

Including analysis by **Brent Manley, Joan Butts, Julian Foster, Bridge Puzzle & John Mottram.**

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		West	North	East	South (D)
♥ K64					1*
♥ 72					
♦ 974		PASS	1NT <sup>(b)</sup>	PASS	2*
♦ AK742		PASS	3*	PASS	4*
		ALL PASS			

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♦ BM – Careful Planning



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article “[Careful Planning](#)”. Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

### Solution: Open Challenge Hand 1

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ K64	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 72				1♠
♦ 974	PASS	1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	PASS	2♦
♣ AK742	PASS	3♣	PASS	4♣
	ALL PASS			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ A8753	1♠	5+♠, opening Hand		
♥ A64	1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	2/1 1 round force 5-11hcp		
♦ AJ65	2♦	Min may be 3+D		
♣ 8	3♣	Limit Raise S (bal hand)		
	4♣	To play,		

### The Bidding

You open 1♠ and partner responds 1NT, forcing for one round. Partner's 3♣ rebid promises a limit raise in spades with three-card support. You accept the invitation to game and West leads the ♥Q. How do you like your chances on this layout? What is your plan to get to 10 tricks?

### Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 3/4♠+1♥+1♦+2♣=9

### Solution

After West's opening lead, declarer paused to consider how he might make 10 tricks. Clearly, he needed trumps to be 3-2. If North held the ♦T of diamonds instead of the 7 or 4, declarer would have relied on diamonds to make an extra trick. However, the actual suit offered only about one chance in four of being played for two tricks and one loser.

Declarer, therefore, turned his attention to setting up a long club for his 10th trick, almost a three-in-five proposition.

- T1 West leads the ♥Q, After ducking the first trick, ♥2, ♥3 (encouraging), ♥4
- T2 You win the heart continuation, ♥J, ♥7, ♥5, ♥A
- T3 You played your club ♣8 to the ♠A on table
- T4 You now and ruffed a small club ♣2, ♣6 ♣3, ♣9
- T5 Next you cashed the ♠A both defenders following
- T6 Then led another spade ♠3 to the ♠K. Both again following.
- T7 You now cashed the ♠K, discarding a low diamond from hand. You were pleased to see that the clubs were 4-3 as both defenders followed, so
- T8 You ruffed a second club ♣4 in hand with the ♠7. East followed, West encourage diamonds.
- T9 You then led your heart ♥6 ruffed ♠6 returning you to dummy,
- T10 You called for the established ♠7, discarding a second diamond loser from hand. Not caring if they over ruffed

All the defenders can make was a high trump, a heart and a diamond.

Making 4♠. The full deal:

	North	
West	♠ K64	East
♠ QJ9	♥ 72	♠ T2
♥ QJT	♦ 974	♥ K9853
♦ KT32	♣ AK742	♦ Q8
♣ J95		♣ QT63
	South (D)	
4♠/S	♠ A8753	Vul All Dir: South
Lead ♥Q	♥ A64	
	♦ AJ65	
	♣ 8	

## ♦ JB – Mixed Teams Playoff



It was terrific and well deserved that Michael Courtney is the NSBC 2022 Player of the Year, our Club Champion. I was lucky enough to be his partner in a number of those events. He is the partner from heaven, always positive, and his motto is "Don't look at the score, look at the hand". Sage advice indeed which he follows assiduously.

I often smile on Real Bridge when we enter our system for new opponents. Michael writes down "**Goren**", and so many opponents have never heard of it! Some politely comment that their grandmothers may have played it. They also reel at the thought of four card majors, and are surprised that it's rather short on conventions. I'd say the system gives us great freedom to bid naturally as we judge best. Many interesting and exciting hands came up at the **ABF Mixed Team Playoff** in December 2022 where Michael and I made up a team with Avril Zets and Axel Johannsson, and David Hoffmann and Jenny Thompson. Here is a couple of hands from the quarter final, which you might like to try for yourself, and then read what happened in the playoff. Send in your opinions and bidding suggestions to [joan@joanbuttsbridge.com](mailto:joan@joanbuttsbridge.com)

Hand 1. Board 9 Set 1 Quarter finals  
You're first to bid. Do you pass or does your system have a bid for this hand?

You, North, not vul vs vul, hold:

North (D)
♠ -
♥ 653
♦ A9654
♣ K8752

If you pass, the bidding will go:

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	?		

Your turn again...do you come into the auction now or stay out? You only have the minors, but still, you're at favourable vulnerability.

	North (D)	
	♠ -	
West	♥ 653	East
♠ A43	♦ A9654	♠ QJT952
♥ J982	♣ K8752	♥ AKQ74
♦ KQT		♦ 2
♣ T64	South	♣ J
Hand 1. Brd 9	♠ K876	Vul EW Dir: North
Set 1 Quarter	♥ T	
finals	♦ J873	
	♣ AQ93	

If you pass throughout, the bidding will go:

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	?		

4♠ should make ten tricks for +620, losing one spade, one diamond and one club.

The playoff results were:

5♠ (E)	+ 100
5♠X (S)	- 100
4♠ (E)	- 650
5♠ (W)	+ 100

All four tables passed at first, but two tables came in with **2NT (minors)** at their next turn to bid. Both these tables bid 5♣, once playing there in 5♣X doubled, and the other managing to goad their opponents into 5♠. At the other tables, one pair reached 5♠ without interference, and the other table was left alone in 4♠. We didn't enter the auction at all.



My view:

I think it's best to stay out of this auction, as the North hand lacks suit quality (that's an understatement). However, getting into the bidding after initially passing seemed to work this time. And maybe South should work this out for the very reason that partner did NOT bid in the beginning!

But...how do you know how far EW are planning to go? Bidding to show the minors would seem to help the opponents know the layout of the NS hands. What do you think?

Hand 2. Board 27 Set 2 Quarter finals  
You, South the dealer, nil vul, hold:

South (D)
♠ K
♥ J2
♦ AKQ9
♣ 976432

You open 1♣ (wondering whether this could be a hand to open 1♦ and distort your shape), next hand makes a pre-emptive overcall in hearts 2♥, partner bids a forcing 2♠, pass to you:

West	North	East	South (D)
			1♣
2♥	2♠	Pass	?

What the hell to do now (I thought)?  
What Happened:

The Whole Hand:

West	North	East
	♠ AQ9843	
♠ T2	♥ AT	♠ J765
♥ K98764	♦ 53	♥ Q53
♦ J642	♣ AJT	♦ T87
♣ Q		♣ K85
Hand 2. Brd 27 Set 2 Quarter finals	South (D)	Vul Nil Dir: South
	♠ K	
	♥ J2	
	♦ AKQ9	
	♣ 976432	

Our Bidding: (Michael North, Joan South)

West	North	East	South (D)
			1♣
2♥	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1♣	4+♣, opening Hand		
2♥	6+♥ - Pre-emptive		
2♣	5+♣, Forcing		
3♣	6+♣, yuk!		
4NT	Keycard (♣)		
5♦	1 or 4 Keycards		
6♣	To Play		

I was hating the opening of 1♣, let alone the rebid of 3♣, and certainly not liking the final contract of 6♣! Until I saw dummy that was...

The playoff match results were:

4♠ (N) + 450  
4♠ (N) + 450  
6♣ (S) +920  
3♠(N) +200

My view:

Michael had such a marvellous hand especially when I rebid 3♣ (as it turned out). 6♣ made easily when there was only one trump loser. At another table, East raised the heart pre-empt to 3♥, making it much harder for South to find a bid. At two other tables, the spade game was played, and at one table, game was missed entirely.

## ♦ JF – Bidding Slam



**Julian Foster** (many times NSW representative) analysing (bidding & play) on an interesting hand from a club session. Sourced SBC Wisdom articles.

West		North (D)	Dealer: North Vul: Nil	East
♠ A4		♠ 73	♠ QT9652	♠ 7
♥ AQJ842		♥ K965		♥ 7
♦ A9762		♦ T53		♦ KJ84
♣ -		♣ 9642	♣ A3	
3		South		♣ A3
15 10		♠ KJ8	♣♦♥♠NT N 2 - - - S 2 - - - E - 7 5 6 2 W - 7 5 6 2	
12		♥ T3		
		♦ Q		
		♣ KQJT876		

This Board had a potential grand slam in diamonds which is pretty hard to bid (in fact no pair managed to even play in diamonds at all!) But it also contains some interesting general bidding points.

After North passes, what should East open? Some Easts opened 2♠ (either as a weak two or as a multi with spades and a minor) and some passed. I would have done neither of those things:

A weak two is basically a pre-empt suggesting to partner that this suit is all your hand is playable in. But that's not the case here – you have a perfectly playable 2nd suit. And I think the hand is much too strong for a weak two which is usually about 6-9 points. This has 10 points and good shape.

A bid showing a weak hand with spades and a minor also isn't ideal because it typically shows only 5 spades. Partner holding 2 will assume you do not have a spade fit when in fact you do.

Even though you only have 10 points, I think this hand is a clear 1♠ opening bid. If you count losers you have 2♠, 1♥, 2♦ and 1♣. A 6-loser hand is well worth opening (7 losers is often an average opening bid). The more you play bridge the more you learn that distribution is actually far more important than high card points. Aces and Kings in a suit may not be

worth any points if your opponent is void and can trump them!

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	?

If East does open 1♠ then what should South do? To me the answer depends on what has already happened. Here my partner has already passed. That makes it very unlikely we have anything on our way and I just want to make life difficult for my opponents. So, I would bid 3♣ to get in the way. Most people play that as a weak jump overcall (like a pre-empt) but, even though I have 12 points, I know partner has at most 10 so we are not going anywhere. But if East had been dealer and opened 1♠, now I would overcall 2♣ (showing a decent hand). That's because this time my partner could still have a good hand as well so we might easily make a game our way – therefore I want to leave room to explore it.

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	3♣
?			

West has a hugely powerful hand with only 4 losers and once partner opens 1♠ they should be thinking that slam is certainly possible if a fit is found. After 1♠ 3♣ West has a fairly easy 3♥ forcing bid and now the spotlight falls back on East.

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	?	

Although you do have a Club stopper, ♣Ax is not ideal to bid 3NT because you cannot hold the ♣A up very long. I would prefer to just bid 3♠ – to show I have an extra one (I prefer 3♠ to 4♦ because it still leaves room for partner to bid 3NT if they want to).

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West will now either raise to 4♠ (which is a bit conservative and East will pass)

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Or west will bid 4♦ (over which East probably now raises to 5♦ and West should then bid 6♦ given their extra shape and controls).

### Key points to note

- Shape beats points every time. A 10 count with a 64 shape is worth a 1 level opening bid.
- There isn't always a single "right" bid on every hand – it can vary depending on what has already happened in the auction.

### More advanced points

Notice the difference if south only overcalls 2♣. Now there is much more room. A possible auction might go

West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

West's 4♦ bid is key here. It shows a hand interested in slam because it has moved again over 3NT. It is also repeating the suit they bid second so it shows at least 5 diamonds – but they started by bidding hearts so they also have at least 5 hearts. That shows at least 10 of their 13 cards so is very descriptive. But they only have room to do that because they could start with 2♥. When they had to start with 3♥ there wasn't enough bidding space left to bid ♥ and then ♦ twice.

East's 5♣ bid is a cue bid – showing a good hand for the last bid suit (diamonds) and control in clubs. Note that they should do this even though they only have 10 points. Their hand has become very powerful now they know there are 5 diamonds opposite. When West hears 5♣ that should be enough to bid slam – they can now picture the ♠A providing a discard for their losing ♠4 (and that's only needed if partner doesn't have the ♠K). So,

they just need to avoid losing 2 tricks in ♦ and ♥ to make slam – very possible. In fact, I would probably be more worried about making 13 tricks!

Note that neither partner bid blackwood at any point. West's hand is not suitable for blackwood because it has a void. If partner shows 1 key card in diamonds, how do you know if it's the ♦K (critical) or the ♠A (which might be useless)? East's hand could bid blackwood but isn't strong enough to move towards slam on its own – West has the really powerful hand here and they are the one who should take control.

Julian Foster (many times NSW representative)

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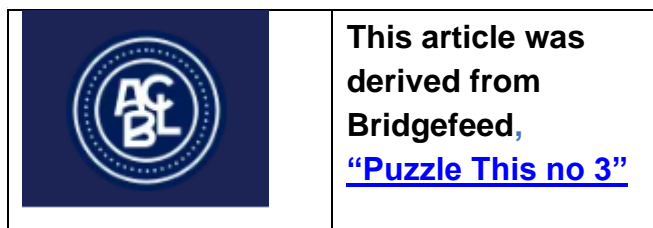
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Jessica Brake

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## ♦ Bridge Puzzle 3



## When opportunity knocks

You are sitting in the East seat with these cards

East
♠ A83
♥ 7
♦ T8743
♣ Q432

The Auction proceeds

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♠
2♠	X	3♣	pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1♠	5+♠, Opening		
2♠	Micheal Cue, 55 ♥+minor		
X	Values & Penalty Orientated		
3♣	Pass or Correct		
4♠	To Play, cannot hit clubs		

South opened 1♠ and eventually reaches 4♠ after your partner makes a Michaels cue bid (showing hearts and a minor), North was looking for a penalty double, but could not hit 3♣.

You're up.

Try to picture the unseen hands. Partner's ♦2 looks like a singleton or low from three. If it is from three, that means partner has no trumps (he promised 10 cards in hearts and clubs, after all), so you have no chance to defeat the contract.

What if partner's ♦2 is a singleton? Well, that means he can get a ruff if you can get in. If West's ♥A is cashing, your trump ace will take the setting trick, but what if the actual deal is as follows?

		North		
		♠ J87		
		♥ QT532		
		♦ KQJ5		
		♣ 7		
West			East	
♠ 6			♠ A83	
♥ AKJ964			♥ 7	
♦ 2			♦ T8743	
♣ A9865			♣ Q432	
		South (D)		
		♠ KQT942		
		♥ 8		
		♦ A96		
		♣ KJT		
4♠/S Lead ♥K			Vul NS Dir: S	

The only play to defeat the contract is to ruff partner's ♥A with your trump ace and give partner a diamond ruff for the setting trick.

As you can see, declarer could have succeeded in his contract by playing a trump at trick two, but that's neither here nor there.

Once declarer erred, it was your job to find the killing defence.

Elementary, my dear Watson.

- T1 Partner, (West) leads the ♥K, ♥2, ♥7 South following with the ♥8.
- T2 Partner now switches to the ♦2, ♦K, ♦3, ♦6, Declarer winning in dummy
- T3 Declarer then plays ♣7 ♣2, to the ♣T and partner's ♣A.
- T4 Now partner plays the ♥A.



## ♦ JM – Lebensohl



John Mottram

Our ex-president provides insights on bidding

### Lebensohl at Large

I first came across the Lebensohl convention some 40 odd years ago. In those days, overcalling of a strong NT was deemed to be somewhat risqué. The over caller would normally have a good hand with a reasonable suit. In the ensuing years, interference bidding has become more 'sophisticated', with the introduction of various 1- and 2-suited conventional overcalls, and less emphasis on values. Lebensohl has developed accordingly, and should probably be given a new name.

This article is by no means comprehensive, but should cover most of the common situations encountered at the table.

#### 'Basic' Lebensohl

- **Slow Shows (via 2NT puppet) a stopper**
- **Fast arrival (3NT, Cue) denies a stopper**

You	Overcaller	Partner	Meaning
1NT	2 Suit Natural	Pass	Weak
		X	Penalties
		2 new Suit	Natural, Non Forcing
		2NT	Lebensohl (puppet Bid to 3♣)
		3 new Suit	Natural, Forcing
		Direct Cue	Forcing, 4M No Stopper
		3NT	Enough Points, No Stopper
1NT 3♣	2 Suit Natural	2NT	Lebensohl (puppet Bid to 3♣)
		Pass	As Requested
		3 New Suit	long Weak ♣ Suit
		3 Cue	Natural, invite hand
		3NT	Forcing, 4M + Stopper
		3NT	To play, Shows Stopper

You	Overcaller	Partner	Meaning
1NT	X (any Single Suiter)	Pass	Weak
		XX	Business - Our Hand
		2 Suit	System On Including Transfers

You	Overcaller	Partner	Meaning
1NT	2C (Any Single Suiter)	X	Stayman
		2 Any	System On, Including Transfers

#### Over caller bids conventionally to show two suited hand

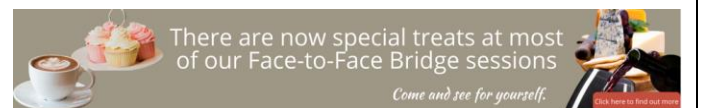
If over caller shows a 2-suited hand and bids one of the suits, treat it as a single-suited hand and apply Lebensohl principles.

- A bid at the 3-level is natural and forcing.
- A bid of 3NT is natural but denies a stopper in the suit shown and 4 Major. Opener can then choose best place to play the contract (5minor? Or 4/3 Major fit)
- Use the 2NT puppet followed by a suit bid as natural and non-forcing.
- Use 2NT puppet followed by 3NT to show a stopper & want to play.
- Use fast cue to deny a stopper & 4 Major
- Use Slow Cue to show a stopper & 4 Major



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**7pm Start– 36<sup>th</sup> Club Mixed Pairs Championship (MP) Event**

**Prize Pool: Generous**, but dependent on Entries

This event also incorporates "State Mixed Pairs Club Qualification" for the NSWBA finals on the 20/21 May. 4 Mixed NSBC Member pairs will be offered to represent the club at the NSWBA finals.

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: **Gary Barwick 0413 884 805**  
 Director: **Ronnie Ng**  
 Entry Management: **Enter by NSBC Website**  
 Pre-payments: **Visitors NSBC "Make a Payment", Members via "Club PP System"**

**2022 35<sup>th</sup> winners: David Beauchamp - Sophie Ashton**





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**Player Fees (pp) Members \$48 (3x\$16) Visitors \$57 (3x\$19)**

Why not join? Remote Members just \$25/year

A further 1 week break for the Tasmanian Bridge Festival

5<sup>th</sup>

## “Morgans” Swiss Pairs Championship

### Comp Night – Open Swiss Pairs



5x Thursday Nights 30<sup>th</sup> Mar, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Apr

7pm Start– 5<sup>th</sup> Morgans Swiss Pairs Championships Event

Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool (Dependant on Entries)



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2022 4<sup>th</sup> Open Winners: **Paul Dalley & Sophie Ashton**




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Player Fees (pp) Members \$80 (5x\$16) Visitors \$95 (5x\$19)

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## ◆ Anita February Teaching Courses

### NSBC Intermediate/BYG February 2023 Program

Online Wednesdays at 2pm with Anita Curtis



**Broaden Your Game (BYG):** aspiring intermediate players who play in Rookies or Restricted.

**Intermediate:** aspiring open players or those with considerable experience in Restricted.


Date	Lesson Topic	Description
1 Feb	Hand evaluation is the key!	<b>BYG/Intermediate bidding.</b> Expert players instinctively “know” whether a hand should be upgraded or downgraded in the bidding. Find out what they look for in contested & uncontested auctions.
8 Feb	Eddie Kantar’s Declarer Play to the First Trick	Decisions at trick 1 can be crucial. World famous U.S teacher Eddie Kantar gives easy declarer play tips at trick 1 and then tests your skills with 8 hands. <b>BYG/Intermediate declarer play</b>
15 Feb	Bergen raises	<b>BYG/Intermediate bidding.</b> Learn why <b>Bergen</b> (4 card major suit raises) is one of the most popular conventions for intermediate players.
No lesson on 22 February		

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

For more information or to register, email Anita: [ac210927@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ac210927@bigpond.net.au)

### NSBC Develop Your Skills Feb-Mar 2023 Program ONLINE

THURSDAYS at 9.30am with Anita Curtis



**Develop Your Skills (DYS)** is aimed at players who have completed the Build on the Basics course or who have been playing for at least one year. Bidding, declarer play & defence are all targeted, as well as hand analysis to consolidate skills learnt. These lessons will be held **on-line**. You can watch the **video** or participate in the **zoom** session (9.30-11.30am). You can also play the hands on **Realbridge** after the lesson at your convenience.

Date	Lesson Topic
Feb 2	Interference over 1NT
Feb 9	We’re going to Slam – Blackwood
Feb 16	They aren’t going to steal this contract (over pre-empts)
Feb 23	NO LESSON
Mar 2	I CAN support you but not now! (Delayed raises – the “Canberra convention”)
Mar 9	Managing Entries – declarer play
Mar 16	Let’s get into the bidding – Weak Jump Overcalls
Mar 23	Whose hand is it? (Competitive bidding)

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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