



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
A	Julianne Rocks & Liz Quittner	1.0
B	Julie Guthrie & Mark Guthrie	8.0
B	Sunny Pang & Ian Maclaren	7.0
B	Edward Truscott & Alexis Ngan	1.0
C	Jenny Genocchio & Jan Winn	6.0
C	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.

Melbourne Cup Pairs
East Lindfield Club
Red Point Event
 Tuesday, 5th November at 10:00am
ENJOY BRIDGE for \$25.00
LUNCH: Bring a plate and share lunch. Free champagne wine and juice provided
 Watch the race on any of the many TV screens around the club
 Hat Parade (Best Hat Prize)
 Enter our \$1, \$2 & \$5 sweeps
Booking Essential
 Club noticeboard, Website or call 0435 528 872
 Entries close: Friday 1st November

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Club Willoughby
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**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 thought 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 **play for free**.

[Link to entry](#)

Bidding & Play Challenges

Challenges 1 & 2

North (D)	
West	East
♠ AKT52	♠ 6
♥ KT	♥ A973
♦ Q984	♦ AK
♣ 97	♣ AKQT43
South	

Matchpoints: no interference, free bidding to your best contract

North	
West	East (D)
♠ AJ7	♠ 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.

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 [Results](#), [Articles](#), [Honour Board](#)

EL Labour Day Congress NS Pairs

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

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



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



Winners: Peter, Andrew, Ron & George

Link to the full [Pennant Hills Results](#)

ABF: Bloom – Club Results

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

Link to full Canberra in Bloom [Results](#):

ABF: Spring Nats -Club Results

Link to full [Spring Nats results](#)

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, Fiona Fawcett, Jenny Barnes	73	3-0-3
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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

Open Swiss MP Pairs (128 Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
2	Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu	170	9-1-2



Runners up- Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu with Paul Lavings

Restricted Swiss MP (30 Pairs)		VPs	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

Seniors Teams (16 Teams)	
1	Peter Buchen, George Smolanko, David Beauchamp, Mike Hughes, Ian Thomson, Ron Klinger



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

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



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:

Mon	Open	am	Maurice & Rachael Loomes
Mon	Rest	am	Denzil Seldon & Sarah Seldon
Mon	Sup	pm	N/Q
Mon	Rook	pm	Jane Loveday & Pauline Beckton
Mon	Sup	eve	
Mon	Open	eve	N/Q
Tue	Sup	am	Lynda Cabeldu & Anne Maree Gleeson
Tue	Rook	am	Alan Barwick & Debbie Irwin
Tue	Open	pm	Tricia Matheson & Kyoko Luiker
Tue	Open	eve	Francis Spencer & Robert Coles
Tue	Rook	eve	Julie Halliday / Jo Ampherlaw
Wed	Open	am	Hymie Osie & Liz Wilkinson
Wed	Rest	am	Tien Chey & Bill May
Wed	Sup	pm	N/Q
Wed	Rookie	pm	Karen Doecke & Jane Loveday
Wed	Open	eve	Hymie Osie & David Osie
Thu	Open	am	Neil Perry & John Mottram
Thu	Rook	pm	Robyne Fleming / Sue Gordon
Fri	Open	am	Jake Lin & Kevin Wu
Fri	Rest	am	Shirley Gatliff & Joan Colley
Sat	Open	pm	Maurice & Rachael Loomes
Sun	Open	pm	Kerry Mckay & Ian Plummer

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).

Merry Christmas

"Thursday Night"
Xmas Teams

Club Willoughby
3 Sessions: 7:30pm
5th December
12th December
19th December

Red Point Event
\$45 Members
\$60 Non Members

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

Masterpoint Promotions

From East Lindfield:

NAME	HOME CLUB	Promoted to 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:

NAME	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK in SEP
Siemsglueck, 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!



It's a Christmas Party at East Lindfield



SAT: 7TH DECEMBER
LUNCH AT 12:00 PM
FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY
 (FOLLOWED BY BRIDGE 1.00PM NORMAL TABLE FEES
RED POINT EVENT)
 (NUMBERS LIMITED so must book early)



It's a Christmas Party at Club Willoughby



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Hand Management

By Pat O'Connor

You hold

North	South
♠ KQ76	♠ J2
♥ 986	♥ AKT53
♦ AK53	♦ J74
♣ 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♠ + 4♥ + 2♦ + 1♣ = 9	Need one more
Count your likely Losers ♠A + ♥ + ♦J + ♣ = 4	Need to save one
Declarer's Strategy:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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♠ + 5♥ + 2♦ + 1♣ = 10	

The full deal:

West	North	East (D)
♠ A85	♠ KQ76	♠ T943
♥ Q74	♥ 986	♥ J2
♦ T9	♦ AK53	♦ Q862
♣ Q9865	♣ 32	♣ KJ7
	South	
	♠ J2	
	♥ AKT53	
	♦ J74	
	♣ AT4	

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 ♠2 to the ♠K in dummy and discard the ♦J on the ♠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 ♣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.

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 6	Gentle Hand Analysis Suitable for improvers to Intermediate players who have completed DYS
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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!

Venue	Supervised Sessions (2 hours)
CW	Monday at 2pm with Sue and Allan
CW	Monday at 7pm with Jenny
CW	Tuesday at 10am with Kim and Kay
EL	Tuesday at 2pm with Sue
EL	Tuesday at 7pm with Sue
CW	Wednesday at 2pm with Liz and Kay
Venue	Rookie Sessions (2 hours)
CW	Monday at 2pm with Sue and Allan
CW	Tuesday at 10am with Kim and Kay
CW	Tuesday at 7:30pm with John S
EL	Tuesday at 2pm with Sue and Janet
CW	Wednesday at 2pm with Liz and Kay
CW	Thursday at 2pm with Johnno

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
♥ J96543	♣ AQJ52	♥ KT72
♦ T6		♦ J87542
♣ 93	South	♣ -
	♠ KJ32	
	♥ A	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ 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.



The Bridge Shop has partnered with the North Shore Bridge Club and we are delighted to offer all club members a 15% discount.

We welcome you to drop into our store at 182 Penshurst St, Willoughby or redeem your discount by using the code **NS15** at checkout on our web site.





John McIlrath 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.



You REVOKED, director!



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 **NOT** 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.***

PLAY NSBC **PLAY**

Winners Tournament for all Monthly Winners From 1st December 2018 till 30th November 2019


Club Willoughby

Sunday 15th December 11.00am

Red Point Event

Free entry only for Monthly Winners

PLAY  **PLAY**

	<p>Subscribe to the ABF newsletter for just \$52 per year, and for just \$1 per week you will receive a daily article by a well-known bridge figure.</p>
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An example follows:

	<p>6-5 COME ALIVE, BUT THINK ABOUT YOUR REBID <i>By Barbara Travis</i></p>
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As dealer, what would you open with this hand? You (East) hold:

East	
♠	AKJ74
♥	KT9732
♦	T2
♣	-

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♥ on the hand, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♦
Pass	2NT	?	

What now?

You really can't rebid 3♠ 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 you 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:

West	
♠	QT82
♥	4
♦	8764
♣	AT65

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:

Partner	
♠	5
♥	AK864
♦	2
♣	AT9654

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!

Hand 1	Hand 2
♠ 5	♠ AKQ54
♥ AK864	♥ 72
♦ 2	♦ KQJ9
♣ AT9654	♣ Q5

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:

♠	5
♥	AK864
♦	2
♣	AKT964

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

Finally, I witness someone holding:

♠	5
♥	AQ864
♦	AQT785
♣	2

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 jump-raised 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

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

August

16

CW Fri 10:00 am Dup

North (D)			
West		East	
♠	AKT52	♠	6
♥	KT	♥	A973
♦	Q984	♦	AK
♣	97	♣	AKQT43
South			

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.

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 Comments			
1♣	Unbalanced, just short of a GF		
1♠	4+ spades, natural		
3♣	GF, long club suit		
3♦	Second suit, 5+ spades		
3NT	I have hearts covered		
4NT	Blackwood (no agreed suit)		
5♠	3 Aces		
6NT	To play		

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

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	-	-	-
South	-	-	-	-	-
East	7	7	6	5	7
West	7	7	6	5	7

Actual Results were:

Friday Dup Pairs (Open) B9 on 16/Aug								EW Matchpoints		EW IMPS	
Contract / Tricks / Lead	Freq	Score	MP	%	Note	Diff	IMPS				
6NT E 11 8♠ 1	1	-100	0	0%	Bottom	-980	-14				
5♣ E 12 J♥ 1	1	620	2	10%	Play in NT!	-260	-6				
3NT E 11 9♠ 2	2	660	5	25%		-220	-6				
3NT W 12 J♦ 2	2	690	9	45%		-190	-5				
3NT E 13 2♥ 1	1	720	12	60%	Overtrick +15%	-160	-4				
6NT E 12 2♥ 4	4	1440	17	85%	Top =	560	11				
Played 11 Tables								Max MP = 10x2 = 20 =100%		EW Avr= 880	

Friday Dup Pairs (Restricted) B9 on 16/Aug								EW Matchpoints		EW IMPS	
Contract / Tricks / Lead	Freq	Score	MP	%	Note	Diff	IMPS				
6♣ E 10 2♥ 1	1	-200	0	0%	Bottom	-840	-14				
5♣ E 11 2♥ 1	1	600	2	11%	Play in NT	-40	-1				
5♣ E 12 2♥ 1	1	620	4	22%	Overtrick +11%	-20	-1				
3NT W 10 8♣ 3	3	630	8	44%		-10	0				
3NT E 11 Q♥ 1	1	660	12	67%		20	1				
4NT W 12 Q♠ 1	1	690	14	78%		50	2				
3NT W 13 2♣ 1	1	720	16	89%	Overtrick +11%	80	2				
6NT W 12 8♥ 1	1	1440	18	100%	Top	800	13				
Played 10 Tables								Max MP = 9x2 = 18 =100%		EW Avr= 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

North		D	NV
♠ Q J 4			
♥ 8 5 4			
♦ J 10 5			
♣ J 8 6 2			
West		v	East
♠ A K 10 5 2		♠ 6	
♥ K 10		♥ A 9 7 3	
♦ Q 9 8 4		♦ A K	
♣ 9 7		♣ A K Q 10 4 3	
South		NV	HCPs
♠ 9 8 7 3		5	
♥ Q J 6 2		12 20	
♦ 7 6 3 2		3	
♣ 5			

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 (♥Q lead)

Top losers: none.

Top winners: 2x ♠, 2x ♥, 3x ♦, 3x ♣ =10, but clubs should supply 2 or 3 more tricks.

Problems:

Only 2 entries to dummy (♥K and ♠A).
Must unblock ♦AK to enjoy ♦Q.
Need to start on clubs early.
Win first ♥Q lead in West hand.

Card by Card in 6NT by East

T1S ♥Q, ♥T, ♥4, ♥A preserve W entries
T2E ♣A, ♣5, ♣7, ♣2 Start on long clubs
T3E ♣K, ♣3, ♣9, ♣5 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. ♣8	Duck ♣ to N safely
T5N ♥5, ♥3, ♥6. ♥K	N exits H to ♥K
T6W ♦4, ♦5, ♦A, ♦3	Return & unblock ♦
T7W ♦K, ♦6, ♦8, ♦T	unblock ♦
T8W ♣Q	Cash and drop ♣J
T9W ♣T	Cash ♣
T10W ♣4	Cash ♣
T11W ♠6 to ♠A	Cash ♠A
T12E ♠K	Cash ♠K
T13W ♦Q	Cash ♦Q

12 Tricks, 6NT made!

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♣ is on, if the club suit breaks 3/2. As I can ruff a losing heart and pitch the last heart on the ♠K, a valuable overtrick may be made!

Card by Card in 6♣ by East

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

T10E ♠K, ♠J, ♥9, ♠8 Discard losing ♥

T11 Claim: you have 3 ♣ trumps remaining and only the boss ♣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**

June 05 CW Wed 10.00 AM

North	
West	East (D)
♠ AJ7	♠ 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

North		V	
♠ K 6 3			
♥ K 10 8 2			
♦ 9 3 2			
♣ Q 7 2			
West	NV	East	D NV
♠ A J 7		♠ 2	
♥ 9 7 3		♥ A J 6 5 4	
♦		♦ K J 8 5 4	
♣ A K J 10 6 4 3		♣ 9 8	
South		V	HCPs
♠ Q 10 9 8 5 4			8
♥ Q			13 9
♦ A Q 10 7 6			10
♣ 5			

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 aggressively		
4♠	North chooses to bid (one for the road!)		

As North, there are 3 final options:

1. Pass and defend, you do have **4 hearts!**
2. Bid 4♠ as a “one for the road” as it sounds like double fits around the table and partner will be 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 2♠ 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♣	
Bidding 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♣ with spade shortage and red suit		

As East, there are again 3 choices:

1. Pass, a little timid.
2. 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 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East (D)	South
		Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	X	Pass
4♣	Pass	P, 4♥, 5♣	
Bidding 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)		
X	Negative double, shows both red suits		
4♣	Better than minimum, 6/7 clubs		
Pass	East chooses to pass		
4♥	East shows their 5+ hearts		
5♣	East bids 5♣ with spade shortage and red suit 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						
Contract / Tricks / 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 A♣	1	100	16	62%
3♣	W	11 6♥	1	150	18	69%
4♠ X	S	9 5♣	1	200	22	85%
4♠	S	8 A♣	2x	200	22	85%
4♥	E	10 5♣	1	420	26	100%
14 Tables				Max 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!

CW 5/June Restricted Group							
Contract / Tricks / Lead			Freq	Score	EW MP		
4 ♠	S	10 A ♣	1	-620	0	0%	
5 ♥	E	8 5 ♣	1	-150	2	8%	
3 ♠	S	9 A ♣	1	-140	4	17%	
5 ♣ X	W	10 3 ♠	1	-100	7	29%	
5 ♣	W	9 K ♠	1	-100	7	29%	
3 ♠	S	8 A ♣	1	100	10	42%	
3 ♣	E	9 K ♠	1	110	12	50%	
3 ♣	W	10 3 ♦	2x	130	15	63%	
4 ♣	W	11 K ♠	1	150	18	75%	
4 ♠	S	7 5 ♣	2x	300	21	88%	
5 ♣	W	11 6 ♠	1	400	24	100%	
13 Tables				Max 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♠.

Computer results:

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	1	-	2	-
South	-	1	-	2	-
East	5	-	4	-	-
West	5	-	4	-	-

Hand Repeated:

North		V	
♠ K 6 3			
♥ K 10 8 2			
♦ 9 3 2			
♣ Q 7 2			
West	NV	East	D NV
♠ A J 7		♠ 2	
♥ 9 7 3		♥ A J 6 5 4	
♦		♦ K J 8 5 4	
♣ A K J 10 6 4 3		♣ 9 8	
South		V	
♠ Q 10 9 8 5 4		HCPs	
♥ Q		8	
♦ A Q 10 7 6		13 9	
♣ 5		10	

The play in 5♣ by West:

West	Standard or 2/1 Bidding		
	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♣ on ♠3 lead:

Direct winners: 6/7♣+1♥+1♠ = 8/9 tricks

Direct losers: None

Problems: Need to find ♣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, ♠A W Wins ♠A
- T2 W: ♠7, ♠6, ♣8, ♠4 ♠ Ruff with ♣8
- T3 E: ♦4, ♦T, ♣3, ♦2 ♦ Ruff with ♣3
- T4 W: ♠J, ♠K, ♣9, ♠5 ♠ Ruff with ♠9
- T5 E: ♦5, ♦6, ♣4, ♦3 ♦ Ruff with ♣4
- T6 W: ♣A, ♣2, ♥4, ♣5 Try & Draw trumps
- T7 W: ♣K, ♠7, ♥5, ♠8 ♣Q does not fall

West 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 ♠Q, likely has a top diamond – vulnerable so may be ♦AQ +♥?

North has shown

3♠+3♦+3♣ likely 3+ hearts

HCPs = ♠K, ♣Q 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)
3. 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: ♠9, ♠6, ♠Q, ♦8 N ruffs with ♠Q
Looks like South has ♦A so exits ♦9
T10 N: ♦9, ♦J, ♦Q, ♣T N ♦9 Ruffed
T11 ♥7, ♥8, ?

Lead a heart towards the ♥AJ, North covers with ♥8. Can South have ♥KQ? Unlikely, as South played the ♦Q and looks like he has the ♦A and a 6/5 hand. Finesse ♥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	North	East (D)	South
4♥	X, or 4♠, or Pass	2♥	2♠

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 ♣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.

Card by Card in 4♥ by East

T1S: ♣5, ♣A, C7, C8 ♣A in dummy
T2W: ♠A, ♠3, ♠2, ♠4 Cash A♠ 2 tricks
T3W: ♠J, ♠K, ♥4, ♠5 ruff ♠, 3 tricks
T4E: ♦4, ♦6, ♥3, ♦2 ruff ♦, 4 tricks
T5: ♠7, ♠6, ♥5, ♠8 ruff ♠, 5 tricks
T6: ♣9, ♥Q, ♣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 North chooses to let the ♦3 go

T7 ♠Q, ♣4, ♦3, ♥6 ♠ ruff 6th trick
T8 ♦5, ♦7, ♥7, ♦9 ♦ ruff 7th trick
T9 ♣K, ♣Q, ♦8, ♠x ♣ cash 8th trick
T10 ♠J, ♥8, ♥J, ♦x over ruff 9th trick
T11 ♥A **10th trick Contract**

If North chooses to let the ♣Q go

T7 ♠Q, ♣4, ♣Q, ♥6 ♠ ruff 6th trick
T8 ♦5, ♦7, ♥7, ♦3 ♦ ruff 7th trick
T9 ♣K, ♥8, ♥J, ♠x ♣ over ruff 8th
T10 ♦8, ♦T, ♥9, ♦9 ♦ ruff 9th trick
T11 ♥A **10th trick Contract**

If north chooses to **under ruff** south's ♠Q exit

T7 ♠Q, ♣4, ♥8, ♥J over ruff 6th trick
T8 ♦5, ♦7, ♥7, ♦9 ♦ ruff 7th trick
T9 ♣K, ♣Q, ♦x, ♠x ♣ Cash 8th trick
T10 ♠J, ♥K, ♦x, ♠x Duck the ♥K
T11 ♥A, ♥6 will score **10 tricks Contract**

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

Finally, the play in 4♠X/South (West X)

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East (D)	South
4♥	X, or 4♠, or Pass	2♥	2♠

Best lead by West?

Partner has bid hearts, so a ♥7 is a likely MUD lead, another choice is the ♣K (asking for count) and to see the North dummy first. **Prefer the ♣K** as partner is 5-5 ♥/♦ (2♥ 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: ♠K, ♣2, ♣9, ♣5 Asks for count

West: 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, ♥A, ♥Q

East: the high ♥7 does not promise anything. So, I win ♥A & the ♥Q drops. Unclear who has the ♦, so need to switch back my ♣8 back to partners ♣A and maybe get a ruff.

T3E ♣8. ♠4, ♣3, ♣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.

T4S ♠Q, ♠7, ♠3, ♠2 Good likely 3/1
 T5S ♠T, ♠A, ♠6, ♦4, Finesse ♠J if low
 T6W ♣A, ♣Q, ♥4, ♠5 Exit ♣A over ♣Q
 T7S ♠5, ♠J, ♠K, ♥5 Drawn Trumps

South: The East hand opened 2♥ 5/5, so likely 5♦ in his hand. I cannot easily get back to the N dummy. But the 5-5 shape allows me to end play East who only has red cards left. Probably 4 diamonds after the discard. The ♥KT are threat cards.

T8N ♦2, ♦5, ♦T, ♣4 Finesse low
 T9E ♦7, Cx, ♦9, ♦J Endplaying East

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

The final result is 4♠X/S 1 off. +200 EW
 South lost ♠K, ♥A, ♠A, ♦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:

North		V	
♠	K 6 3		
♥	K 10 8 2		
♦	9 3 2		
♣	Q 7 2		
West		NV	East
♠	A J 7	♠	2
♥	9 7 3	♥	A J 6 5 4
♦		♦	K J 8 5 4
♣	A K J 10 6 4 3	♣	9 8
South		V	HCPs
♠	Q 10 9 8 5 4		8
♥	Q		13 9
♦	A Q 10 7 6		10
♣	5		

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

NSBC Calendar:

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

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		Closed XMAS Day	
26/Dec		Closed Boxing Day	
1/Jan		Closed New Year Day	
26/Jan		Closed No Sunday bridge	

NSBC
Winners Tournament for all Monthly
Winners From 1st December 2018
Till 30th November 2019

Club Willoughby

Sunday 15th December
11.00am
Red Point Event

Free entry only for Monthly Winners

EL - Special Events (Nov-JAN)			
Date		Event Details	Status
5/Nov	1/1	EL Melbourne Cup Function	bookings Required
7/Dec	1/1	EL Christmas Party Function	bookings Required
26/Dec	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	walk in
1/Jan	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	walk in
27/Jan	1/1	Red points 1:00 session	walk 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)
Armida 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	Ian 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