



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2013-14



## Week 9 Overall Responses



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*Thank you for the Christmas gifts.*



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## Week 9 Event Review

Last week we had the duplicate competition.

It was a nine round Howell, 9 board movement. So that every pair played against every other pair once.

The results are generated using the scores on the traveller to say how well you did compared to the other 4 pairs who played the same hands. So if you are playing board 7 as EW, you are not in competition with NS, but with 4 other EWs!

It doesn't matter what the absolute result is, just how well you have done compared to the others.



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Imagine a board where the results were

NS	EW	Contract	By	Tricks	NS	EW
1	2	3NT✓	N	9	400	-
3	4	3NT-1	N	8	-	50
5	6	3NT+1	N	10	430	-
7	8	3NT-2	N	7	-	100
9	10	3NT+2	N	11	460	-

You have 5 different scores.

Which was the best NS pair? Which the worst EW pair?

Which was the best EW pair? Which the worst NS pair?

Repeating that list, but sorted into order and putting the results down in both columns, we get...



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7	8	3NT-2	N	7	-100	100

Here it is obvious 9 was best NS, 10 worst EW. 8 best EW and 7 worst NS.

You then allocate 2 points for each pair you are better than (*but 1 point for each pair you are equal with*).

Thus...



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## Week 9 Event Review

Imagine a board where the results were

NS	EW	Contract	By	Tricks	NS	EW	NS	EW
9	10	3NT+2	N	11	460	-460	8	0
5	6	3NT+1	N	10	430	-430	6	2
1	2	3NT✓	N	9	400	-400	4	4
3	4	3NT-1	N	8	-50	50	2	6
7	8	3NT-2	N	7	-100	100	0	8

These points shown in blue here get added up for each board played.

And since in some movements it is possible for pairs to play a different number of boards, the maximum score a pair could get is also noted and the final total converted to a percentage.

The highest percentage is the winner.



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Rank	Pair	Names	Total	%Score
1	3	Charles Boyd & Beatrice Gould	54	75.00
2	10	Rita Stirling & Robert Atkinson	46	63.89
3=	9	Kate Atkins & Gloria Hurst	39	54.17
3=	5	Richard Mead & Tim Downing	39	54.17
5	8	Malcolm Hinkly & Don Franklin	37	51.39
6	2	Stella Babbington & Don Babbington	35	48.61
7	6	Peter Walsh & Ann Watson	29	40.28
8	4	Dianne Mahan & Janice Glynn-Jones	28	38.89
9	7	Della Atkinson & Pam Nellist	27	37.50
10	1	Sally Digby & Gill Wheeler	26	36.11

Maximum score for everybody was 72 (9 boards of 8 points each).

*Apologies if I've spelt anyone's name incorrectly!*



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## Week 9 Event Review

Here is one sample scored traveller:

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BOARD 6

NS	EW	Contract	Dec	NS+	EW+	NS MP	EW MP
2	1	2NT=	W	-	120	6	2
7	5	3Hx-3	S	-	500	0	8
8	3	2S+3	W	-	200	3	5
9	6	3S+2	W	-	200	3	5
10	4	3H-2	S	-	100	8	0

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We see contracts declared by both EW and by NS. One contract (3H) was plain between 10 & 4 but doubled between 7 & 5. The doubled contract was a top for EW, the undoubled contract a top for NS!

The book result was 4S+1 by E for 650. An EW top.



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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

Three sessions ago we looked at Overcalls.

Then we looked at Doubles.

Last time was the duplicate event.

Today we look at Responding to overcalls.

RWPB page 94 onwards

The bulk of today is responding to simple overcalls, which are the bulk of overcalls:

8..15 Pts, Good L5+suit            1suit

11..15 Pts, Good L5+suit           2suit (Bid 1 if available)





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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

### Overall summary

*Red are the "simple overcalls"*

None of below...

Pass

6..10 Pts, Good L7+suit

Pre-emptive overcall, double jump.  
If vulnerable suit to be very good.

8..15 Pts, Good L5+suit

1suit

11..15 Pts, Good L5+suit

2suit (Bid 1 if available)

12..15 Pts, Very good L6+suit

Jump overcall

16..18 HCP Bal + 2 Stoppers

1NT

*Other books only say 1 stopper*

16+ Pts, L6+suit

Double

On next bid, bid the L6+suit

19+ HCP Bal + 2 Stoppers

Double

On next bid, bid NT.



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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

*All bids supporting partner's overcall are a weak response.*

Partner wants to hear support for his suit.

If you have support for partner

**bid to the level of the fit.**

What is support?            L3+Partner's\_suit.

In which case: Raise to a bid of the total number of trumps held by your partnership.

Note that RWPB says that the point count you have is irrelevant.

Andrew Robson says do this with 0..9 HCP (*not with more*).

Drina Vanner (*Bridge Bug*) says 0..11 HCP (*not with more*).



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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

*All bids supporting partner's overcall are a weak response.*

If you have support for partner

**bid to the level of the fit.**

You, as overcallers, **have found a fit**. So your opponents will have one too. This bid may stop them finding it or prevent them finding the right bid.

If you happen to have points, you **will** make your contract. If you don't then **they** have points and a fit and **will** make their contract. So a sacrificial bid is good.



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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

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Points have nothing to do with the level of the raise.

Bid to the level of the fit.

In which case: Raise to a bid of the total number of trumps held by your partnership.

Assume partner has 5 (the minimum he has promised).

If you have 3, the total is 8. 8 tricks is a 2 level bid.

If you have 4, the total is 9. 9 tricks is a 3 level bid.

If you have 5, the total is 10. 10 tricks is a 4 level bid.



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### **Bid to the level of the fit.**

With this bid you are making it much harder for your opponents to converse and find their right contract. If they have 25 HCP and the bidding goes

N	E	S	W
1♣	1♥	2♣	4♥
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N has 12..19 HCP and L4+♣.

E has L5+♥ and 8..15 HCP.

S has L4+♣ and 6..9ish HCP.

So as a pair, L8+♣ and 14..24ish HCP

W has L5+♥ and, we assume, a ♥ honour, but perhaps few points.

Does N have enough info to bid 5♣? No. He'll have to guess wildly.



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**If the supporting bids are weak, what to bid with a strong hand?**

### **The Unassuming Cue Bid**

Bid your opponents suit at the lowest available level.

This bid says you think you pair holds the majority of the points.

Eg L3+Partner's\_suit, with 10+ points.

*I believe it needs to be **alerted**.*

Your partner, the overcaller, next bids knowing you have a good hand.

He rebids his suit at the lowest level to show a minimum hand.

He rebids a new suit to show L5+/L4+ distribution in the two suits. Is this encouraging enough for you to bid game?

A jump rebid in his original suit shows L6+suit. Can you raise to game?



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### **NT response**

Partner doesn't really want to hear a NT response. Never bid NT just because you don't like partner's suit.

Bid using the same NT scheme as a response to an opening bid, BUT, since overcaller has 8+ HCP rather than 12+ HCP, you need to have 4 HCP more for each type of bid.

Thus 1NT doesn't show 6..9 but 10..13 HCP.



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### **Change suit?**

If you can't manage any of the Previous responses, normally the best bid is then PASS.

Very rarely you might have a **high quality** L6+ suit of your own. Usually a major. Along with weak support for partner's suit (L2+).

Perhaps you will be able to lead to partner's suit and he lead to yours...





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*Red* are the “simple overcalls”, we have looked at responses to these.  
The rest wait for another day.

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## Week 9 Overcall Responses

### Responses to “simple overcalls”.

*Read pages 89..99.*

Weak support L3+suit, 0..9 HCP

Bid to level of the fit

Strong support L3+suit, 10+HCP

Unassuming Cue Bid

Tolerance for partner's suit  
10..13 HCP & nothing better

NT

Strong L6+ other suit

Perhaps bid it



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## Week 9 Play

### Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables. Fill in table slips.

NS have the pair number of their table.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 6.

N has his back to the screen.

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

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

**Any questions?**

**Tea & coffee. (20p)**

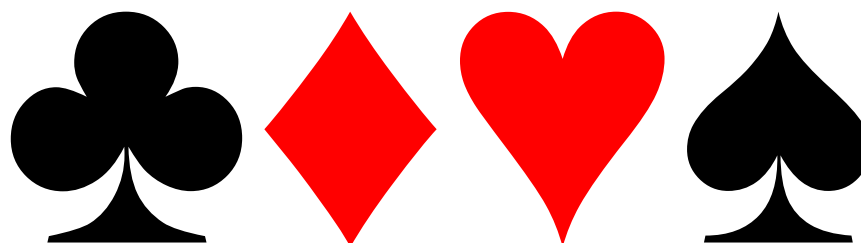
**PLAY**



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Week 9



The end