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You	
♠ K9763	
♥ 9	
♦ KQT	
♣ AKQ8	
Partner	
♠ AQJ8	
♥ AJ83	
♦ A5	
♣ J53	

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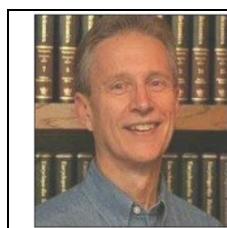
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♦ BM – Timing is Everything



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "[Timing is Everything](#)". Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 87	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ A		1♦	Pass	1♥
♦ KQT98	Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
♣ KQJT4	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1♦	4+♦, Opening Hand		
♠ AT2	1♥	4+♥, 6+ hcp		
♥ K9743	2♣	4+♣, 5+♦, Not reverse		
♦ 7532	2NT	S Stopper Invite		
♣ A	3NT	Better than min, Not 3♥ to play		

Against your 3NT contract, West led the ♠3, fourth-highest. East plays the ♠K. How will you take nine tricks on this deal?

Preliminary Analysis

You saw that he needed spades to be 4-4. and realized that he could not cash the ♥K before you made a diamond trick.

The only chance was to time the play in a way that would put the defenders on lead when they could cash three spades and then be forced to give him a second trick in a red suit. As the only sure way of achieving this was to endplay the defence with a spade.

Easter Weekend

Easter	Easter Weekend April 2023
Good Friday 7 th April	Online Open and Restricted game at 1.30pm Red Points . No morning game.
Saturday 8 th April	Online and Face to Face just normal Saturday sessions.
Sunday 9 th April	CLOSED.
Monday 10 th April	Online Open 1.30pm no morning game. Red Points
	Online Rookie 2.00pm Red Points
	Face to Face East Lindfield 1.00pm Red Points
	Supervised 10.00am and 7.00pm Closed.

Solution

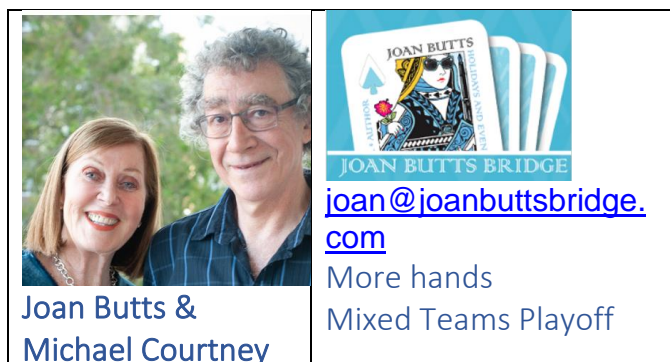
- T1 You saw that he had to take East's ♠K with the ♠A early.
- T2 Proceeding with this idea, You, then cashed the ♣A (unblocking the Clubs)
- T3 You then followed this by playing a low heart to dummy's ♥A (unblocking the hearts)
- T4-7 You then and ran the 4 top club tricks. You threw three hearts and a diamond from hand. East threw a spade and a heart and West a low heart.
- T8 You led the ♦K, which East ducked in the hope that West had a second diamond.
- T9 You countered this by playing dummy's ♠8. East rising & winning with the ♠J.
- T10 East exited with his remaining spade ♠5,. West winning the ♠Q.
- T11 West then cashed ♠9.
- T12 West, then had to play a heart, as he had only that suit remaining in his hand.

So, you had nine tricks – a spade, two hearts, a diamond and five clubs.

Note that the natural line of trying to cross to dummy with a diamond fails. East wins the trick, the defenders cash the spade suit, then exit with a heart. Declarer never makes a trick with the ♥K: He would lose three spades and two diamonds. The full deal:

		North (D)		
		♠ 87		
West		♥ A	East	
♠ Q963		♦ KQT98	♠ KJ54	
♥ Q865		♣ KQJT4	♥ JT2	
♦ 4			♦ AJ6	
♣ 7532			♣ 986	
		South		
3NT/S Lead ♠3		♠ AT2	Vul All Dir: North	
		♥ K9743		
		♦ 7532		
		♣ A		

♦ JB – Mixed Teams Playoff



Joan Butts reminisces on playing with our 2022 Club Champion **Michael Courtney** at the Australian Mixed Team Championships.

Board 15 Set 5 Quarter finals, South Dealer
 NS vul. You, West, hold:

West
♠ K73
♥ AK65
♦ A97
♣ AK3

S W N E
 3♠ ?

What Happened:
 The Whole Hand:

B 15 Set5	North	East
West	♠ 9	♠ 52
♠ K73	♥ 8	♥ QJT732
♥ AK65	♦ T862	♦ KQJ5
♦ A97	♣ JT87642	♣ Q
♣ AK3	South (D)	
	♠ AQJT864	
	♥ 94	
	♦ 43	
	♣ 97	
		Vul NS Dir: South

The playoff results were:

6♥ (E)	+50
3NT (W)	- 520
4♥ (E)	-450
6♥ (E)	+50

My view: West would prefer a double to 3NT with such a strong hand, but there is always the risk that partner won't know what to bid, and you've gone past 3NT. (All Wests bid 3NT).

On this hand East has the lovely long heart suit, and it would be natural to look for slam over a double of 3♠.
 Bridge is cruel sometimes, and here the timid bidders were rewarded when the very good 6♥ fails on a spade ruff after the ♠A is led and spades are continued.
 BUT...no one thought of 6NT which makes! Should you think about it? I certainly think so, with West's ♠K73.

Broad 18 Set 6 Quarter finals

East dlr, NS vul

You, North, hold:

North
♠ KT542
♥ AK3
♦ T842
♣ A

E S W N
 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ ?

What Happened:

The Whole Hand:

B18 Set 6	North	East (D)
West	♠ KT542	♠ Q7
♠ 3	♥ AK3	♥ Q98542
♥ JT6	♦ T842	♦ A5
♦ 763	♣ A	♣ 974
♣ KQJ632	South	
	♠ AJ986	
	♥ 7	
	♦ KQJ9	
	♣ T85	
		Vul NS Dir: East

The playoff results were:

4♠ (S)	+680
4♠ (S)	+ 680
6♠ (S)	+ 1430
5♠ (S)	+ 680

Bidding at our table:

E S W N
 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ 6♠

My view: Over my 2♠, Michael Courtney wasn't wasting time with unnecessary bidding, and trusting that I must have values in diamonds, leapt to 6♠. At our team's other table,

Axel and Avril actually bid EW to 5♣ and South chose only 5♠. Should North at that table have raised to 6♠? Who knows...

Broad 15 Set 7 Quarter finals

South dlr, NS vul

You, North, hold:

North
♠ AJ7653
♥ KT
♦ AQ9
♣ J3

S	W	N	E
P	1♣	1♠	P
2♠	X	?	

What Happened:

The Whole Hand:

B15 Set 7	North	East
West	♠ AJ7653	♠ 84
♠ QT	♥ KT	♥ 62
♥ AJ97	♦ AQ9	♦ T543
♦ K2	♣ J3	♣ Q9876
♣ AK542		
	South (D)	
	♠ K92	
	♥ Q8743	
	♦ J876	
	♣ T	
		Vul NS Dir: South

The playoff results were:

4♠ (N)	+ 620
3♠ (S)	+ 200
4♠(S)	+ 620
2♠ (S)	+ 170

Bidding at our table:

S	W	N	E
P	1♣	1♠	P
2♠	X	4♠ all pass	

My view: With our side vulnerable, it seems normal to try for game in spades, as North has a sixth spade and good red suit values sitting over the opener. Michael bid game, but only one other table did the same. At our other table, Jenny Thompson chose to open a top of the range 1NT, which may have deterred NS from finding the spade game, but North could have tried once more over partner's 2♠ response to the 2♦ (single suited major).

Broad 21 Set 7 Quarter finals

North dlr, NS vul

You, South, hold:

South
♠ AJ8
♥ KQ8
♦ 3
♣ Q76543

N	E	S	W
2NT	P	?	

What Happened:

The Whole Hand:

B21 Set 7	North (D)	East
West	♠ KQ63	♠ 974
♠ T52	♥ A9	♥ 752
♥ JT643	♦ AQ6	♦ K97542
♦ JT8	♣ AKT2	♣ 9
♣ J8		
	South	
	♠ AJ8	
	♥ KQ8	
	♦ 3	
	♣ Q76543	
		Vul NS Dir: North

The playoff results were:

7♠ (S)	+ 2140
6♠ (S)	+ 1390
7NT(N)	+ 2220
6♠ (S)	+ 1390

Bidding at our table:

N	E	S	W
2NT	P	4♦	P
4♠	P	7♣	P
7NT all pass.			

My view: This is a hand I will never forget...one of those moments when I remembered we had a bid in our system that had never come up before. I thought "At last", and that was 4♦ over 2NT to show a slamish hand with clubs, key card for clubs in fact. Michael answered 4♠, which in our system showed 1 or 4. I figured it couldn't be only one, so I tried 7♣, and Michael converted to 7NT, not for the extra imp, but to avoid the remote chance that someone could ruff the opening lead. We were duly rewarded.

♦ JF – 1NT Overcall Bidding

JF – Hand Analysis

	Julian Foster (many times NSW representative) analysing (bidding & play) on an interesting hand from a club session. Sourced SBC Wisdom articles. Slam-Game?
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Bidding after a 1NT overcall, including running when it's doubled.

		North	Dealer: East Vul: EW
West		♠ J953 ♥ AQT94 ♦ Q ♣ K95	East (D)
♠ KQ2 ♥ KJ2 ♦ K82 ♣ QJT8			♠ T87 ♥ 653 ♦ 97643 ♣ 43
		South	
12 15 0 13		♠ A64 ♥ 72 ♦ AJT5 ♣ A762	♣♦♥♠NT N 4 3 5 4 4 S 4 3 5 4 4 E - - - - W - - - -

On this Board from a club game, North South had a combined 25 points yet only one pair bid game. What's more many had the chance to take some very large penalties from East West, but no-one did. Let's have a look.

The normal start to the auction is:

East	South	West	North
Pass,	1♣ or 1♦	1NT	?

The 1NT overcall typically shows 15-18 with a stopper in opener's suit. The key to the auction comes from North's next action.

Almost every North bid 2♥. It's natural to presume that this is like a 2-level response to a regular opening bid (for example an auction 1♣ 1♠ 2♥) where the 2 level response shows at least 5 hearts and at least 10 points. But in fact the situation after a 1NT overcall is different.

North should instead double (**for penalties**). Most experienced players play a double of a 1NT overcall as penalties – usually any reasonably balanced hand with about 10+ points (so that your side is known to have a majority). Here you have 12 points and partner has opened the bidding. Your side is very close to game values – how do you think the opponents are going to fare playing in 1NT?

Extremely badly! What's more they are vulnerable as well. See advanced section for more on why this is a very good position to double the opponents.

So, what do 2 level bids mean then? Given that a better hand will start with a double, normally they show a **WEAK hand** with a desire to just play there. Usually, a 6-card suit like a weak two that doesn't have confidence defending 1NT. Obviously if opener has a big hand, they will go on anyway but otherwise they will usually pass.

What happens if North does double?

East	South	West	North
Pass,	1♣ or 1♦	1NT	X

On this hand it's a bloodbath! East may well try to run from 1NT doubled into 2♦ (see advanced section for a discussion of running methods) but that's not much better on this hand. It can be seen from the Deep Finesse analysis that North South can make 3♦ (9 tricks) – that only leaves 4 for East West which, given they are vulnerable, is a penalty of **1100!** No trumps isn't any better – North South make 4NT (10 tricks) which leaves 3 for East West – also **1100!**

So how can North South penalise East West after North doubles and East West do try and run?

The simplest approach is to just play **further doubles as penalty**. Here if East tries 2♦ South should definitely double that. See advanced section for another option.

Note that East West are vulnerable and North South are not – that makes it even more appealing for North South to try for a penalty. Poor old West is just unlucky here – there's nothing wrong with the 1NT overcall, it just so happens this time that all the opposing values are with North and none with East.

At the table most pairs played in 2♥ and made 10 tricks.

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| T1 | The ♣4 was the most common. Declarer wins with the ♣A, |
| T2 | takes a winning heart finesse, |

T3 then runs the ♦Q not minding whether it wins or loses. It will be expected to lose but that's OK – it sets up more diamond winners in South to discard some of North's black suit losers.

But let's consider what might happen in 2♦x by East West. South will probably lead their doubleton heart (not wanting to risk leading away from any honours and knowing almost all the points are in the West hand). North wins and should probably return their ♦Q.

Remember when you are penalising the opponents at a low level you are effectively saying you want to play in that suit yourself – so leading trumps to remove their chances to ruff is often a good idea. South ducks that to and West's ♦K and poor old declarer has few good options.

If they try a club, that should run to South who can now draw 3 more rounds of trumps and then play another heart. North continues with hearts until East ruffs with his last trump in dummy. Now the defence will still score the ♣A, the last heart in North (declarer has no more trumps left) and the ♣K. That could actually limit declarer to just 3 tricks and **-1400!**

1NTx would be almost as bad. North might in practice, however, lead a heart so declarer may score a trick in each suit and get away with "only" **-800!** Still ample compensation for missing the +430 or +450 North South could score in game!

Key points to note.

- After a 1NT overcall doubles should be penalty (about 10+).
- 2-level bids are just natural and weak to play.
- After you have doubled 1NT for penalties you should agree whether subsequent doubles are takeout or penalty. Either method is playable – but it's important to know which.
- Penalties after a 1NT overcall can be lucrative as all the opponents' strength tends to be concentrated into one hand. For the same reason game can often be made on lighter values (see advanced section).

- After your own 1NT is doubled it's important to have a method of running somewhere else – you may be able to find a much better spot that the opponents can't double as easily or profitably.

More advanced

There's another reason why it's often well worthwhile doubling a 1NT overcall. It's because almost all the opponent's strength is in the one hand. That makes it very hard for them to play as they will constantly be stuck in that hand and have to lead away from honours. Your own points are distributed more evenly between the two hands. Often a hand with 20 points can make surprisingly few tricks if the opponents have 10 points each side.

That also has implications if North South want to bid their own contract. Here the vulnerability points to North South trying to take a penalty. But if it were the other way around they might prefer to just bid a vulnerable game. Game can often be made on as few as 22 or 23 combined points in these sort of positions partly because it's known from the auction where almost all the points are, and partly because that defender will frequently be forced on lead to give tricks away. Hence it is well worth bidding aggressively to games in these positions.

When your own 1NT is doubled it is important to have a means of running. This more commonly applies to the weak NT but, as here, it can be equally important after a strong NT has been doubled. While it wouldn't have helped East West on this hand, it can often be the case that they do have a better spot to play in and one that the opponents may not be able to double. So, running is well worthwhile. I have played the weak NT for many years and even after the opponents do start with a double it is amazing how seldom you actually do end up conceding a large penalty (even if one was available!)

There are lots of different running methods in use but the common ones allow the partner of the 1NT bidder to show 1 and 2 suited hands to maximise the chances of finding a better spot to escape into. The method I use is:

- **Pass** = neutral (either nowhere to go so we might as well stay at the 1 level – or have values and content to stay in 1NT x as it may well be making).
- **XX** = a single suited hand (asks partner to bid 2♣—unless they happen to have opened 1NT with a good 6 card ♦ suit or a good 5 card major when they may choose to bid that). You then either pass 2♣ or bid your own suit.
- 2 level bids = that suit and a higher suit. Partner either passes or bids the lowest suit they are prepared to play in and the pair scrambles until they (hopefully!) find somewhere!

Another common method involves **pass** forcing opener to redouble – responder either passes that if they are confident 1NT will make, or they bid something else which usually shows a different combination of two suits.

Personally, I am not a fan of that because it doesn't allow you to play in 1NT doubled. Frequently the opponents will risk leaving you in 1NT doubled and you never get a bad score when it does make. But very seldom in practice do they risk leaving you in 1NT redoubled when it's making – they tend to bid and now you have to decide whether to bid on or try to take a penalty yourself – typically harder to judge.

It's also important for pairs to know what they are doing after the opponents do start running from 1NT doubled. As I mentioned above the simplest approach is just penalty. But another approach (usually preferred by most stronger players) is to play takeout doubles.

So here South would pass over 2♦ but North would then re-open with a takeout double which South would be happy to pass.

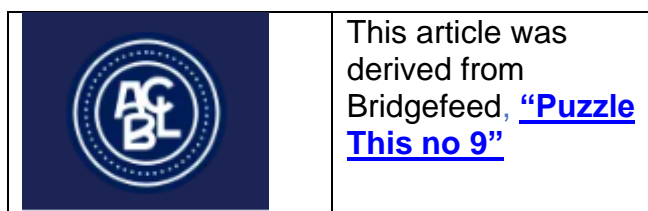
Takeout doubles tend to offer the best of both worlds – if the opponents do find a playable spot to run to, they allow you to find your own fit and play there. But they also offer the chance of taking a penalty when the cards lie suitably for that – as they definitely do here!

Note that this means pass over a runout bid is usually forcing – partner must either re-open

with a double (catering for their partner wishing to penalise) or bid something else (if they aren't prepared to have partner pass a takeout double).

Julian Foster (many times NSW representative)

♦ Bridge Puzzle 9



North (D)		Std Bidding			
♠ AT		West	North (D)	East	South
♥ KT6			1♦	1♥	1NT
♦ KQJT98		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ K3					
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ J42		1♦	4+♦, Opening		
♥ Q54		1♥	5+♥, overcall		
♦ 542		1NT	6-10, ♥ Stopper		
♣ AQT4		3NT	To play		

T1 West duly leads the ♥9 against your 3NT.
What card do you play from dummy and why?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 1♠+1♥+5♦+3♣

Losers: ♥A, ♦A, deep Hearts & Spades

The bidding and the opening lead strongly suggest that East has over-called a suit headed by the ♥AJxxx.

If you **play low** from dummy, East will also play low encouraging. If you duck in your hand as well, West will play another heart, which East will win with the ace before playing a third round of the suit. If East has the ♦A too, he will win it the first time you attack the suit to finish running the hearts to defeat the contract.

Similarly, if you play the ♥T from dummy first, East will cover with the ♥J. If you decide to let that hold the trick, East will clear the heart suit and wait for the ♦A.

	North (D)	
	♠ AT	
West	♥ KT6	East
♠ K8763	♦ KQJT98	♠ Q95
♥ 92	♣ K3	♥ AJ873
♦ 763		♦ A
♣ 872	South	♣ J962
	♠ J42	
3NT/S	♥ Q54	Vul NS
Lead ♥9	♦ 542	Dir: S
	♣ AQT4	

Can you do better by winning the queen at trick one? **Not on this layout:**

	North (D)	
	♠ AT	
West	♥ KT6	East
♠ 87653	♦ KQJT98	♠ KQ9
♥ 92	♣ K3	♥ AJ873
♦ A63		♦ 7
♣ 872	South	♣ J962
	♠ J42	
3NT/S	♥ Q54	Vul NS
Lead ♥9	♦ 542	Dir: S
	♣ AQT4	

When West wins the ♦A, he'll play another heart through dummy's ♥KT to beat 3NT.

So, what's the answer?

T1 West duly leads the ♥9 against your 3NT. Play the ♥K from dummy at trick one.

Whether East wins or ducks this, you're still in control. The hearts are safe from attack, so you'll have the timing to establish the long diamonds in dummy, and **it doesn't matter which defender** has the ♦A

♦ JM – Take it Slowly

Solution Open Challenge Hand



John Mottram

Our ex-president provides insights on bidding.

Conventional wisdom is that when you and partner have good hands, with game assured and possibilities for slam, you should use available bidding space to exchange useful information to help with the final decision making. Obviously if your bidding takes you beyond game, then you must be able to sign off below slam if necessary.

For the whole of this article, you are in first seat with the following hand, which is the actual hand from the final section:

The first part of this article is a construction.

You
♠ K9763
♥ 9
♦ KQT
♣ AKQ8

You open 1 Spade. Partner responds either.

- 3 Spades (limit raise, game invitational)
- or 3D (Bergen, similar meaning).

At best partner could hold one of the following. They all contain 2 Aces plus the trump Queen, and 2 of the 3 seem good bets for a slam, particularly hand 3.

Partner (1)	Partner (2)	Partner (3)
♠ QJ84	♠ Q984	♠ AQ98
♥ A983	♥ A983	♥ J984
♦ A5	♦ A5	♦ A5
♣ 853	♣ J53	♣ 853

If you are prepared to play in a slam opposite any of the above 3 hands, then you may as well just use Keycard (spades).

But if you are more cautious and require the partnership to be in slam only with hand 3, then you can cue bid 4 Clubs and when partner Cues a red Ace (either will do) bid 5 Spades, asking him to bid 6 if he has the 2 Spade honours.

Now for the actual hand. This was from the stratified pairs on March 18th, Hand number 2. Again, you open 1 Spade on the initial hand.

You	Partner
♠ K9763	♠ AQJ8
♥ 9	♥ AJ83
♦ KQT	♦ A5
♣ AKQ8	♣ J53

This time your partner responds 2NT (Jacoby). I believe that some players treat this as a limit raise (13 – 15 pts), but I prefer it to be unlimited game force, as per its original form.

- You respond 3♥ (showing ♥Shortage).
- Partner bids 4♦ (Cue).
- You bid 5♣ (Cue).
- Partner bids 5♥ (Cue).
- Well, you have no losers in the outside suits – how about trumps? Delusions of grandeur? You bid 5NT (Grand Slam Force), and partner duly bids 7♠.

This seems like a fairly routine Jacoby sequence, yet only one pair (**Helen Lowry & Jane Beeby**), regrettably not partner and I, from a combined field of over 30 tables found the Grand Slam for a top score. One Pair found 6NT for the extra matchpoints & a near top.

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 2			
Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
7♠ by NS	=	2210	1
6NT by NS	+1	1470	1
6♣ by NS	+1	1460	22
4♣ by NS	+3	710	6

The full hand

BOARD 2					
BD: 2	♠AQJ8				Dir: E Vul: N-S
	♥AJ83				
	♦A5				
	♣J53				
♠4					♠T52
♥KQ4					♥T7652
♦98742					♦J63
♣7642					♣T9
	♠K9763				
	♥9				
	♦KQT				
	♣AKQ8				

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
N	7	4	4	7	7	17
S	7	4	4	7	7	5 1
E	-	-	-	-	-	17
W	-	-	-	-	-	

◆ Upcoming NSBC Congresses





Online

Online Autumn Swiss Pairs

Anzac Weekend Online Swiss Pairs

5th

Online

North Shore Bridge Club

Sunday 23rd April on RealBridge

10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Teams (IMP/VP) Event

Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805

Director: Ronnie Ng

Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-Payments: Visitors use MyABF Credits & NSBC Members to select “Club PP System”

2010 4th Winners : Mark & Julie Guthrie

Club Champion

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA . The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow systems restricted.

Player Fees (pp) \$30pp

Why not join the NSBC? Remote Members just \$35/year

Then our Festival Congress Events in June.

♦ RK – Deals of Doom



NSBC Summer Online Teams 2023
Big hands, big swings

Rakesh Kumar

In this almost-post-COVID environment, North Shore Bridge Club continues to regularly run congresses on RealBridge, which certainly makes them more accessible to those who do not live in metropolitan Sydney. Their Summer Online Teams on 8 January was the first such Congress of 2023, with 25 teams (plus a House team) participating. After 6 × 9-board rounds, the winners were **WURTH Team** (Michael Cartmell - David Wurth - David Hudson - Nick Fahrer) who held on to first place for most of the day. Second were **GILL Team** (Liz Adams - Jane Dawson - Tony Nunn - Peter Gill) who finished not too far behind, with **FOSTER team** (Christine Gibbons - David Weston - Jenna Gibbons - Julian Foster) in third place.

WURTH got off to a flying start on Board 1 from the first round, with Hudson-Cartmell being the only pair to reach 7♦ on this board:

BOARD 1					
BD: 1		♠J765		Dir: N	
		♥7652		Vul: None	
		♦97			
		♣T54			
♠A				♠KQ842	
♥Q4				♥AT3	
♦AJT3				♦KQ82	
♣AQJ982				♣6	
		♠T93			
		♥KJ98			
		♦654			
		♣K73			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	6	7	4	6	6
W	6	7	4	6	5

1	
18	14
7	

After 1♠-2♣ (game forcing)-2♦-3♦ there are various ways that the auction might proceed,

depending on your methods. Still, bidding the grand slam seems somewhat against the odds and isn't easy anyway – but who can argue with success?

From the same round came one of two huge hands that East held during this event. On this one, Cartmell-Hudson once again earned a swing for their side:

BOARD 4					
BD: 4		♠T8653		Dir: W	
		♥5		Vul: All	
		♦KT			
		♣J9632			
♠J942				♠AKQ	
♥KJ9				♥AQT32	
♦942				♦AQ5	
♣QT7				♣A5	
		♠7			
		♥8764			
		♦J8763			
		♣K84			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	2	4	6	4	6
W	2	4	6	4	6
				4	
				7	25
				4	

Do you have good methods for showing a 24+ hcp balanced hand? Those who open 2♣ and rebid 3NT rapidly run out of bidding room, leaving responder fumbling in the dark.


That of course is one of the reasons for playing the **Kokish convention**, where after 2♣-2♦, a rebid of 2♥ is either a genuine heart suit or an extra-strong balanced hand – responder must bid 2♠ and opener now gets to describe her/his hand further, allowing the balanced hand to be shown at the 2-level. Perhaps the lack of suitable methods explains why only 4 of 26 East-West pairs bid and made a slam, two in hearts and two in notrumps.

This highly distributional deal from the last round yielded some big swings across the field:

BOARD 46									
BD: 46		♠QJT743				Dir: E Vul: None			
		♥5							
		♦J743							
		♣94							
♠5						♠982			
♥AK642						♥JT7			
♦AQT862						♦K5			
♣K						♣76532			
		♠AK6							
		♥Q983							
		♦9							
		♣AQJT8							

◆ Apr Advanced Courses

Link to [Website Advanced Teaching](#)




Anita Curtis has restarted
**“Develop your Skills”,
 “Gentle Hand Analysis” &
 Broaden your game.**

Anita Curtis

Anita offers an extensive range of topics in the Broaden Your Game and Intermediate Hand Analysis Classes held on Wednesdays at 2pm. On the 1st April, there is a small price increase for these lessons, they are still great value at \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors. I invite you to take your game to the next level and join Anita on Wednesdays, if you can't make the date or time - Anita will email you a recording to watch at your leisure.

**NSBC-Develop-Your-Skills-Mar-Apr-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¶
Apr-6¶	Hand-Analysis-1 (review all skills)¶
Apr-13¶	Signalling-is-Legal-(defence)¶
Apr-20¶	Brilliant-switches-(defence)¶
Apr-27¶	Double-or-nothing---when-is-a-double-for-penalties?-(bidding)¶

**NSBC Intermediate/BYG April 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
5 Apr	Discards – Eddie Kantar	BYG/Intermediate defence. As a defender, a hand is often won or lost on what you discard. One of the world's expert teachers gives tips that will make you a better defender!
12 Apr	Splinters – Tools for major suit success	BYG bidding. The next step in intermediate bidding: knowing how to show opener that you have a singleton
19 Apr	Consider the bidding as declarer – Eddie Kantar	Intermediate declarer play. How can declarer use the bidding to help place the cards during the play? Eddie Kantar shows you how to make inferences and the best decisions.
26 Apr	Card combinations missing 2 honours (part 2)	BYG/Intermediate declarer play. How to play common card combinations missing 2 honours.

Visitors \$25; Members \$20

For more information or to register,
email Anita: ac210927@bigpond.net.au

◆ Thursday Comp Night –Q1 2023

The current running competition Night Event is the Morgan Swiss Pairs



Swiss Pairs Championship

5x Thursday Nights
30th Mar, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Apr

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A further 1 week break for the Adelaide Bridge Festival

2023 GNOT Direct Teams Championships

5 sessions on Thursdays @ 7pm 11th, 18th, 25th May, 1st and 15th June on Realbridge

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16th “GNOT Direct” Teams Championship
Comp Night – GNOT Open Teams






5x Thursday Nights 11th, 18th, 25th May, 1st, 15th June
7pm Start–GNOT Direct Teams Event
Prize: 1st Entry Paid into **GNOT National Finals** as a Sydney Metro Team, Other Generous Prizes dependent on entries

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: **Gary Barwick 0413 884 805**
 Director: **Ronnie Ng**
 Entry Management: Enter by MyABF 

Pre-payments: Visitors NSBC “Make a Payment”, Members via “Club PP System”
 2022 15th Winners: **Wayne Zhu - Peter Jeffery - Yumin Li - Yixiang Zhang - Wei Zhang**
 The ABF has approved the issue of **Gold Masterpoints**
 All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations.
 Note: Eligible players (to win the Sydney Metro Direct entry) must be a member of a Sydney metropolitan bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA, and must be bona fide residents of the Sydney metropolitan area or a neighbouring country GNOT region, ie Central Coast, Mountains or Tablelands-Illawarra.


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

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