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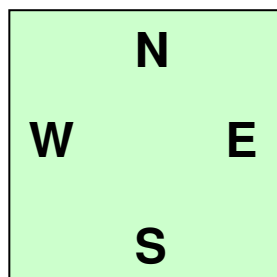


While waiting for 2pm

♠ A K 6 5 4 3 2  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ A K Q

**You are declarer in 7NT by S.  
 West leads a Heart.**

**How do you play it?**



♠ -  
 ♥ A Q J  
 ♦ Q J 10  
 ♣ J 10 9 8 7 6 5

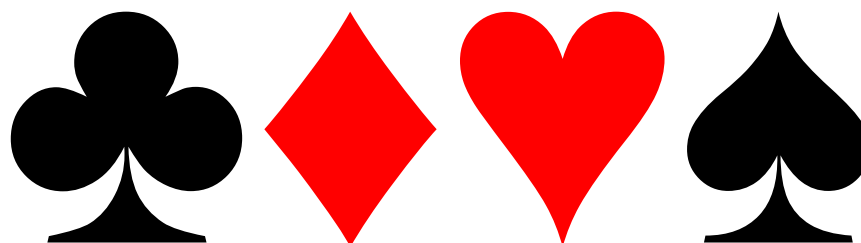
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## Week 12 Conventions



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## Week 12 ... of the week

### **Procedure of the week:**

When a board is played for the last time in a session, turn one of the hands face up to indicate that it needs shuffling next time.

### **Hint of the week:**

When you place played cards in front of you, After declarer wins 6 tricks, start placing them moved up half an inch to make it easier to count trick level.

You can also do this half an inch down to count undertricks.



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## Week 12 Conventions

This week I want to do a review of all the conventions we have covered so far.

We will get back to new things from RWPB soon.



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### Stayman

A response of 2♣ to a 1NT opening, or of 3♣ to a 2NT opening.

It is looking for a L8+ fit in a major suit. Responder has at least one L4 major (not L5+ major).

Opener replies 2/3♠ with L4+♠ and L3-♥

2/3♥ with L4+♥ and any length of ♠

2/3♦ with no L4+ major

With no L5+ suit, Responder needs 11+ HCP to use Stayman, bidding 2/3NT after a negative 2/3♦ from opener.

With L5&L4 in the majors, Responder can be weaker and use Stayman and convert to a 2♦♥♠ Weak Take Out if no fit is found, or 3♦♥♠ equivalent.

An intervening opposition bid means 2/3♣ is now natural, not Stayman.



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### Stayman

Recall that if you want to make a ♣ Weak Take Out, you have to have L6♣, use Stayman without any L4major and convert to 3♣ after Opener's reply.

*A direct 3♣ bid is a slam try.*

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Also recall that after a Weak Take Out, Opener passes. Do not even think of bidding. This applies even when Stayman has intervened.



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### Pudding Raise

1suit – 2suit	(6..9 HCP)
1suit – 3suit	(10..12HCP)
1suit – 4suit	(traditionally 13..15HCP)

are all limit bids.

### Change

1suit – 4suit to 9- HCP, 13+ Pts (ie weak but shapely)

and use the Pudding raise

1suit – 3NT to show L4+ support for partner's **major** suit  
13..15 HCP  
No L1- suits





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### Quantative Raise

Many natural NT bids are limit bids. They are showing a small and **specific** range of points, usually with a balanced hand but sometimes unbalanced with a L5+ minor.

There are several NT responses which ask the question “**Are you minimum or maximum within your range**”. If minimum, Pass. If maximum, bid up to the next threshold.

Thus

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| 1NT | Partner announces “Twelve to fourteen”.   |
| 2NT | 11..12 HCP. Bid game with 14, pass with 12.<br>Think with 13; look at 10s and 9s and sequences. |
| 2NT | <i>20..22 HCP</i>   |
| 4NT | 11..12 HCP. Bid slam with 22, pass with 20.<br>Think with 21; look at 10s and 9s and sequences. |



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### **Blackwood**

After a suit bid by partner, 4NT is an “ace asking slam try”.

Before use decide what replies permit a slam and what do not. If you get the “wrong” answer you revert to the agreed suit. Do not use Blackwood if a wrong answer plus raise to get the agreed suit takes you too high.

Do not use Blackwood if you have a void. It won't help. Use cue bids (or Gerber).

Replies are

- |    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| 5♣ | I have 0 or 4 aces |
| 5♦ | I have 1 ace       |
| 5♥ | I have 2 aces      |
| 5♠ | I have 3 aces      |



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### **Roman Key Card Blackwood**

*This is new*

This is a variation on Blackwood – and itself has variations. This is the most basic. Presume you are playing standard Blackwood unless you have **agreed** otherwise with partner.

4NT asks **how many of the 5 key cards does partner have**. The key cards are the 4 aces and the King of trumps.

Replies are

- 5♣ I have 0 or 3 key cards
- 5♦ I have 1 or 4 key cards
- 5♥ I have 2 key cards and do not have Q trumps
- 5♠ I have 2 key cards and do have Q trumps

Note for both Blackwood and more obviously here with RKCB, you must have agreed the trump suit before use.



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### Gerber

*This is new*

This is an old convention that can conflict with cue bidding. You need to decide exactly when you use it. It is not in the green book, but is on the No Fear Crib Sheet.

A bid of 4♣ immediately after a NT bid asks for aces. It is not Gerber if your partnership have already made a natural club bid.

Replies are

- |     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| 4♦  | I have 0 or 4 aces |
| 4♥  | I have 1 ace       |
| 4♠  | I have 2 aces      |
| 4NT | I have 3 aces      |



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Not conventions but worth revising.

### **Reversing**

If Opener bids a second suit of higher rank than the opening suit at the 2 level, this is a reverse. It forces responder to show preference for the original suit by bidding at the 3 level.

To bid a reverse, opener must have 16+ HCP.

With 15- HCP, do not show the second suit.

### **The awkward hand**

To open with the awkward hand your rebid will be some form of lie.

Compensate for this by not opening a 4441 hand unless you have 14+ HCP.



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### Major Suit Trial Bids

After 1♥ – 2♥ or 1♠ – 2♠, when a major suit is immediately agreed.

If Opener has game thoughts but needs help with a suit with 3 quick losers (eg ♦J42), bid problem suit at the lowest level (eg 3♦) to say

“I have 3 quick losers in this suit, can you help?”

The bid should be alerted.

If responder can help – eg by having a shortage in that suit so that he (dummy to be) can trump them – bid game. Otherwise sign off in the agreed suit at the lowest level.

That is if Responder has

3 losers	sign off
2 losers and 7- HCP	sign off
2 losers and 8+ HCP	bid game
1 or 0 losers	bid game



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### **Minor Suit Trial Bids** aka **Stopper Showing Bids for NT**

After 1♣ – 2♣ or 1♦ – 2♦ or 1♣ – 3♣ or 1♦ – 3♦. Opener is unlikely to want to play in 5♣ or 5♦ and wants to see if 3NT is better.

These bids show good cards – stoppers. Bid the next available suit in which you have a stop: A, Kx, QTx, Jxxx etc.

With no stoppers, return to agreed suit at lowest level.

If Opener has NT thoughts, he will show his lowest stopper, thus inviting you to show yours. 17+ HCP after 1-2, 14+HCP after 1-3.

Eg	1♦	I've got diamonds
	2♦	So have I
	2♥	I'm thinking NT thoughts. I have a stopper in ♥
	2♠	I have a stopper in ♠
	2NT	All covered, we can manage 2NT
	3NT	I have enough points for 3NT.



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### Fourth Suit Forcing

If one pair have bid three suits (suggesting misfits), if Responder has the fourth suit covered, he can bid NT.

If he does not have the fourth suit covered, he can ask partner about his hand by bidding the fourth suit. **Partner must reply.** The fourth suit bid says “I have a problem with this suit, what can you do?”

With cover in the missing suit, bid NT at an appropriate level.

Without cover in the suit, show a feature of the hand. Eg you have already shown L5/L4 in your first two suits, if either is longer rebid it.

With L3 support for partner's suit, bid that.

Normally once 4SF is used, it is forcing to game.





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### **Gambling 3NT**

Open the bidding with 3NT with L7minor headed by AKQJ and 13-HCP.



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### Strong openings

With 20..22 HCP and a balanced hand open 2NT

With 8..9½ playing tricks and L6+suit, open 2suit *unless it is ♣ when you have to just bid 1♣.*

Partner announces “Strong”. Some pairs play weak twos.

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With 10+ playing tricks – **game in one hand** – bid 2♣. Partner responds 2♦ and Opener rebids the trump suit. Opener will have L6+suit or two L5 suits. Opener never rebids L4 suits. **Mostly game forcing.** A rebid by responder of 2NT says “extra poor hand here”.

With 23+ HCP and a balanced hand open 2♣ and after 2♦ response, rebid NT at the appropriate level:

23..24 HCP      2NT

25..27 HCP      3NT



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### **Unassuming Cue Bid**

*After a simple overcall, a weak partner just bids to the level of the fit. This is based on the number of trumps held, not on HCP.*

If the supporter has a good hand (10+HCP, L3+fit) use the Unassuming Cue Bid.

It says “We may have the majority of the HCP. Game may be possible.”

**Bid opponents suit at the lowest level.**

Overcaller will then describe another feature of his hand. If he has nothing more, he just rebids his suit at the lowest level.



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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)**

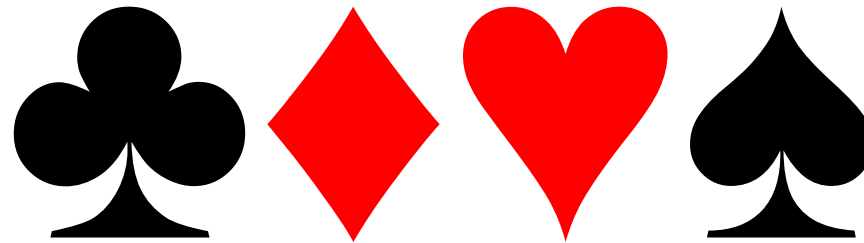
**PLAY**



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Week 12



The end

Set hand references follow.



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## Week 12 Set Hands

### Set hands

These come from various sources, detailed on a deal by deal basis.

*NST means NS top; EWB means EW bottom etc.*

*Book (or reference) result in blue*

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	Elite club 312.1	<b>3NT=:N</b>	4D+1:S	3D+1:N
				<b>+400</b>	+150	+130
				<b>NST</b>	mid	NSB
			N: SJT92 HAQ52 D62 CAJ2	E: SA8743 HJ3 DA CT9754		
			S: S6 HK876 DKQJT874 C3	W: SKQ5 HT94 D953 CKQ86		
2	E	N/S	Bridge Mag #147 pg1 p7 + Deal	<b>3NT=W</b>	<b>4S-1:N</b>	4C+1:E
				<b>-400</b>	<b>-100</b>	-150
				<b>EWT</b>	<b>NST</b>	mid
			N: SKT642 HKQ965 DT9 C3	E: S87 H43 DQ7 CAJT8654		
			S: SQJ953 HJT8 DAK6 C92	W: SA HA72 DJ85432 CKQ7		



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# Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

3 S E/W Guildford Duplicate Club 2015-03-05 Bd9

5D=:S 5D-1:S 5D=:S

+400 -50 +400

=NST NSB =NST

N: SA76 HK43 DK6 CKQ542 E: SKJ854 HJT92 D8 CT93

S: S32 HQ6 DAQJ97432 C7 W: SQT9 HA875 DT5 CAJ86

4 W Both Elite club 2NT-4:N 3S-3:N 1NT+1:E 2NT-3:N

312.4 -400 -300 -120 -300

(Just interesting, no book) NSB mid EWB mid

N: S6 HK53 DQ98743 CA82 E: SKT72 HAQ4 DJ2 CKQT4

S: SAQ9853 H982 DK CJ95 W: SJ4 HJT76 DAT65 C763



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**# Dlr Vul Source** Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

GRB = Paul Mendelson Golden Rules of Bridge

5 N	N/S	GRBpg 133	<b>3NT=:S</b>	3NT-1:S
		A♠=E	<b>+600</b>	-100
			<b>NST</b>	NSB

6 E	E/W	Bridge Mag	<b>4H=:E</b>	3S+1:W	3S=:W
		147 pg1 p1	<b>-620</b>	-170	-140
		+ Deal	<b>EWT</b>	mid	EWB

N: S9862 HJ5 DQJ CQT964 E: SAK3 H97432 DAK32 C2  
 S: ST7 HKQT D87654 CKJ7 W: SQJ54 HA86 DT9 CA853





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# Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

REP2 = English Bridge Union: Really Easy Practice 2

7	S	Both	REP2#4.7 A♠=W	4S+2:E -680 EWT	4S=:E -620 mid	4C-3:S -300 NST
8	W	None	REP2#4.8 A♠=W	3NT=:W -400 EWT	4D-1:W +50 EWB	
9	N	E/W	REP2#4.9 A♠=N	4S+1:N +450 =NSB	4S+1:N +450 =NSB	4S+2:N +480 EWB