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While waiting for 2pm

Why is there such a problem with Travellers?

Problems from last time:

- * "Section number" filled though unused
- * "Board number" empty
- * "By" column empty
- * ✓ not included in "Contract" when made exactly
- * Score in wrong "NS" or "EW" column
- * Undertricks omitted (eg should be "4H-2" not just "4H")
- * Four travellers NOT IDENTICAL,
not possible if they have been checked correctly.
- * Vulnerability and calculated score wrong.
- * Wrong row used for "NS"
- * "Tricks" column empty

Why?

How do you pronounce GHOTI?



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TI as in nation



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Sounds as **“FISH”**

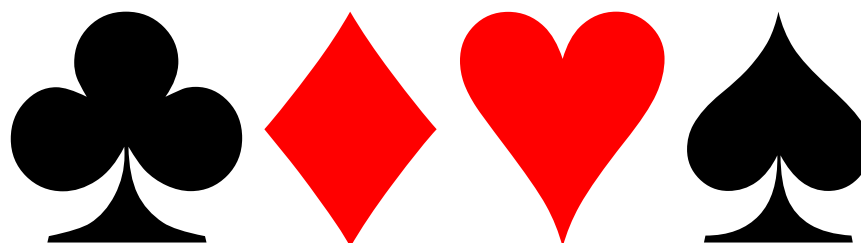
There is no significance to this – just to amuse you if the stuff about travellers was depressing.



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Week 10 Bits and Pieces



Steve Bailey



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Week 10 ... of the week

Procedure of the week:

Agree your system – methods, conventions and signals – with your partner of the session before you start to play.

Hint of the week:

Rather than just putting your bidding cards to one side as soon as the opponents have bid game, perhaps they wish to bid on to a slam, you should bid a Pass. Three passes is what ends the bidding.

But better, **consider** a double.

You don't have to do it, but **ask yourself** if you think they will make the contract and if not, should you double?



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Week 10 Bits and Pieces

Responding to Opener with a Fit

RWPB pages 30..32

Basic Acol responds to Opener's "1suit" with:

2suit

6 .. 9 HCP and L4+suit

 3suit

10..12 HCP and L4+suit

 4suit

13..15 HCP and L4+suit

 Jump/Shift

16+HCP and L4+suit

RWPB page 129

Forcing to game, invitational to slam.

The jump will change the suit, (the Shift will return to Opener's suit when there is an excellent fit in the suit.

I'm not going into it again now, but the 4suit bid can be split into 2 or three sections, using **4suit** for a weak but **very** shapely response; **3NT** for a 13..15HCP semi-balanced response and perhaps a **Splinter** bid, which is not covered by RWPB.



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Responding to Opener with a Fit

However sometimes you don't have the L4+ suit and so, with 6..9 HCP, have to respond with the dustbin bid, 1NT.

Both Andrew Robson and Paul Mendelson recommend, that with 6..9 HCP and an **L3suit** fit with Opener, it is better to respond **2suit** than 1NT – especially (perhaps only if) the suit is a major.

Eg, in response to 1♠ :

♠ K 9 7

♥ 6

♦ 8 6 5 4 3

♣ J 5 4 2

With 4 HCP and 8 Pts (4 HCP + 3 Pts for L1H + 1 Pt for L5D), you can't bid at 2 level and are planning to bid 1NT. However with L3♠, do support bid at the 2 level: 2♠.



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Making a Plan as Declarer:

RWPB pages 171..186 and Bernard Magee DVD for last 2 sessions.

ATTITWDE

- A Aim
- TT Top Tricks and Losers
- IT Increase Tricks (*Get rid of some losers*)
- WD Worry about Defense
- E Entries / Execute (*May need to delay drawing trumps to establish a suit and have enough entries*)

Some ways to make extra tricks (*aka get rid of losers*)

- 1 Establish suit by force (*with QJT9, draw AK and win T9*)
- 2 Establish suit by length (*draw rest of suit & win small cards*)
 - and Throw away on Dummy's long suit (*use dummy's long suit*)
- 3 Trump losers in Dummy (*use declarer's long suit*)
- 4 Use your opponents: Finesse, Squeeze, Endplay.



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Making a Plan as Defender: RWPB pages 186..onwards

You cannot make as comprehensive a plan as declarer.

Study the bidding and the shape of dummy.

If dummy has a L2-suit, he may plan to void dummy and then trump.
Lead trumps.

If dummy has an L5+ suit, he may plan to discard losers on established long suit. Start by leading an unbid suit, hoping to retain control long enough to get declarer down.

Get the opening lead right (not always easy).



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Week 10 Bits and Pieces

Example deals.

*Please form a 2*2 giant table and spread out on all four sides.*

Deal 1

Andrew Robson: Arrow pack 20 #5; Dealer=N; Vul=None

Deal 2

Andrew Robson: Arrow pack 20 #6; Dealer=E; Vul=NS

Deal 3

Andrew Robson: Arrow pack 20 #7; Dealer=S; Vul=EW

Deal 4

Andrew Robson: Arrow pack 20 #8; Dealer=W; Vul=All

In the end, only deal 1 was played through.



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Week 10 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.

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 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.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)

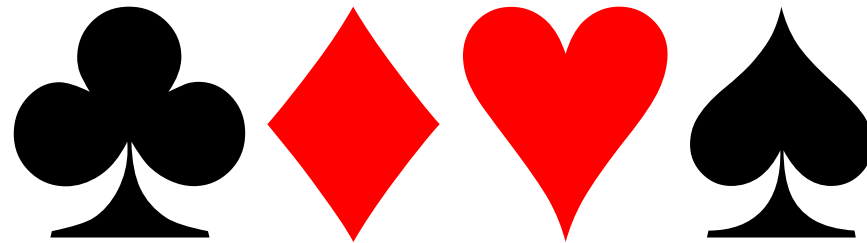
PLAY



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Week 10 Bits and Pieces



The end

Week 10 set hand
references follow.



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Week 10 Set Hands

Set hand sources

A20 = Andrew Robson's Arrow Pack 20, not commercially available but used by him at seminars.

Elite = Private social club with random deals

B156 = Bridge magazine issue 156 by Mr Bridge

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 10 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	A20 #7			A♠=N
1	7	2S+1	N 9	140	-	
3	9	2S+1	N 9	140	-	
4	10	3S=	N 9	140	-	
Ref		4S=	N 10	420	-	

Everyone got a bottom. "Ref" got a top.

No-one was aggressive enough to bid game, but the bookish contract is 3S not 2S. And more to the point no-one made 10 tricks, possible with careful play.

This hand was also played in week 9 with results 4S-1 and 3S=.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	A20 #8			A♠=E
1	7	3S-1	E 8	50	-	
2	8	3S+1	E 10	-	170	
4	10	2S+1	E 9	-	140	
Ref		4S=	E 10	-	420	

“Ref” got a top.

No-one was aggressive enough to bid game, but the bookish contract is 3S not 2S. However one pair made 10 tricks, it is possible.

This hand was also played in week 9 with results 4S-1 and 3C= by the opposition.



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Week 10 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	A20 #5			A♠=S
1	7	4S=	S 10	420	-	
2	8	4S-1	S 9	-	50	
3	9	4S+1	S 11	450	-	
Ref		4S-1	S 11	450	-	

One pair (3) got a top.

This was the hand we had just talked through at the giant table with the jumbo cards.

This hand was also played in week 9 with results 4S-1, 4S-1 & 4S-1.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.	
4	W	All	A20 #6		A♠=W
2	8	4H-1	W 9	100	-
3	9	4H-2	W 8	200	-
4	10	4H=	W 10	-	620
Ref		4H=	W 10	-	620

One pair (4) got a top.

This hand was also played in week 9 with results 4H=, 4H-1 & 4H-2.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	MPD#15			A♠=W
3	9	3NT+1	S 10	630	-	
Ref		3NT+1	N 10	630	-	

Only played once and a top was achieved. However note that it was played by S rather than the expected N. *I wonder how the bidding went.*



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
6	E	E/W	Elite Deal 20160112	A♠=W

Not played.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	MPD #9	A♠=N		
1	7	3NT=	S 9	600	-	
4	10	3NT+1	S 10	630	-	
Ref		3NT+2	S 11	660	-	

“Ref” got a top.

Everyone was in the right contract, but no-one made the 2 overtricks.

This hand was also played in week 9 with results 3NT=, 3NT= and 3NT=.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
8	W	None	B156 p34a	A♠=N

Not played.



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Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
9	N	E/W	RWPB p185			A♠=N
1	7	4S=	W 10	-	620	
2	8	4S=	W 10	-	620	
Ref		4S=	W 10	-	620	

YES...