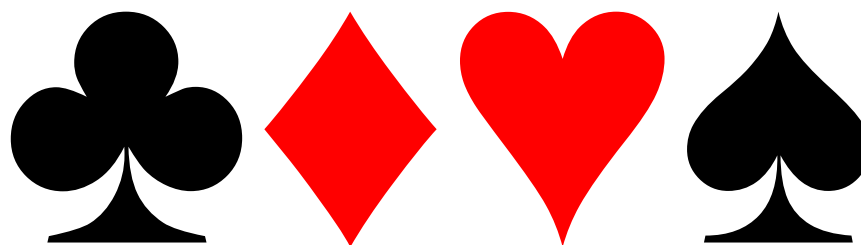




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Week 12 Slam Bidding part2



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Week 12 Travellers again

Some of last sessions's travellers have been developing bad habits.

So, yet again, a summary of filling in a traveller – which is a paper that **travels** with the board recording the results of each time it was played.

Therefore you don't look at them until **after** you have played the board.

Step 1 Check or fill in the board number (top right)

Other steps: Fill in the info using the column headings as a guide.



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Week 12 Travellers again

- Step 2 Determine the number of the N/S pair. Find that row in the first column headed NS.
- Step 3 Determine the number of the E/W pair. Write it in the next column headed EW.
- Step 4 Write in the contract **and the result**.
- | | | | |
|-----|------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 6H✓ | 6H+1 | 6Hx-1 | <i>Remember the tick.</i> |
| NOT | 6H | NOT 12H-1 | NOT illegible |
- Step 5 Write Declarer (N E S W) in the By column
- Step 6 Write in number of tricks declarer made (zero to thirteen)
- Step 7 Work out who got the score – NS or EW and use the correct column.
- Don't forget game and slam bonuses.
Don't forget non-vul, vul adjustments
Don't forget double adjustments



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A Summary of the previous session

Jump Shift

A change of suit and a jump over partner's last bid. It must be reserved for hands with Slam potential.

The Jump Shifter rebid sets the suit – no argument.

Jump Shift is forcing to game. Invitational to slam.

Quantative bidding

Quantative bidding helps decide if a NT slam is viable.

It is not a convention, but a natural bid of 4NT after partner's NT bid.

Do we have enough HCP for 6NT? Maximum 6NT, minimum Pass.



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A Summary of the previous session

Blackwood

Is a slam viable? Ask partner how many Aces they have.

- After a suit bid (not a NT bid) by partner
- And you KNOW what suit a slam might be played in
- And you know there are enough points to make a slam plausible
- And you have NO VOID.
- And (between you) you have first or second round control of all 4 suits

Response is: 5♣ = 0/4 Aces; 5♦ = 1 Ace; 5♥ = 2 Aces; 5♠ = 3 Aces.

If sufficient Aces, bid the slam, otherwise retreat to agreed suit at lowest possible level.

Do not use Blackwood if the wrong reply takes you past the opt-out bid.



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Blackwood

We also reviewed Blackwood responses when you have a void, and what to do if you want to ask for Kings for a Grand slam.

The info is in RWPB – read it.

More Blackwood

There are also many variants of Blackwood – Keycard Blackwood, Roman Keycard Blackwood, Direct King Blackwood.

Also an opening bid of 4NT...

We will look at some of these some other time – No rush, let's get used to straight-forward Blackwood first.



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Cue bidding

As you will recall, there are a list of requirements to allow bidding a Blackwood Ace asking 4NT.

Sometimes you are interested in a slam and can't (or don't want yet to) use Blackwood.

Cue bidding is a major tool for achieving information to allow slam decisions.

When fully integrated into your bidding, it co-exists with Major Suit Trial bids and Splinter bids. For now we will just look at basic Cue Bidding.



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Cue bidding

Once a suit has been (explicitly) agreed by a partnership, a suit bid at the lowest level is a cue bid.

It says “I have first round control of this suit.” (Ace or void).

Any lower suits that are skipped say I do NOT have first round control of those suits.

You do not cue bid the agreed trump suit.

If you have no more suits with first round control, sign off with a bid in the trump suit.

Note that 4♣ is now a cue bid and Gerber is not used when cue bidding is used.

The player starting Cue bidding should **normally** have the Ace of trumps.



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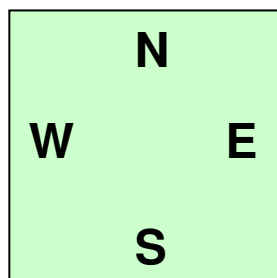


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S W N E

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ -



Now you get to bid this. Half as West, half as East. North and South are passing every time.

West to open the bidding.



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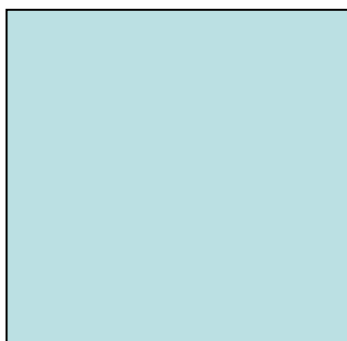
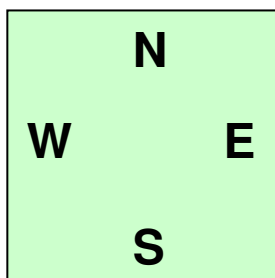


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West has 21 HCP + a void and probably 9 playing tricks.

S W N E
 ?

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ -





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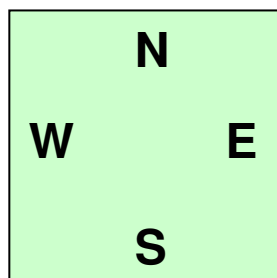


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S W N E

2S(*strong*)

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ -



Because of the void, blackwood is inappropriate. One ace wouldn't say if needed A♦, or if surplus A♣.

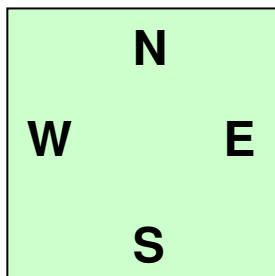
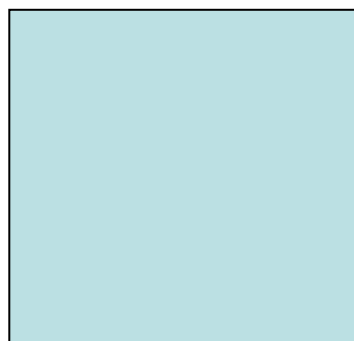


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S	W	N	E
	2S	<i>P</i>	?



♠ J 8 5 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A J
♣ K J 8 4



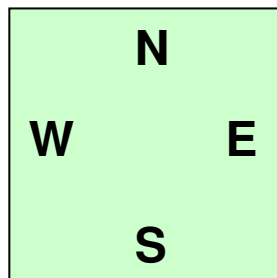
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E has 10 HCP (making in the region of 31..33 HCP), 4 card spade support and at least one outside playing trick.

S	W	N	E
	2S	P	?



♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K J 8 4



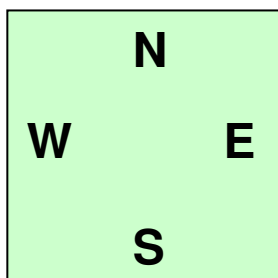
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S	W	N	E
	2S	P	3S
P	?		

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ -



♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K J 8 4



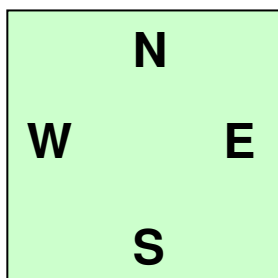
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S	W	N	E
	2S	P	3S
P	4C	P	?

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ -



♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K J 8 4



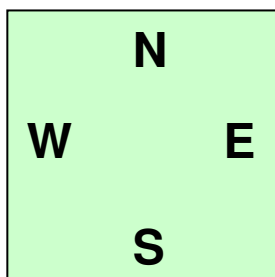
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S	W	N	E
	2S	P	3S
P	4C	P	4D
P	?		

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ -



♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K J 8 4



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		S	W	N	E
♠ A K Q 9 4 2 ♥ A K 5 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ -	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ A J ♣ K J 8 4	P P P P	2S 4C 6S	P P P
					3S 4D P

Will W make it? He has 6 spades in his hand, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds which is 12 tricks.



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Week 12 Slam Bidding part2

Also read the Bernard Magee series on Slam Bidding at Mr Bridge.

www.mrbridge.co.uk

Select "Library" then "Bidding" and scroll down.



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Week 12 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)

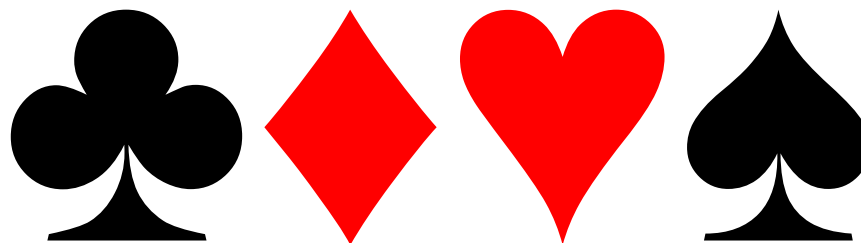
PLAY



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Week 12



The end

(Set hands on next pages)



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Week 12 Set Hands

Set hands

Book result in **blue**, Players results in **red**.

RWPB Paul Mendelson – Right Way to Play Bridge

SB2 Bernard Magee – Slam Bidding II

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
1	N	None	RWPB#142x	A♠=E 4S+1 5S= 4S+1 6S-1
2	E	N/S	SB2#9a	A♠=N 5S= 4S+1 5S= 4S=
3	S	E/W	SB2#9b	A♠=E 6S= 6S= 6S= 4S+2
4	W	Both	RWPB#142y	A♠=S 6H= 6H= 6H= 3NT+4
5	N	N/S	SB2#9c	A♠=N 6C= or 6NT= 6C=
6	E	E/W	RWPB#73b	Deal 2NT= 2NT+2 2NT-1

The hands are expanded on the next slides.



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Week 12 Set Hands

Deal 1 RWPB#142x QS↔JS JD↔TD

N ♠3 ♥JT975 ♦974 ♣A832

E ♠AJ987 ♥KQ3 ♦AKQ ♣54

S ♠T65 ♥642 ♦J632 ♣KT9

W ♠KQ42 ♥A8 ♦T85 ♣QJ76

Deal 2 BS2#9a

N ♠A985 ♥76 ♦AJ92 ♣QJ3

E ♠76 ♥AJ83 ♦876 ♣KT75

S ♠KQJ432 ♥Q42 ♦KQ3 ♣A

W ♠T ♥KT95 ♦T54 ♣98642

Deal 3 BS2#9b

N ♠T6 ♥JT85 ♦875 ♣KJ52

E ♠A985 ♥K6 ♦AT92 ♣983

S ♠7 ♥A973 ♦J64 ♣QT764

W ♠KQJ432 ♥Q42 ♦KQ3 ♣A



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Week 12 Set Hands

Deal 4 RWPB#142 H↔S, C↔D, QH↔JH, JC↔(TC), AD↔(QD)

N ♠KQ3 ♥AJ987 ♦54 ♣AKQ

E ♠642 ♥T65 ♦KT9 ♣J632

S ♠A8 ♥KQ42 ♦AJ76 ♣T85

W ♠JT975 ♥3 ♦Q832 ♣974

Deal 5 BS2#9c

N ♠AK6 ♥97 ♦9874 ♣A972

E ♠JT8752 ♥J8 ♦JT ♣T83

S ♠3 ♥KQ3 ♦AKQ ♣KQJ654

W ♠Q94 ♥AT6542 ♦6532 ♣_

Deal 6 BS2#9a

N ♠QJ9 ♥AJT ♦AKJ75 ♣A7

E ♠KT2 ♥852 ♦32 ♣KQT64

S ♠876 ♥963 ♦T84 ♣J952

W ♠A543 ♥KQ74 ♦Q96 ♣83