



U3A Intermediate Bridge 2019-20



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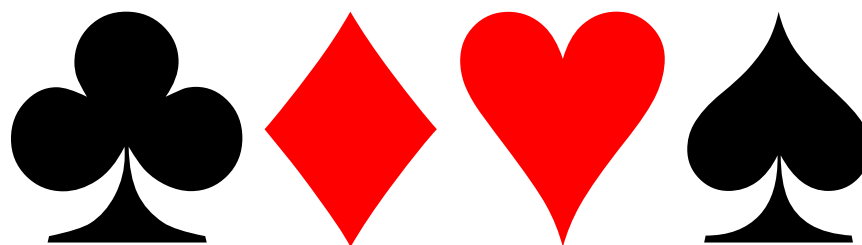
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Week 10 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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Week 10 Administration

U3A Bridge National Swiss teams

Each year in May, U3A organises a national bridge "Swiss Teams" tournament.

<http://s222350980.websitehome.co.uk/U3A/Bridge/mtswiss.html>

In 2020, it is on Saturday May 30th, from 11:00 to 17:30.

Or search for "U3A Swiss Teams".

Each team is two pairs.

Guildford should enter a team or two (or more).

Basingstoke often enter 7 teams!

An all day affair, you get lunch and the cost is £16 a head.

Includes tea and biscuits on arrival, a Ploughman's Lunch with pudding and tea and cakes in the afternoon.

Teams need to be sorted as soon as possible.

Let me know if you are interested.

The U3AIB Spring Tournament will be on May 8.



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U3A Promotional week

Guildford U3A are planning a whole week of activities to celebrate both the National U3A Day and GU3A's 35th anniversary in June this year. Thursday 4th June will be the sports/activities day and I have arranged with the Spectrum that we can have a table/stall/display in the area behind the ticket office, next to Costa Coffee. We're planning to be there between 10.30am to 3.30pm ish, actual timings to be confirmed.

The idea is to showcase both physical activities and table games. With this in mind, I'm writing to ask if one or maybe two of you and your groups (at different times) would be willing to/interested in participating. The idea is to demonstrate the breadth of activities offered by Guildford U3A.

Volunteers, please let me know.



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Week 10 Benji summary

Suited Benji summary

We looked at suited Benji last time.

Basically you play everything the way that you play normal Acol except:

If you want to open a Weak Two major, you bid it.

2H

2S

If you want to open a Strong Two major, you prefix it with "2C - 2D -"

2C - 2D - 2H

2C - 2D - 2S

The 2D response is a relay.

If you have a superstrong hand that, in Acol, you would open "2C", you open "2D"

2D

And Responder now uses "2H" as a negative.

2D - 2H

But with 8+ Pts makes a positive response. Eg

2D - 3C

Eg 8+ Pts L5+C

Weak L6Minors you pass on.

Strong minors you can open at the open at the one level or at the three level using "2C - 2D - 3C" or "2C - 2D - 3D".



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Week 10 Benji

Balanced Benji

You can play balanced normally. Or you can do:

11- HCP

Pass

12..14 HCP

1NT

15..16 HCP

1 Long Suit Rebid Raise partner into NT

17..18 HCP

1 Long Suit Rebid Jump partner into NT

19..20 HCP

2NT

21..22 HCP

2C then rebid 2NT

23..24 HCP

2D then rebid 2NT

25+ HCP

2D then rebid 3NT

This gets rid of the "1 suit (-) Response (-) 3NT" 17..19 HCP ambiguity.

You can play Stayman or Puppet Stayman or Modified Baron over all these 2NT or 3NT "opening" bids.

Note that the sequence **2D - 3C - 3NT** is a raise into NT and should be treated as both 23..24 HCP and 25+ HCP. So assume 23 HCP initially.

You can use Transfers over the opening "NT" bids as well. *(Not 15..18 HCP.)*

For today's set hands, please use plain Stayman.



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Week 10 Play

Play

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the stage.
EW have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile. Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Many boards have instructions on coloured card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

If you play a board twice, record second play on traveller with pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)

As part of the learning process – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (eg announcing 1NT to be 12-14 points, ALERTing a conventional bid, ...) – **and ALSO to give a brief description to the other three players on what the bid means.**

If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here. They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)

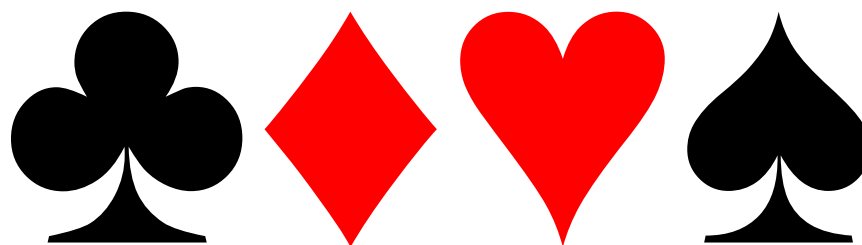
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Week 10



The end

Week 10 set hand
references follow.



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Week 10 Set hands

Set hand sources

Obviously the bidding may differ as this is a "Benji" session.

AR: DNC

Andrew Robson ~ Declaring Notrump Contracts

sgb

Hands sgb has dealt/created identified by date.

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Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.

Boards as played are rotated compared to book presentations (which mostly make South dealer). Rotation defined by position of A♠.



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Week 10 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

1 N None AR: DNC #39

A♠=N

1 9 6NT-1 N JH 11 - 50

2 10 6NT-1 N JH 11 - 50

4 12 6NT-2 N JH 10 - 100

Ref 6NT= N JH 12 990 -

A very tricky hand to play. Needs very careful planning.



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Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

2 E NS AR: DNC #44"proper" A♠=E

1 9 4H= E QC 10 - 420

2 10 4H= E QC 10 - 420

4 12 4H= E - 10 - 420

Ref 4H= E QC 10 - 420

If declarer ends up in 3NT (scoring 400) ne MUST make 3NT+1 (scoring 430) to justify the erroneous bidding.

4H is "proper".



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3 S EW AR: DNC #3 var A♠=S

The variation is JC ↔QC to give {S} 19 HCP and permit an opening Benji 2NT.

1	9	3NT=	S	6H	9	400	-	
2	10	3NT=	S	6H	9	400	-	
4	12	3NT-2	S	6H	7	-	100	Oops
Ref		3NT=	S	6H	9	400	-	

Bidding here:

S	W	N	E
#2NT!	P	3NT	P
P	P		



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Week 10 Set hands

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4 W All AR: DNC #40b var

A♠=W

The variation is 10C ↔JC, 3D ↔4C.

{W}'s opening bids show Benji 21..22 HCP, not standard 20..22 HCP.

Therefore {E} needs 1 fewer HCP to require a quantitative asking bid.

Then rig {NS} C_3:3 split.

2 10 6NT-2 W 4S 10 200 -

Ref 6NT= W 10S 12 - 1440



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7 S All *sgb20200210a*

A♠=S

1 9 6D= E 8H 12 - 1370

2 10 6D= E AS 12 - 1370

Ref 6D= E AS 12 - 1370

{N} S:Q97 H:T96 D:JT6 C:8652

{W} S:K2 H:AKJ3 D:AKQ743 C:4 {E} S:J654 H:Q D:9852 C:AKJT

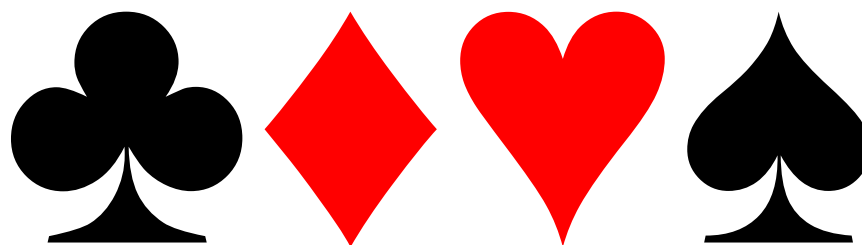
{S} S:AT83 H:87542 D:- C:Q973



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The very end