

6. Improve your card play skills

2017 Blackman Legal EL & CW Combined results						
Actual Score		% Score				
N/S	E/W				NS	E/W
-	460	0%	100%	1x	Bottom	TOP
-	430	4%	96%	3x		
-	400	10%	90%	2x		
-	140	18%	82%	4x		
-	120	26%	74%	2x		
50	-	49%	51%	14x	Avr	Avr
100	-	85%	15%	12x	TOP =	Bottom =

36 Tables

North D NV

♠ Q 9 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K J 3
♣ K 5 4 2

West NV East NV

♠ 4 2
♥ K Q 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ J 9 7 3

♠ A K J 8 6 3
♥ A 6
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 10 6

South NV

♠ 10
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ A Q 8

HCPs

9
12 12
7

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	1	-	-
South	-	-	1	-	-
East	1	-	-	3	1
West	1	-	-	3	2

Look at this Travelling Score sheet. Only 7 results were posted (most multiple times) from the 36 tables. Declarers (E or W) must make a positive score to win high MP (match point) % scores.

Best E/W +460 (11) this is a **TOP (100%)**; ... (a N/S pair failed to cash their Club tricks).

Best NS +100 (2 off) this is a **shared TOP (85%)** with 12 others

Average Score = +50 (1 off) N/S=49%; E/W=51%

Almost all are in Game (W:3NT or E: 4♠ on their 24 HCP); but good defence beats both 4♠ & 3NT.

4♠ Contract by East:

East plans to make the contract with 5/6♠ + 3♥ + 1♦ + possible ♦ finesse or 4th ♥. Problem: 2 quick ♣ losers (E hand has trump control).

South lead choice? J♥ would be normal

E: wins first trick in hand with A♥ planning to **cash A♠ then cross over for finesse of Q♠**.

J♥ - 3♥ - 8♥ - A♥ N: starts to signal doubleton ♥

E: cashes A♠ looks OK - <May drop Q♠>

A♠ - 10♠ - 2♠ - 5♠

E: crosses to dummy for ♠ finesse via ♥ entry

♥6 - 7♥ - K♥ - 4♥ N: shows doubleton ♥

E: finesses Q♠, but finds bad news with 4/1 break

4♠ - 9♠ - J♠ - 2♦ S: discourages ♦

K♠ - ♦x - ♣x - 7♠ E: cashes K♠

E: Gives N his Q♠ trick (don't want winners Ruffed)

♠3 - ♦x - ♣x - Q♠ N: wins & S: discourages ♦

N: leads low (4th highest) ♣ (suggests an Hon)

♣x - ♣x - Q♣ - ♣x S: wins Q♣

A♣ - ♣x - ♣x - ♣x S: Cashes A♣

S: Switches 9♦ as Declarer can only have 2♣ (Partner has 4) and will ruff partner's K♣.

9♦ - Q♦ - K♦ - ♦x N: wins K♦ **One off!**

Declarer (East) has the remaining tricks.

But East is 1 off. E/W 49% (N/S 51%)

A lot of work for a flattish board!

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North		D	NV
♠	Q 9 7 5		
♥	8 4		
♦	K J 3		
♣	K 5 4 2		

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

South	NV	HCPs
♠	10	9
♥	J 10 9 7 2	12
♦	9 5 4 2	12
♣	A Q 8	7

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	1	-	-
South	-	-	1	-	-
East	1	-	-	3	1
West	1	-	-	3	2

3NT contract by West:

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West plans to make the 3NT contract by 5/6♠ + 3♥ + 1♦ + possible ♦ finesse, 4th ♥ or J♣.

Problem: 3 quick C losers

North Lead? 8♥ would be normal. West could have 5♣, and ♦ are defensive

W: must retain A♥ as entry for long Spades if they don't break. So he wins first H in the W: Hand

8♥ – 6♥ – 2♥ – K♥

W: finesses the Q♠ directly, wins - looking good

2♠ – 7♠ – J♠ – 10♠

W: cashes the A♠ – not so good 4/1 break;

A♠ – 2♦ – 5♥ – 5♠ S: signals a discouraging ♦.

W: Ducks a spade to N Q♠ whilst still has the A♥ re-entry.

3♠ – 7♥ – 10♦ – Q♠ S: signals a discouraging ♥;

Pitches a red card - 3♥ or 10♦ - must keep 4 Clubs to the J.

N: Switches middle ♣ (wants ♦ return) has seen both the discouraging ♦ and ♥ discards from partner.

2♣ – 6♣ – Q♣ – 3♣ S: Wins Q♣

A♠ – 7♣ – 4♣ – 10♣ S: cashes A♠

S: High ♦ switch now kills contract as declarer must finesse. This was suggested by the middle ♣ lead, a low ♣ lead would suggested a ♣ return to partners K length in ♣.

9♦ – Q♦ – K♦ – 6♦ N: Wins K♦

K♣ – 7♦ – 8♣ – 9♣ N: cashes K♣ .. one off

Declarer (West) has the remaining tricks

West is 1 off E/W 49% (N/S=51%)

Again, a lot of work for a flattish board!

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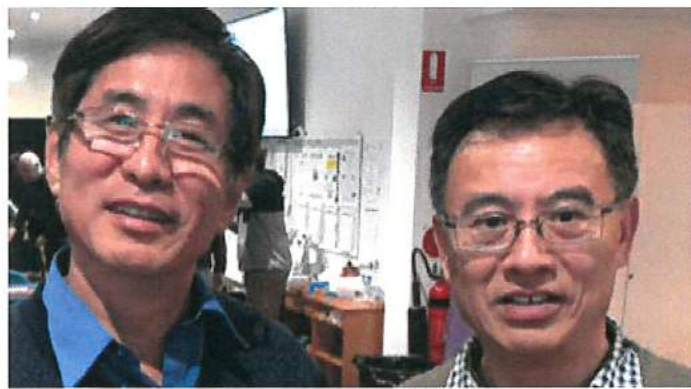
Festival Congress at EL

Restricted Pairs



Restricted 1st JENNY BARNES & CATHERINE ELSE

Novice Pairs



Novice 1st: WENJIE LIU & MING XIE

Restricted Teams



1st CRAIG MIETZKE, PHILLIP EDWARDS, PETER BARDOS & DAVID EMMERSON

Novice Teams

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RUSSELL DRAKE, GILES DRAKE, JO AMPHERLAW & KIM DICKINSON

Festival Congress at CW

Thursday Open MP PAIRS



Yumin Li & Peter JEFFERY

Thursday – Seniors MP Pairs



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1st - Leo GOOREVICH & Kevin DAVIES -

1st NS: Julian ABEL & Peter JEFFERY

Thursday – Women's MP Pairs



1st - Giselle MUNDELL & Helene PITT

Friday SWISS Teams



David WESTON, Richard DOUGLAS, Michael CARTMELL & David FRYDA -

Saturday – Watermark Swiss Pairs



1st EW: Cathryn HERDEN & Judy MOTT

Sunday – TBIB Swiss Teams



1st - Jared (TBIB Sponsor on the left)

DOBES Team - Warren Dobes, Judy Osie,
Withold Chylewski & John Scotford

State Pairs Qualifying at CW

Alexis Ngan & Bijan Assaee

Butler Pairs at EL

Colleen Bosci & Sandra Da Silva

ANC Swiss Pairs at CW

Wayne Zhu & Yixiang Zhang

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8 The Interstate Teams Results: **NSW featured in all 4 Finals**

- Open NSW beat ACT 146 / 133 Imps
- Women WA beat NSW 121 / 113 Imps
- Seniors NSW beat ACT 166 / 98 Imps
- Juniors NSW beat SA 139 / 120 Imps



The NSW Womens Team: **Mostly from the NSBC**

Frances Lyons, Susan Humphries, Sophie Ashton, Heather Cusworth, Lynn Kalmin & Lorna Ichilcik



Open Team

**Peter Buchen, Matthew Thomson,
Johnno Newman, Nye Griffiths,
David Weston, Julian Foster**



Seniors' Team

**Peter Gill, Elliott Kaplan,
David Beauchamp, Michael Hughes,
Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer**



Youth Team

**Edmond Lee, Matt Smith,
John McMahon, Nico Ranson,
Tomer Libman, Chris Rhodes**

NSBC was represented in the Open teams by David Weston and Johnno Newman (director), and in the Seniors Team by Peter Gill, Michael Hughes, Pauline Gumby and David Beauchamp (teacher).

Did you know?

Have you reviewed the NSBC Electronic Honour Boards on our website?
Look under "About Us" / "Honour Boards"

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New Beginner sessions at both EL & CW venues

New beginner lessons have started at CW @ CW in late July with Liz Wilkinson.

Further beginner sessions are scheduled to start on Tuesdays at EL from August 21st, at 2pm or 7pm, with Ed Barnes.



Learn To Play Bridge

With
Ed Barnes

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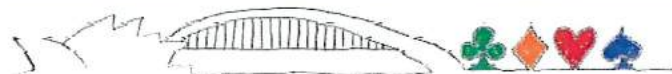
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9 Anita' Corner



A Play problem:

Declarer (North)		South (dummy)	
♠	AKQJT4		632
♥	942		Q6
♦	K54		A93
♣	A		QT743
Bidding:			
N	E	S	W
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead by East A♥

East continues with K♥ at trick 2-

West plays **high/low** to showing a doubleton ♥.

East now plays the J♥

What should declarer do now?

Answers at bottom of teaching columns:

Build on the Basics (for Improvers): Either Wed 7:30pm or Thursdays 10:30am at CW with Anita

Wed @ 7:30pm & Thur @ 10:30am	BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis @ CW	
Wed Aug 15 & Thur Aug 16	I don't have the right number of points to open 1NT!	NT rebids
Wed Aug 22 & Thur Aug 23	Focus on Defence in NTs	Focus on Defence in No Trumps
Wed Aug 29 & Thur Aug 30	Supporting partner	Supporting partner
Wed Sep 5 & Thur Sep 6	Now what do I do?	Responder's priorities & Opener's rebids; ruffing & trumping in the short hand & dummy

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Develop your skills (the next step after Build on the Basics): Thursday 2:00pm at CW with Anita

Thur @ 2pm	DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS with Anita Curtis @ CW	
Thur, Aug 16	They aren't going to steal this contract!	Bidding over pre-empts
Thur Aug 23	I CAN support you but not now!	Delayed game/slam raises
Thur, Aug 30	Managing entries	Declarer play
Thur, Sep 6	Let's get into the bidding!	Weak Jump Overcalls

Broaden Your Game / Intermediate: Fridays 2pm-4pm at CW with Anita

Fri @ 2pm	BROADEN YOUR GAME (INTERMEDIATE) with Anita Curtis @ CW	
Fri, 24 Aug	The Losing Trick Count	Broaden Your Game - bidding
Fri, 31 Aug	Suit Establishment 1	Broaden Your Game - declarer play
Fri, 7 Sep	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Skills 3 - all skills

The Courtship of Miss No Trump

A tongue-in-cheek story to help beginners learn the



responses to a 1NT opening bid.

Miss No Trump was an elusive rarity and, when she appeared, she was always on the lookout for a partner. She was a beauty, a femme fatale, and men enthusiastically sought her hand! The moment she announced her name, it brought the table to attention. She was no ordinary lady! With **15-17 points and a balanced shape**, she was a most desirable partner and had plenty of suitors.

Courters **without a 5-card major and holding fewer than 8 points** were no match for Miss No Trump. They had no option but to **pass** her by. She wasted no time on them. Nochumps for Miss No Trump!

However, she was especially charmed by two particular gentlemen: **Mr. Stayman** and **Mr. Jacoby Transfer**. Their

advances were welcome and she enjoyed flirting with them! Both had a secret language of codes for communicating with her which she found quite intriguing. Not only that but, in their pursuit for the perfect contract, she appreciated the fact that they were very careful to keep her well-endowed hand out of sight from the curious opponents.

Mr. Stayman was very keen and known to court her many times. Hearing his predictable pick-up line of "**2♣**," she would sigh and think to herself, "Here we go again!" Stayman only ever wanted to know just one thing — did she have a 4-card major that matched his own? She was willing to entertain him since this meant he had **at least 8 points and a 4-card major**.

If she had a 4-card major in hand, she would answer "**2♥**" to show she had 4 hearts (and possibly 4 spades) or "**2♠**" to show 4 spades (and denying 4 hearts). If he found an 8-card fit, Stayman would decide how high to raise the stakes. With 8-9 points, he would raise to "**3♥**" or "**3♠**" leaving her to pass or bring them to game. With 10+ points, game was guaranteed, so he would seal the contract at **4♥** or **4♠**!

Without the major-suit fit, Stayman would be obliged to answer "2NT" with 8-9 points and "3NT" with 10+ points. It was Stayman's responsibility to do the calculations because he knew more about her assets than she did about his. From his response back to NT, she also gleaned some extra information. Having asked for a 4-card major, he must have at least one of his own. Naturally, if her answer was "**2♥**" and he responded in NT, then he must have 4 spades or he wouldn't have asked! So she had another option if she had 4 cards in both majors — she could now bid spades with complete confidence. Their complete trust in each other made them an extraordinary and clever duo!

Without any 4-card major at all, she must truthfully answer "**2♦**." In this case, he would now bid 2NT with 8-9 points or 3NT with 10+. Stayman was flexible and knew when and how to appease this lady. He was willing to do whatever he needed to make their partnership work — he was the captain "steering this ship" but ultimately allowing her some control, too.

So her answers to Stayman's "**2♣**" proposition were simply "**2♥**" or "**2♠**" to show her 4-card major and "**2♦**" to indicate that she had none.

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Summary of Responses to INT opening

Fewer 8 points & a balanced hand **PASS**

8+ HCP & 4 card Major use **Stayman**.

2♦ - no major

2♥ - 4 Hearts (maybe 4 Spades)

2♠ - 4 Spades (definitely not 4 hearts)

Stayman's rival, **Mr. Jacoby Transfer**, would occasionally appear on the scene. He was quite a different character compared to Stayman! Jacoby did not ask Miss No Trump for anything — he told her exactly what to do! She dared not disobey his instructions! She must do exactly what he commanded, no questions asked. Her future was in his hand.

Though Jacoby could have as few as 0 points, he always flaunted his **5-card major**. It's not easy for a woman of her eminence to be told what to do, but whatever Jacoby may lack in strength, he made up for in good manners. Whenever he could, he would pass the contract to her and let her play the hand, keeping her valuable assets hidden while his weaknesses would be displayed on the table for everyone to see! He could be bossy to start, but he always had her best interests in mind.

If Jacoby ordered "2♦," this meant that he had **5 hearts** or more. She must immediately say "Transfer" and then respond "2♥" on her turn to bid. If he commanded "2♥," he was guaranteeing at least **5 spades**. With that, she was forced say "Transfer" and then bid "2♠."

Once she followed his command, he would make his next move — bid 2NT with 8-9 points and 3NT with 10+ points. With that added information, she had the option to leave the contract in NT or change it back to his major. Unfortunately, if he had fewer than 8 points, he could not give her any options at all. In that case, she was stuck with his major suit whether she liked it or not, but most of the time, she knew it would be the most advantageous option for the two of them.

Summary of Responses to INT opening

Fewer 8 points & no 5 card Major **PASS**

Any number of points (even 0) with a 5-card major use **Jacoby Transfers**.

2♦ Transfer to 2H (Partner has 5+H)

2♥ Transfer to 2S (Partner has 5+S)

Partner is in control of the bidding

She had one other response to give Jacoby after his initial command — this pleased him very much on the rare occasions when it happened. She could "**super-accept**" his offer. With **4 cards in his suit and her maximum 17 points**, she would immediately jump to the **3-level**.

Though difficult, Jacoby must contain his excitement and be careful to press to game only when the strength of his hand warranted an increase to game level. So which of these two gentlemen would be her choice for the night?

Was it the **courteous Mr. Stayman** with his polite way of propositioning her or the **demanding Mr. Jacoby Transfer** who always bossed her around? It turns out that Miss No Trump was one of the biggest two-timers ever — sometimes she picked Stayman and, other times, it was Jacoby she preferred. To their dismay, she used her wily whims to shuffle them around like a flimsy deck of cards!

Answer to Anita's Bridge Problem:

Declarer should discard a diamond loser from South hand (**loser on loser**) as he knows West will be able to over-ruff.

Declarer intends to draw just **two rounds of trumps** and then ruff the third Diamond in North hand with south's 3rd trump.

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