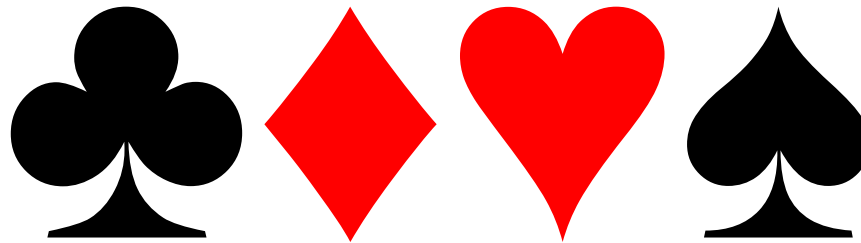




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Week 8 Play: Declarer Planning



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The presentation this week was the viewing of the first half of the Mr Bridge DVD presented by Bernard Mcgee:

“Better Bridge with Bernard”

“Making a Plan as Declarer”

The keypoints of it can be found on page 11 of “Bridge” magazine issue 153. Download <https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/pdf/153.pdf> .

It is available for purchase for £25 from Mr Bridge

<http://www.mrbridge.co.uk/shop/dvds/dvd-series2-9>

Once we have viewed both halves, I will happily loan my copy out for a £30 deposit. If it is returned within a month, you get the £30 back. If it isn't, I will order myself another copy and you forfeit the £30 but may keep the DVD.

Watch the DVD several times to get the most from it.



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Week 8 Play

Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables.

This week I do not plan to ask you to move.

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the screen.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 6.

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

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)

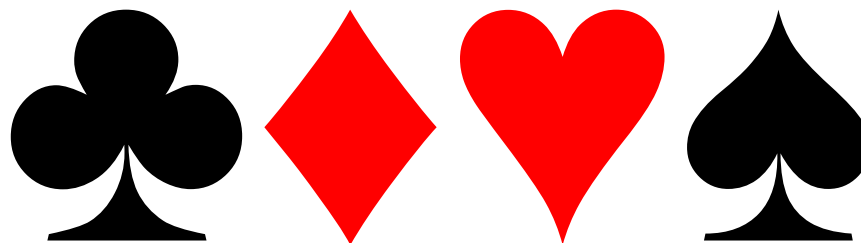
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The end

Week 8 set hand
references follow.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hand sources

AR:BWSHH = Bridge: What Should Have Happened
by Andrew Robson

AR:DNC = Declaring NoTrump Contracts by Andrew Robson

RWPB = Right Way to Play Bridge by Paul Mendelson

MPD = Making a Plan as Declarer DVD by Bernard Magee

Blue results from travellers

Red results are reference results.

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

If any member of the U3A Intermediate Bridge Group wants details of the hands for study, let me know and I'll email them to you.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hand play

In these boards there is **NO BIDDING**. An inserted slip specifies the Suit/NT and who is to be Declarer. The object is to make as many tricks as possible.

I realise that information is garnered from the bidding process, but folk get too hung up on “making the contract”. This is to force you to make as many tricks as you can – whether 7 (1NT=) or 12 (6NT=).

The travellers were intended to be recorded with the result made as the contract. Thus if you make 11 NT tricks, record and score 5NT=. *I realise that actual bidding and play is much more likely to be 3NT+2, but so what?* Should you get fewer than 7 tricks, record as 1suit/NT-whatever. Thus a NT contract getting 5 tricks would be 1NT-2.

For the opening lead, assume your partner did not bid, and make the appropriate lead determined by YOUR hand.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	RWPB page 174b + Deal			A♠=N
1	7	4S=	N 10	420	-	Good 😊
2	8	1S=	N 7	80	-	Worse 😞
4	10	4S=	N 10	420	-	Good 😊
Ref		4S=	N 10	420	-	Now NS non-vulnerable.

This hand was played in December as board 4. The results were:

4 W	All		RWPB page 174b + Deal			A♠=S
~ ~	4S-2	S 8	-	200		<i>Rotated 180° since last time</i>
~ ~	4S-2	S 8	-	200		
~ ~	4S-1	S 9	-	100		
Ref	4S=	S 10	620	-		Was NS vulnerable.

See last time for hand details.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	MPD#4			A♠=E
2	8	4NT=	E 10	-	430	
4	10	4NT=	E 10	-	430	
Ref		4NT=	E 10	-	430	

Well done everyone.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	MPD#5			A♠=S
1	7	3NT=	S 9	400	-	
2	8	3NT=	S 9	400	-	
Ref		3NT=	S 9	400	-	

Well done everyone.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
4	W	All	MPD#6			A♠=W
1	7	5NT=	W 11	-	660	😊
2	8	5NT=	W 11	-	660	😊
4	10	2NT=	W 8	-	120	😞
Ref		4NT=	W 10	-	630	

Not sure how 11 tricks were made, but well done.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source				Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
5	N	N/S	MPD#7				A♠=S
1	7	4NT=	N 10	630	-		
2	8	1NT-1	N 6	-	100	☹ ☹	
4	10	3NT=	N 9	600	-	☹	
Ref		4NT=	N 10	630	-		



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	MPD#8			A♠=E
1	7	3NT=	E 9	-	600	
2	8	1NT=	E 7	-	90	☹
4	10	1NT=	E 7	-	90	☹
Ref		3NT=	E 9	-	600	



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	AR:BWSHH#79			A♠=N
1	7	3NT=	S 9	600	-	
4	10	2NT=	S 8	120	-	☹
Ref		3NT=	S 9	600	-	

Pair 4 South tried a silly strategy to make an overtrick that went wrong and caused an undertrick. Foolish!



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
8	W	None	AR:DNC#4			A♠=E
1	7	2NT=	W 8	-	120	
4	10	2NT=	W 8	-	120	
Ref		1NT=	W 7	-	90	

Unsure how 2NT= results, but well done everybody.



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Week 8 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
9	N	E/W	AR:DNC#6	A♠=S

Not played (2NT= by N).