foote, Tarina	CW	Club
Hardy, Prue	CW	Club
Pollett, Cheryl	CW	Club
Taylor, Peter	CW	Club
Gay, Stephanie	CW	Club
Orro, Carolyn	CW	Graduate
Cargill, Ann	CW	Graduate
White, Sandra	CW	Graduate

Christmas is coming . . .

Do join us at either Club Willoughby or at East Lindfield, for a complimentary lunch at 12pm and bridge as usual at 1pm. Numbers are limited, so get your name down early!





Hand Management

By Pat O'Connor

You hold

North	South
🔶 KQ76	🔶 J2
986	🎔 АКТ53
🔶 AK53	🔶 J74
4 32	🐥 AT4

The bidding has gone

Standard or 2/1 Bidding				
West	North East (D) South			
		Pass	1 💙	
Pass	1 🌩	Pass	1NT	
Pass	4 🧡	All Pass		

You have a minimum balanced hand with five hearts so you open 1♥, and after partner responds 1♠ you bid 1NT. Partner has an opening hand with three hearts and raises you to game.

West leads the **+10**. What is your plan?

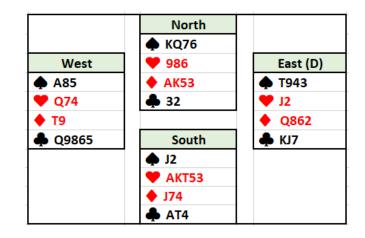
Count your likely Winners $2 \bigstar + 4 \heartsuit + 2 \bigstar + 1 \bigstar = 9$ Count your likely Losers $\bigstar A + \heartsuit + \bigstar J + \bigstar = 4$ Need to save one

Declarer's Strategy:

- Discard South's losing +J on a
 winner, will help stop the 3rd + loser
- Ruff South's 3rd ♣ with the **short** trumps in the North hand, to increase ♥ tricks to 5

Then Winners = $2 \bigstar + 5 \heartsuit + 2 \bigstar + 1 \bigstar = 10$

The full deal:



You should aim to knock out the ♠A and discard a diamond loser on the third round of spades. It is best to do this early because the opponents may lead another diamond when they get in.

Take the opening lead with the A in dummy and lead a low spade to the J in your hand. West will most likely win this with the A and lead the 9, which you will take with the K.

Now you can afford one round of trumps, so lead a small heart to the ♥A in your hand. Since you need to ruff a club in dummy later and you are going to lose the lead to achieve this, you cannot afford a second round of trumps. When the opponents get in they can lead a trump and you won't have one left in dummy to trump your club loser.

Next, lead the $\bigstar 2$ to the $\bigstar K$ in dummy and discard the $\bigstar J$ on the $\bigstar Q$. That gets rid of your diamond loser. Now you can turn your attention to the club loser. Lead a small club from dummy to your $\bigstar A$ and then duck a club. You can win any return and then ruff a club loser. You will end up with only three losers – a spade, a heart and a club.

Key Point

Delay drawing trumps if necessary, in order to establish a winner in a side suit on which to discard a loser.

Keep learning with Anita Curtis

Build on the Basics continues to introduce new ideas, together with play analysis and techniques. The lessons are targeted at players who have completed the 6-week "**Introduction to Bridge**" and the "**Bridge Basics**" course that follows. The lessons are at Club Willoughby on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and repeated on Thursday mornings at 10:30.

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Wed Nov 6 & Thur Nov 7	I can't count that high! 2C Opening & 2D response	
Wed Nov 13 & Thur Nov 14	Dumping Losers Count losers - dumping	
Wed Nov 20 & Thur Nov 21	Hand Analysis 2 Consolidate all skills	
Wed Nov 27 & Thur Nov 28	They opened but I don't have to pass! Overcalls 1	
Wed Dec 4 & Thur Dec 5	They opened but I don't have to pass! Overcalls 2	
Wed Dec 11 & Thur Dec 12	I want to bid but I can't overcall! Takeout Xs part 1	

Develop Your Skills is for players who have completed the "Build on the Basics" course or who have been playing for approximately one year. These lessons extend knowledge in bidding and play. The course prepares players to move to Rookie level and are held at Club Willoughby on Thursday afternoons at 2pm.

Thu, 7 Nov	Forcing or not forcing? Bidding: Invitational or forcing?
Thu, 14 Nov	How do I play this suit! Suit combinations - declarer play
Thu, 21 Nov	Where is this auction going? Advancer's options in the bidding
Thu, 28 Nov	Unblocking in defence
Thu, 5 Dec	Hand Analysis 2 All skills
Thu, 30 Jan	Cross ruffing Declarer play

Want to keep learning?

Call Anita Curtis on 0405 449 767

or email ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Improver - Hand analysis

These hand analysis lessons are held at Club Willoughby on the last Friday of the month at 2pm for people who have completed the DYS course.

Fri, Dec	Gentle Hand Analysis
6	Suitable for improvers to
0	Intermediate players who have
	completed DYS

Broaden Your Game/Intermediate is a set of lessons for intermediate players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience. It follows on from Develop Your Skills.

The lessons are held at Club Willoughby on Friday afternoons at 2pm, on the first 3 Fridays of the month.

Fri, Nov	1	Eddie Kantar Hand Analysis For Intermediate+ players who like a challenge
Fri, Nov	8	Bidding 2 suited hands Eddie Kantar teaches Michaels cue bids & the Unusual NT as overcaller
Fri, Nov	15	Make more contracts Eddie Kantar will challenge your declarer play skills with tricky hands for entry management
Fri, Nov	22	The Joys of Bidding Slams Eddie Kantar on how to bid good slams!
Fri, Nov	29	No lesson

Mike's lessons for Improvers



Do stay on after the lesson to enjoy the facilities and play in the Open games that follow.

5 Ways to Be a Better Bridge Partner, extracted from "Bridge for Dummies" by Eddie Kantar.

Most bridge players value a reliable, happy partner above anything else. Working together as a team is important for the success of your partnership. You both want to win, so you can't gain anything from getting upset when play doesn't go exactly as planned. It seldom does! Here, you will find some tips on keeping your partner happy.

1. Treat your partner like your best friend

Even if you don't know your partner well, treating them with respect improves their play. Treat your partner like your best friend, and you'll be repaid in "spades." And if you're a pleasant, courteous opponent, you'll win everyone's "hearts".

2. Tolerate your partner's errors

Don't keep harping on your partner's errors; just forgive and try to forget (at least until after the game). After all, do you want to be reminded of the mistakes you've made? (We all make mistakes, you too!) If you have constructive criticism, save it for after the session, when you'll both be calmer. Expect (demand) that your partner show you the same respect.

3.Own up to your own errors

Avoid the human tendency to lay your own errors at your partner's doorstep. A weaker partner will feel good to know that you, the stronger player, make errors as well — and are a big enough person to admit them.

4.Keep a poker (well, Bridge) face

Never make any facial or body movements or use mannerisms that indicate whether you're pleased or displeased with a bid or play. You'll lose the table's respect. Facial expressions and body gestures can be construed as illegal signals.

5.Deal well with disaster

A truly good partnership handles the inevitable disaster with a touch of humor. If your partner doesn't have to worry that you'll have an apoplectic fit whenever something goes wrong, they'll play better.

5 more tips next month!

Ready for more challenges?

Are you ready to take your first steps into competitive bridge at the restricted (<300MPs) or novice (<100MPs) levels? How about:

State Novice & Restricted Teams

The NSW State Teams championships at both the Restricted & Novice levels, are being held in Wollongong on 16th & 17th November. Stay overnight - Entry & Information Link

Trumps – 27th December, Restricted Pairs

Rookie/Supervised games:

There is a 15-minute talk before most of these sessions, come and join us!.

Supervised Sessions (2 hours)
Monday at 2pm with Sue and Allan
Monday at 7pm with Jenny
Tuesday at 10am with Kim and Kay
Tuesday at 2pm with Sue
Tuesday at 7pm with Sue
Wednesday at 2pm with Liz and Kay
Rookie Sessions (2 hours)
Monday at 2pm with Sue and Allan
Tuesday at 10am with Kim and Kay
Tuesday at 10am with Kim and Kay Tuesday at 7:30pm with John S
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Restricted games:

Venue	Supervised Sessions (2hours)			
CW	Monday at 10am with Johnno			
CW	Wednesday at 10am with Tony			
CW	Friday at 10am with Brian			



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.

Q: Am I being psyched?

In your opinion does the following constitute a *PSYCHE bid*?

The hands are:

	North	
	QT8	
West (D)	🎔 Q8	East
• 754	🔶 AQ2	🔶 A97
V J96543	📥 AQJ52	🖤 КТ72
♦ T6		J87542
4 93	South	4 -
	🔶 KJ32	
	♥ A	
	♦ AQ	
	뤚 KJ8764	

North was the dealer:

West	North (D)	East	South
	1NT (15-17)	Pass	2 🐥
2 🧡	Pass	4 🧡	5 🛖
All Pass			

I contend West's bid of 2♥ would be a psyche bid.

East's pass was after some hesitation over the 1NT opening.

I could perhaps accept West bidding 3♥, but not to NS contending that the bid of 2♥ stopped them finding slam, because of the expected points there.

What do you think?



West's call is certainly a bit light on. I think that it is sufficiently unexpectedly weak as to qualify as a psyche call.

Having said that, I do not believe that there is any room for any further action by the director.

There is nothing to indicate that East has "fielded the psyche". Bidding to 4♥ and the selling out to 5♣ is not an unreasonable action on their hand.

I have little sympathy for NS's contention that West's call stopped them bidding the slam. South knows NS have a minimum of 30 high card points between the two hands.

Furthermore, holding the singleton ♥A with opponents bidding hearts suggests that North's high cards are likely to be in the other suits and so "working". South knows that one of East or West is bidding on very minimal values.

I trust this is of help.





John Mcllrath is

our chief director and a former manager of the North Shore Bridge Club. He has a wealth of experience in bridge proprietorship, management, playing and directing.



A:

Revoke is a "mechanical" mistake, put simply a failure to follow suit. we have all done it. **So, when should I call the Director?**

If you or your partner revoke, it's best to call the director before either of you play to the next trick, else the revoke becomes "established" and you cannot correct your error. You may be subject to Automatic Trick Transfers of 0, 1 or 2 tricks, depending on who wins subsequent tricks.

If you notice that your opponents revoke,

you should **NOT** call the director until the end of the play of the hand, otherwise you give them a chance to correct it. It is best however to look to the following procedure.

- Before gathering up the cards at the end of the hand, tell your opponents that you think they have revoked.
- Call the director and do not let anyone move any cards. **NEVER** touch the cards of another player.
- As a memory aid, it's a good idea to place your card from the suspected trick a little bit out of alignment with the rest. It's easy now for you to say, "at trick no. X, I think you revoked?". You can do this whether you are a defender, dummy or declarer.

Please remember that Laws allow you to inquire about a possible revoke.

- Declarer may ask a defender, although I am not sure why they would.
- Dummy may ask declarer, and **maybe** we should do this more often!
- Dummy may <u>NOT</u> ask a defender, and *I* am not sure why they would.
- Defenders may ask one another, and *maybe we should do this more often!*
- Defenders may ask declarer, but again *I* am not sure why they would.



Our Game of Bridge



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An example follows:



ALIVE, BUT THINK ABOUT YOUR REBID By Barbara Travis

As dealer, what would you open with this hand? You (East) hold:



Many people advocate opening your suits in their 'natural' order, in other words you should open 1. The hand does have extra playing strength, given its 5-6 shape, particularly being the majors, but you also need to think about any rebid issues that may arise.

At the table, when players opened 1 v on the hand, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
		1 🧡	2 🔶
Pass	2NT	?	

What now?

You really can't rebid 34 on the hand; it simply isn't enough to be forcing your partner to choose a suit at the 4-level. What does this all mean?

It's better to open 1 on this hand, and then vou can rebid hearts on the next round of bidding, at least getting your playing strength across to partner.

Admittedly, partner should have made a negative double, but some Wests thought their hand was too weak:



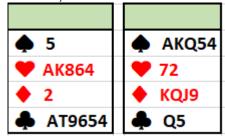
4♠ is a great contract, especially with North holding three hearts including the Ace, yet many people sold out to North-South's 2NT or 3. contracts.

My advice: before you open the bidding, think about any rebid issues you may have, especially with a 5-6 hand shape.

A similar hand cropped up several years ago. My partner held:



She opened 1♣. Over my 1♠ response she rebid 2♥, a reverse. We were a one-off partnership, with few conventions available after a reverse, so holding 17 HCP and the other two suits, I blasted 6NT!



Obviously, this is a shocking contract. The diamond lead didn't even help much.

Ever since that auction and contract, I've tended to recommend opening 5-6 hands more carefully, bearing the rebid in mind. *My advice nowadays is that you can open a 5-6 and reverse if you only have four losers, not more*.

That would mean that:



This hand would suit a 1♣ opening, with a reverse to 2♥ over a 1♠ response.

Finally, I witness someone holding:



who opened 1♦. This was short-sighted – in terms of what rebid should be made when partner responded 1♠. On this hand, what happened proved to be worse for her; RHO overcalled 1♠, partner passed and LHO jumpraised to 3♠!

West	North	East	South
		1 🔶	1 🌩
Pass	3 🌩	?	

What now? There is no way the hand is strong enough to bid 4♥ next. Of course, partner held K-x-x in hearts, and minimal values, but 4♥ was a good contract. The problem was that it could no longer be bid. If she had opened 1♥, her partner would have raised to 2♥ and then this 5-6 hand can be re-valued ("6-5, come alive") and you reach 4♥ easily.

Moral:

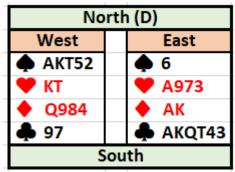
With a 5-6 shape, remember your potential rebid problems (i.e. reverse / bidding beyond your barrier). Especially with a 5-6, you may have to open the 5-card suit first and then rebid the 6-card suit... **if your hand is too**

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weak to reverse. With a 4-5 hand, remember about reversing – and, as responder, remember to notice a reverse if opener makes one. You may sometimes have to rebid 1NT on mildly skewed hand shapes.

Challenge 1: Suggested solution

16 CW Fri 10:00 am Dup



Matchpoints: no interference, free bidding to your best contract

This hand was played at CW on Friday 16th August, in both the Open and Restricted sections.

9	Standard or 2/1 Bidding					
West	North (D)	East	South			
	Pass	1 🐥	Pass			
1 🌩	Pass	3 🐥	Pass			
3 🔶	Pass	3NT	Pass			
4NT	Pass	5 🏚	Pass			
6NT	All Pass					
	Bidding Co	omments				
1 🐥	Unbalanced, just short of a GF					
1 🌩	4+ spades,	4+ spades, natural				
3 🐥	GF, long cl	lub suit				
3 🔶	Second su	it, 5+ spades	5			
3NT	I have hearts covered					
4NT	Blackwood (no agreed suit)					
5 🄶	3 Aces					
6NT	To play					

Challenge Solutions

All EWs should get to a 6NT contract in Matchpoint scoring, or 7NT if you're super aggressive.

	*	•	•	٨	NT
North	-	-	-	-	-
South	-	-	-	-	-
East	7	7	6	5	7
West	7	7	6	5	7

Actual Results were:

Frid	Friday Dup Pairs (Open) B9 on 16/Aug EW Matchpoints								EW	MPS
Contr	act / 1	Tricks / I	Lead	Freq	Score	MP	%	Note	Diff	IMPS
6NT	Е	11	8 🌰	1	-100	0	0%	Bottom	-980	-14
5 🐥	Ε	12	J 🌪	1	620	2	10%	Play in NT!	-260	-6
3NT	Е	11	9 🌰	2	660	5	25%		-220	-6
3NT	W	12	J	2	690	9	45%		-190	-5
3NT	Е	13	2 🧡	1	720	12	60%	Overtrick +15%	-160	-4
6NT	Ε	12	2 🧡	4	1440	17	85%	Top =	560	11
	Played 11 Tables					lax MP	= 10x2 =	20 =100%	EW Av	r= 880

Friday	Friday Dup Pairs (Restricted) EW Matchpoints B9 on 16/Aug								EW IMPS	
Contr	act / 1	Tricks /	Lead	Freq	Score	MP	%	Note	Diff	IMPS
6 🐥	Е	10	2 🧡	1	-200	0	0%	Bottom	-840	-14
5 🐥	Ε	11	2 🧡	1	600	2	11%	Play in NT	-40	-1
5 🐥	Ε	12	2 🧡	1	620	4	22%	Overtrick +11%	-20	-1
3NT	W	10	8 🐥	3	630	8	44%		-10	0
3NT	Ε	11	Q 🧡	1	660	12	67%		20	1
4NT	W	12	Q	1	690	14	78%		50	2
3NT	W	13	2 🐥	1	720	16	89%	Overtrick +11%	80	2
6NT	W	12	8 🧡	1	1440	18	100%	Тор	800	13
	Played 10 Tables Max MP = 9x2 = 18 =100%						° = 9x2 =	18 =100%	EW Av	r= 640

NS Matchpoints:

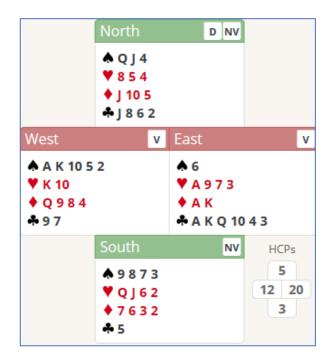
The computer awards you 2 MPs for each pair your score betters, and 1 MP for each pair your score equals. The computer adds up your MPs and generally shows it as a **percentage of the max MP** score on the board.

Match point Comments

All declarers should be in at least 6NT. Open: 5/11 in slam, but one went down? Restricted: 2/10 in slam, but one went down? Making an extra overtrick scores about **+11%** in all contracts.

Several declarers opted for club contracts which score very poorly vs NT at Matchpoints.

The Full hand



Play of the Hand in 6NT by East

Best lead by South?

On the suggested auction I would lead the •Q as the only suit not directly bid.

Contract Planning in 6NT by East ($\mathbf{\nabla}Q$ lead) Top losers: none. Top winners: $2x \triangleq$, $2x \mathbf{\nabla}$, $3x \triangleq$ =10, but clubs should supply 2 or 3 more tricks.

Problems:

Only 2 entries to dummy (\forall K and \triangleq A). Must unblock \diamond AK to enjoy \diamond Q. Need to start on clubs early. Win first $\underline{\forall}Q$ lead in West hand.

Card by Card in 6NT by East

T1S	♥Q, ♥T, ♥4, <u>♥A</u>
T2E	<u>♣A,</u> ♣ 5, ♣ 7, ♣ 2
T3E	<u>♠K</u> ,

preserve W entries Start on long clubs bad break!

Have controls in all suits, so give North their club trick early, so that they can't damage my 6NT.

Card by Card in 6NT by East

T4E	\$ 3, ₹ 2, \$ 2. <u>*8</u>	Duo
T5N	▼ 5, ▼ 3, ▼ 6. <u>▼K</u>	Ne
T6W	♦ 4, ♦ 5, ♦ A, ♦ 3	Ret
T7W	♦ K, ♦ 6, ♦ 8, ♦ T	unb
T8W	₩Q	Cas
T9W	 ▲T	Cas
T10W	♣ 4	Cas
T11W	≜ 6 to ≜ A	Cas
T12E		Cas
T13W	♦Q	Cas
12 Tri	cks, 6NT made!	

uck ♣ to N safely exits H to ♥K eturn & unblock ♦ nblock ♦ ash and drop ♣J ash ♣ ash ♣ ash ♣A ash ♠K ash ♦Q

To make 7NT you need to finesse the **T** at trick 2. Probably only the computer who can see all the cards would do this, or you need a very friendly club lead.

Play of the Hand in 6* by East

South's best lead?

Options: Singleton ♣5, may stop a ruff, but may kill partners club honour? ♦7, top through dummy's second suit

♥Q, into the unbid suit

▲9, top into North's 5-card suit

Would probably find the ♥Q

Planning:

This looks like $7 \pm$ is on, if the club suit breaks 3/2. As I can ruff a losing heart and pitch the last heart on the $\pm K$, a valuable overtrick may be made!

Card by Card in 6+ by East

T1S	♥ Q, <u>♥K</u> , ♥ 4, ♥ 3	Win in Dummy
T2W	♣ 7, ♣ 2, <u>♣</u>A, ♣5	Only need 1 🕈 ruff
T3E	♥<u>A</u>, ♥ 2, ♥ T, ♥ 5	Cash ♥A
T4E	♥7, ♥6, ♠9, ♥8	Ruff 3 rd 💙
T5W	♦ 4, ♦ 5, ♦ A, ♦ 3	Return & unblock 🔶
T6E	<u>♣K</u> , ≜ 3, ≜ 2, ♣ 5	bad break!
T7E	<u>♣Q,</u> ♦ 3, ♦ 5, ♣ 8	Draw 3 rd 秦
T8E	♦ K, ♦ 3, ♦ 8, ♦ J	Cash 🔶
T9W	≜ 6, ≜ 7, ≜ A, ≜ 4	Cross on a 🛦

T10E ♠K, ♠J, ♥9, ♠8

Discard losing ¥

Challenge Solutions

T11 Claim: you have $3 \ge$ trumps remaining and only the boss \ge J outstanding.

We were hopeful of making all 13 tricks in clubs for a few extra MPs. But we should have been in 6NT which would score much better! (1440 vs 1370). This matters in Matchpoints, but is not important in IMP scoring

Challenge 2: Suggested solution

05 CW Wed 10.00 AM

North			
West East (D)			
🔶 AJ7	4 2		
🎔 973 🛛 🎔 AJ654			
♦ -	🔶 KJ854		
🐥 AKJT643 🛛 🐥 98			
South			

If East Passes, South will open 2♠ (weak) or 2♦ (multi) and North will raise to 3♣ if room.

If East opens 2♥, South will overcall 2♠ and North will raise to 3♠ if room.

This hand was played at CW on Wednesday 5th June, in both the Open and Restricted fields.

Full Hand



This hand leads to a competitive auction, with both sides **capable of scoring well**.

The first typical auction, where East opened 2♥ showing 5/5 in hearts and another suit, and less than opening HCPs:

	Standard or 2/1 Bidding					
West	North	East (D)	South			
		2 🧡	2 🌩			
4 🧡	X, or 4 🔶 , or Pass					
Bidding Discussion						
2 🧡	5/5 in hearts and another, less than opening HCPs					
2 🌩	Good shape makes up for poor HCPs					
4 🧡	Practical game bid, suspect partner has diamonds					
Pass	North chooses to defend					
X	North chooses to defend agressively					
4 🌩	North chooses to	bid (one for t	he road!)			

As North, there are 3 final options:

- 1. Pass and defend, you do have 4 hearts!
- Bid 4 as a "one for the road" as it sounds like double fits around the table and patner will b short
- 3. **Double,** looking for a good penalty, but you are unlikely to make many spade tricks. A desperation measure!

I prefer the Pass.

The second typical auction where East initially **passes** & South opens a weak 2s or a weak 2-suiter 5/5 spades and a minor suit)

	Standard or 2/1 Bidding				
West	North	East (D)	South		
		Pass	2 🔶		
3 🐥	3 🧡	Pass!	3 🌩		
4 🐥		P, 4 🧡 ,5 🐥			
	Biddin	g Discussion			
Pass	Not playing weak 5-5 openings!				
2 🔶	Weak 2 in a major or 20/21 balanced				
3 🐥	Natural, 5/6 clubs				
3 🧡	Pass 3 🧡 or correct to 3 🌩				
Pass!	Cannot double as this would show 4 spades				
3 🌰	Corrects, I have a weak 2 in spades				
4 🐥	Better than minimum, 6/7 clubs				
Pass	East chooses to pass?				
4 🧡	East shows his 5+ hearts				
5 🐥	East bids 5 🐥 wi	th spade short	age and red suit		

As East, there are again 3 choices:

- 1. Pass, a little timid.
- Bid 4♥, introducing your 5 hearts (you didn't open a weak 2) and good hand, implying tolerance for 5♣.

3. 5♣, with your short spades and red honours, you should have a play in 5♣.
I would likely find the 5♣ bid at the table.
The third bidding sequence where East passes and South opens a multi 2♦ (weak major or strong balanced hand):

Standard or 3/1 Bidding					
Standard or 2/1 Bidding					
West	North	East (D)	South		
		Pass	2 🌩		
3 🐥	3 🌩	X	Pass		
4 🐥	Pass	P, 4 🧡 ,5 🐥			
	Biddin	g Discussion			
Pass	Not playing weak 5/5 openings!				
2 🌩	Good weak 2 🌩 , with extra shape				
3 🐥	Natural 5/6 clubs				
3 🌩	Extend the pre-empt (defensive)				
Х	Negitive double, shows both red suits				
4 🐥	Better than mini	mum, 6/7 clubs	3		
Pass	East chooses to pass				
4 🎔	East shows their 5+ hearts				
	East bids 5 🐥 wi	th spade short	age and red suit		
5 🗭	honours				

As East also has 3 options:

A little easier and I would bid 5 with the singleton spade, 2 trumps and hearts over the North hand (who should have some heart length).

Note: EW do find it very hard get to a heart contract over a multi 2♦ opening, coupled with a 3♥ (pass or correct bid).

Actual results:

CW 5/June Open Group							
Contra	ict / Ti	ricks ,	/ Lead	Freq	Score	EW	MP
4 🎔 X	W	8	5 🐥	1	-300	0	0%
4 🎔	E	7	5 🐥	1	-150	2	8%
4 🎔	E	8	5 🐥	3 x	-100	6	23%
5 🐥	W	10	3 🄶	2 x	-50	12	46%
3 🧡	E	8	7 🐥	1	-50	12	46%
4 🌩	S	9	Α 🐥	1	100	16	62%
3 🐥	W	11	6 🧡	1	150	18	69%
4 🔶 X	S	9	5 🐥	1	200	22	85%
4 🔶	S	8	Α 🐥	2x	200	22	85%
4 🎔	E	10	5 🐥	1	420	26	100%
14 Tables			Ma	x MP =	13x2=	-26	

Seems most Open section players opened a multi 2♥ (**5-5 shape**) and either won the contract in 4♥ or NS saved in 4♠. Only 2 played in 5♣, almost all went off!

Challenge Solutions

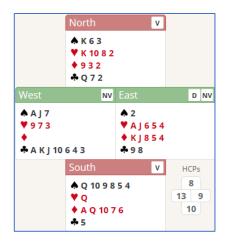
	CW 5/June Restricted Group						
Contract / Tricks / Lead			Freq	Score	EW	/ MP	
4 🔶	S	10	Α 🐥	1	-620	0	0%
5 🧡	E	8	5 🐥	1	-150	2	8%
3 🄶	S	9	Α 🐥	1	-140	4	17%
5 🐥 X	w	10	3 🄶	1	-100	7	29%
5 🐥	w	9	К 🏚	1	-100	7	29%
3 🌩	S	8	A 🐥	1	100	10	42%
3 🐥	E	9	К 🏚	1	110	12	50%
3 🐥	W	10	3 🔶	2x	130	15	63%
4 🐥	w	11	К 🏚	1	150	18	75%
4 🔶	S	7	5 🐥	2x	300	21	88%
5 🐥	W	11	6 🄶	1	400	24	100%
	13 Tables			Ma	x MP =	12x2=	=24

In the **Restricted section**, it looks like most Easts initially passed (not playing multi-2s) and EW then bid mostly to club part score contracts or NS saved in $4 \pm$.

Computer results:

	*	٠	•	٨	NT
North	-	1	-	2	-
South	-	1	-	2	-
East	5	-	4	-	-
West	5	-	4	-	-

Hand Repeated:



Challenge Solutions

The play in 5 by West:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding				
West	North East (D) South			
	Pass 2 🌩			
3 🐥	3 🔶	X	Pass	
4 🐥	Pass	P, 4 🧡 ,5 🐥		

Best lead by North?

I would lead the ± 3 , promising either 4 cards or an honour card or a singleton.

West's declarer planning in $5 \ge 0n \ge 3$ lead: Direct winners: $6/7 \ge +1 \lor +1 \ge 8/9$ tricks Direct losers: None Problems: Need to find $\ge Q$ and then manage the hearts. The ≥ 3 lead should allow me to make 2 spade ruffs in dummy & D ruffs back to hand.

Card by Card in 5 by West				
T1 N ♠ 3, ♠ 2. ♠ Q, <u>♠</u>A	W Wins ≜ A			
T2 W: ≜ 7, ≜ 6, <u>≜8</u>, ≜4	▲ Ruff with ♣8			
T3 E: ♦4, ♦T, <u>♣3</u> , ♦2	♦ Ruff with ♣3			
T4 W: ≜ J, ≜ K, <u>♣9</u>, ≜5	▲ Ruff with ♣9			
T5 E: ♦5, ♦6, <u>♣4</u> , ♦3	♦ Ruff with ♣4			
T6 W: <u>♣A</u> , ♣ 2, ♥ 4, ♣ 5	Try & Draw trumps			
T7 W: <mark>♣K</mark> , ♣7, ♥5, ♠8	♣Q does not fall			

<u>West</u> must now manage the hearts for one loser with a 3/5 fit, but only needs **2 tricks**. South opened a weak 2♠, so likely has a much shorter heart suit. Counting the N/S hands to-date:

South has shown:

6 + 3 + 1 must have some HCPs somewhere, as only had AQ, likely has a top diamond – vulnerable so may be AQ + ?<u>North has shown</u>

3 + 3 + 3 = likely 3 + hearts HCPs = AK, AQ Likely has a high heart

Play options to establish my 2 heart tricks:

- 1. I could play North for ♥KQ tight
- 2. I could play South for ♥KQ tight (less likely)
- I could run the ♥9 hoping for ♥T in north and split heart honours (3/2), but I am missing ♥8 which could be critical

4. I could play South for singleton heart honour

I would try for mixture of options 1 & 4.

T8 W: ♥3, ♥2,?

Played low towards ♥AJ6xx. North plays low, now is crunch time, no ♥KQ tight! . Duck the ♥6 and hope a singleton heart honour wins the trick. T8 W: ♥3, ♥2. ♥6, ♥Q Looking good!

T9 S: \Rightarrow 9, \Rightarrow 6, \Rightarrow Q, \Rightarrow 8 N ruffs with \Rightarrow Q Looks like South has \Rightarrow A so exits \Rightarrow 9 T10 N: \Rightarrow 9, \Rightarrow J, \Rightarrow Q, \pm T N \Rightarrow 9 Ruffed T11 \Rightarrow 7, \Rightarrow 8, ? Lead a heart towards the \Rightarrow AJ, North covers

with $\forall 8$. Can South have $\forall KQ$? Unlikely, as South played the $\diamond Q$ and looks like he has the $\diamond A$ and a 6/5 hand. Finesse $\forall J$ and claim when South shows out.

- T11 ♥7, ♥8, ♥J, ♠T Finesse wins
- T12 Cash ♥A

T13 Cash the last trump ♣J in west hand Claim 11 tricks for Contract

The play in 4♥ by East (North Passed)						
	Standard or 2/1 Bidding					
West	t North East (D) South					
		2 🧡	2 🌩			
4 🎔 🛛 X, or 4 🌩 , or Pass						

Best lead by South?

On a 2♥/4♥ auction, I would lead the singleton ♣5 hoping to score ♥Q as a ruff.

Planning in 4 by East (\$5 lead)

Wish I was in clubs! On the lead of the \clubsuit 5 by South (likely a singleton), it looks like the club suit won't run and I will need to ruff one in hand. I'm a bit short of entries to the West hand and must lead hearts probably twice towards my hand.

Top winners: 2♣+1♠+1♥ =only 4, need to get working!

Hearts are likely longer with North, so South has 1 or 2 hearts, may be a short honour? I decide to play for 2 ♠ ruffs as the best initial source of initial tricks.

Challenge Solutions

Card	Card by Card in 4 by East					
T1S:	≜ 5, <u>≜A</u>, C7, C8	♣A in dummy				
T2W:	<u>♠A</u> , ♠3, ♠2, ♠4	Cash A 2 tricks				
T3W:	≜ J, ≜ K, <u>♥4</u> , ≜ 5	ruff ≜, 3 tricks				
T4E	♦ 4, ♦ 6, <u>♥3</u> , ♦ 2	ruff ♦, 4 tricks				
T5	≜ 7, ≜ 6, <u>▼5</u> , ≜ 8	ruff ♠, 5 tricks				
T6	∳ 9, <u>♥Q</u> , ∳ 3, ∳ 7	& return- ♥Q ruff				
T7	♠ Q, ♣ 4	Spade exit?				

East: It looks like North has ♥KT82 and South singleton ♥Q, as South led a singleton club looking for a ruff. But is not likely to hold ♥KQ tight and could not exit another trump!

North now has a problem on partner's Q exit: should he ruff in front of declarer who has ♥AJ6 left. Maybe lose trump control? Options: discard ◆3 or ♣Q or under ruff partners Q.

If No	If North chooses to let the +3 go					
T7	≜ Q, ♣ 4, ♦ 3, <u>♥6</u>	▲ ruff 6 th trick				
T8	◆ 5, ◆ 7, <u>♥7</u> , ◆ 9	ruff 7 th trick				
Т9	♣K, ♣ Q, ♦ 8, ▲x	♣ cash 8 th trick				
T10	≜ J, ♥ 8, ♥ <u>J</u> , ♦x	over ruff 9 th trick				
T11	<u>♥A</u> 10 th	trick Contract				

If North chooses to let the ♣Q go				
T7 T8 T9 T10 T11	 ▲Q, ▲4, ▲Q, <u>♥6</u> ◆5, ◆7, <u>♥7</u>, ◆3 ♣K, ♥8, ♥J, ♠x ◆8, ◆T, <u>♥9</u>, ◆9 ♥A 10th 	 ▲ ruff 6th trick ♦ ruff 7th trick ♣ over ruff 8th ♦ ruff 9th trick trick Contract 		
lf nor	If north chooses to under ruff souths A exit			
T7 T8 T9 T10 T11	 ▲Q, ♣4, ♥8, ♥J ♦5, ♦7, ♥7, ♦9 ♣K, ♣Q, ♦x, ♠x ♣J, ♥K, ♦x, ♠x ♥A, ♥6 will score * 	over ruff 6 th trick ◆ ruff 7 th trick ♣ Cash 8 th trick Duck the ♥K 10 tricks Contract		

Contract made, a bit lucky and 5 s is a much easier contract

Finally, the play in 4★X/South (West X) Standard or 2/1 Bidding West North East (D) South 2 2 2 4 X, or 4 , or Pass 2

Best lead by West?

Partner has bid hearts, so a \checkmark 7 is a likely MUD lead, another choice is the \clubsuit K (asking for count) and to see the North dummy first. **Prefer the \clubsuitK** as partner is 5-5 \checkmark/\diamond (2 \checkmark opening) and may be short in clubs and get a

opening) and may be short in clubs and get a ruff.

Planning by South in 4 X after &K lead

East has 5-5 (♥/♦ or ♥/♣), probably a short spade.

Will need to get the spades and diamonds established.

Looks like West has ♣AK on the lead. 3 top losers in ♠A+♥A+♣K

T1W: <u>**♦K</u></u>, ♦**2, **♦**9, **♦**5 Asks for count</u>

<u>West</u>: The ♣K requests count. All follow with partner playing ♣9. We play high-low count with a doubleton, so that's a singleton or **more likely** a doubleton. Counting our East shape, must be a 1552 or 1651 as I have 3 spades & NS have a 6/3 fit. I will switch a ♥7 MUD (middle-up-down) from my 3 small cards.

T2W **♥**7, **♥**2, <u>♥A</u>, **♥**Q

East: the high \checkmark 7 does not promise anything. So, I win $\checkmark A$ & the $\checkmark Q$ drops. Unclear who has the \blacklozenge , so need to switch back my \bigstar 8 back to partners $\bigstar A$ and maybe get a ruff. T3E $\bigstar 8. \underline{\bigstar 4}, \pounds 3, \pounds 7$ Win & get going

East: Surprise ruff by South! Partner has 7 clubs, 3 hearts & doubled 4♠. Should have switched to a diamond for a ruff! South: West X & is likely to have 3 or 4 spades. Assume 3, then I'll play ♠Q to smother any possible singleton ♠J in the East hand.

140	$\underline{\mathbf{x}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$			
T5S	≜ T, <u>≜A,</u> ≜ 6, ♦ 4,	Finesse ▲J if low		
T6W	≜ A, ♣ Q, ♥4, <u>≜5</u>	Exit & A over & Q		
T7S	≜ 5, ≜ J, <u>≜K</u> , ▼ 5	Drawn Trumps		
<u>South</u>	: The East hand op	ened 2♥ 5/5, so		
likely	5♦ in his hand. I car	nnot easily get back		
to the	N dummy. But the 5	5-5 shape allows		
me to end play East who only has red cards				
left. Probably 4 daimonds after the discard.				
The 🕈	KT are threat cards.			
T8N	♦ 2, ♦ 5, ♦ T, ♣ 4	Finesse low		
T9E	♦ 7, Cx, ♦ 9, <u>♦</u> J	Endplaying East		

T4S **AQ A**7 **A**3 **A**2

East I am end played! My last 4 cards are $\forall J6 \& K8$. South has 1 trump + AQx. If I lead a \forall , South get 2 discards on the $\forall K10, + A + 4$ trump If I lead a \blacklozenge , South wins the last 3 \blacklozenge tricks + trump.

The final result is $4 \bigstar X/S = 1$ off. +200 EW South lost $\pounds K$, $\forall A$, $\blacklozenge A$, $\blacklozenge J$

The computer suggests best defence should be 2 off. East should have given West an early ◆ ruff! But the computer can see all the hands including the ◆ void. Hand Repeated:



ABF News & Coming Events Link to ABF calendar

2020 Open Team Playoff - Canberra	November 9-14
Golden West Swiss Pairs – Perth	November 15-17
Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Final – Tweed Heads	November 29 – December 2
2020 Seniors' and Women's Teams Playoffs – Canberra	December 7-12

Challenge Solutions

Good likely 3/1

NSBC Calendar:

CW - Tournament Events (NOV-JAN)			
	Thursday Championship nights @ 7:30pm		
Date		Event Details	Status
31/Oct	1/5		
7/Nov	2/5		
14/Nov	3/5	NSBC Club Teams Championship	Underway
21/Nov	4/5		
28/Nov	5/5		
5/Dec	1/3		h L'
12/Dec	2/3	CW - XMAS TEAMS	bookings Required
19/Dec	3/3		
26/Dec		Closed Boxing day	

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CW - Special Events (NOV-JAN)			
Date	Event Details Status		
5/Nov	1/1	CW Melbourne Cup Function	bookings Required
7/Dec	1/1	CW Christmas Party Function	bookings Required
15/Dec	1/1	Monthly Winners Tournament	11am Start
25/Dec	25/Dec Closed XMAS Day		
26/Dec	Closed Boxing Day		
17Jan	Closed New Year Day		
26/Jan	Closed No Sunday bridge		



7/Dec	1/1	EL Christmas Party Function	bookings Required
26/Dec	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	¥alk in
1/Jan	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	¥alk in
27/Jan	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	¥alk in

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Upcoming NSW Club events

Link to NSWBA website

November, 2019		
The Mudgee Bridge Club - Pairs & Teams	Nov 2 (Sat) - Nov 3 (Sun)	
Tumbarumba Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs & Teams	Nov 2 (Sat) - Nov 3 (Sun)	
Parramatta Bridge Club Foundation Day Teams	Nov 3 (Sun)	
Taree Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Nov 3 (Sun)	
Armidale Bridge Club Teams	Nov 9 (Sat) - 10 (Sun)	
Southern Highlands Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs & Teams	Nov 9 (Sat) - 10 (Sun)	
ABF: 2020 Open Team Playoff	Nov 9 (Sat) - 14 (Thu)	
NSWBA State Mixed Teams	Nov 11 (Mon) - 25 (Mon)	
ABF: Golden West Swiss Pairs	Nov 15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun)	
John Arkinstall State Open Teams Finals	Nov 15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun)	
State Novice and Restricted Teams	Nov 16 (Sat) - 17 (Sun)	
NSWBA - Swiss Pairs	Nov 17 (Sun)	
State Open Pairs Championship	Nov 23 (Sat) - 24 (Sun)	
NSWBA - Spring Swiss Pairs	Nov 24 (Sun)	
State Under 100MP Finals	Nov 25 (Mon) - Dec 1 (Sun)	
ABF: GNOT Finals - Tweed Heads	Nov 29 (Fri) - Dec 2 (Mon)	
December, 2019		
Central Coast Bridge Club Summer Teams	Dec 1 (Sun)	
NSWBA City of Sydney Teams	Dec 2 (Mon) - 16 (Mon)	
ABF: 2020 Seniors' and Women's Teams Playoffs	Dec 7 (Sat) - 12 (Thu)	
State Youth Championships (Pairs & Teams)	Dec 7 (Sat) -Dec 8 (Sun)	
Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Dec 8 (Sun)	
Manly Leagues Bridge Club Teams	Dec 15 (Sun)	
Trumps Bridge Centre Festival of Bridge	Dec 26 - Jan 1	

ABF: Spring Nationals Results

Link to full Spring Nats results

	Open Teams (68 Teams)		
1	lan Thomson, Ashley Bach, Paul Dalley, Ron Klinger		
-	Restricted Teams (16 Teams)		
1	Kevin Murray, Rob Holgate, Margaret Stevens, Lydia Gibbs		
	Open Swiss MP Pairs (122 Pairs)		
1	Sartaj Hans & Avinash Kanetkar		
[Restricted MP Pairs (30 Pairs)		
1	John Rogers & Colin Clifford		
-	Novice MP Pairs (18 pairs)		
1	Patrick Jiang & Henry Tan		
	Seniors Teams (16 Teams)		
1	Peter Buchen, George Smolanko, David Beauchamp, Mike Hughes, Ian Thomson, Ron Klinger		
	Women's Teams (22 Teams)		
1	Marianne Bookallil, Jodi Tutty, Sophie Ashton, Lauren Travis		