



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2015-16



While waiting for 2pm

**If you want to borrow a Bernard Magee DVD, give me a £30 deposit and if the video isn't back within one month, you can keep it and I'll buy a new one...**

**There will be a duplicate event on the first session in May (May 13).**

**Find a partner, Find another pair so you come as a foursome (but the 4 are not a team). Agree your system with your partner before hand.**

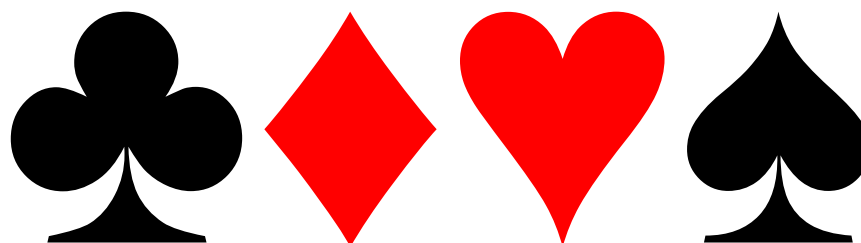
**Experts are available if you can't find a partner.**



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Week 13 Assorted



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## Week 13 ... of the week

### Procedure of the week:

Pauline and I try to get you to do things as they are done in a duplicate club. Please follow these procedures, even if you don't see the point.

One of the things we ask is that the **wallet remains in the middle of the table and is not rotated.**

One reason is to form a barrier between the hands and thus help **stop folk touching any cards but their own 13.**

Another is so that **each hand goes back in the right pocket.**

Last week we had an instance of one hand being in the right pocket and the other 3 being rotated. It took a while to sort out.

**Please...**



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### **Topics this week:**

Finish RWPB chapter 12: Balancing.

Review Modified Baron.

Review Making a Plan as Declarer.

Hence the title of *Assorted*.



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### **Balancing:**

Last week we looked at basic balancing. How after "Bid, Pass, Pass" the next player (the "balancer"!) could work out the range of points held by his opponents.

Thus he could determine that his partnership probably held the majority of the points, his partner not having overcalled due to shape issues, rather than point issues.

Therefore he "borrows a king" (adds 3 HCP to his hand) to see if he can overcall (non-jump or double).

If he does, his partner's follow on bid is done "deducting a king" (removing 3 HCP).

**We simplified it to always 3 HCP for a weak non-jump.** Not a specific king – just 3 points. Standard bidding constraints apply.



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### When else can you balance?

At higher levels when your opponents have **found a fit** but limited their bids, **showing a paucity of points**.

<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>	
1H	P	2H	P	N = 12..19 HCP, S = 6..9 HCP
P	?			NS = 18..28 HCP.

But N didn't have enough points to bid on from 2H, not even enough to invite with 3H invitation "are you 6..7 or 8..9".

That says N has 12..15, or joint 18..24.

Again, balancing is deemed appropriate. Bid your strong hand normally. Bid your weak hand with an extra 3 HCP. Partner removes 3 HCP from his hand.

If you bid and they bid on (eg 3H or 4H) play in it and defeat them.



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<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>
1H	P	2H	P
P	?		

♠ Q 8 5 4 2

♥ 3

♦ K Q 9

♣ J 6 3 2

You correctly passed first time.

5431 8 HCP + 3 (king) = 11

*What to bid?*

*Double or Spades?*

RWPB says "2S", even missing a second honour.

The key here is:

**Both** opponents have limited their hand

Your opponents have **found a fit**.



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### Fits

The most balanced possible set of hands distribute the four suits

NS	EW
7	6
7	6
6	7
6	7

If you start modifying this by swapping cards between hands, swapping a card from one of our 7s for one of their 7s will leave it the same shape – just different suits.

	NS	EW	NS	EW
NS give 1 to EW	7-1	→ 6+1	6	7
	7	6	7	6
EW give 1 to NS	6+1	← 7-1	7	6
	6	7	6	7





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### Fits

It turns out that if they have an 8-card fit you almost always have one

too. EG	NS	EW	NS	EW
EW give one to NS	7+1	← 6-1	8	5
	7	6	7	6
NS give one to EW	6-1	→ 7+1	5	8
	6	7	6	7

There is only one way to get a one sided fit

NS	EW
8	5
6	7
6	7
6	7

*and this is rare.*



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### Balancing examples

<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>
1S	P	2S	P
P	?		

Yes, they have shown a fit and limited their bids. Balance.

<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>
1S	P	1NT	P
2D	P	2S	P
P	?		

No, don't balance.  
No fit has been found,  
S just "showed preference."

If they have a fit, you have a fit. You want the contract.

If they have a misfit, you have a misfit. You want to defend.



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### **Balancing**

In summary, if you can determine you are likely to have the majority of the points between you, and you could bid if you had more points, borrow 3 from partner.

Your partner **MUST** be fully involved in this scheme.

Having overcalled with a non-jump bid, partner should bid according to his hand less 3 points. But it is recommended that he is always pessimistic about things – pass or raise? Generally pass.

But a jump overcall shows the normal strong hand.



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## Week 13 Modified Baron

### Modified Baron

Modified Baron summary

<i>Opener</i>	<i>Responder</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2NT		20..22HCP Balanced <i>Announce "20 to 22"</i>
	3♣	Do we have a major fit? 4+ HCP, L3/L4major. <i>Alert &amp; explain if asked.</i>

*Responder with 4 .. 12 HCP thinks "game", with 13+ HCP "slam".*

<i>Ask from top down</i>	⎛	3♠ <i>(Have I 5 spades?)</i>	L5+♠, L3-♥
		3♥ <i>(Have I 5 hearts?)</i>	L5+♥, L3-♠
		3♦ <i>(Have I 4 of a major?)</i>	No L5major, one+ L4major
		3NT <i>(Otherwise)</i>	L3-♥ & L3-♠ (No L4+major)

*What next? Mostly just "normal" replies!*



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## Week 13 Declarer Plan

### **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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## Week 13 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)**

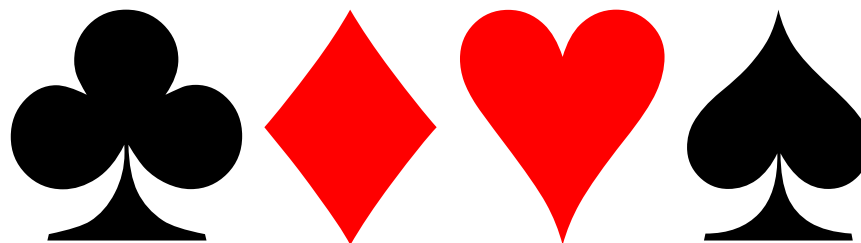
**PLAY**



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The end

Week 13 set hand  
references follow.



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## Week 13 Set Hands

### Set hand sources

RWPB = Right Way to Play Bridge by Paul Mendelson

Choose\* = Selected cards

DVD = Bernard Magee DVD "Making a Plan as Declarer"

Bridge = Bridge Magazine by Mr Bridge.

Elite = Hand dealt at Elite bridge group.

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.

*\* Yes I know "Choose" reads strangely in situ.*

*Also the set hands were a poor selection for the topics discussed.*





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## Week 13 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	RWPBpg165 + Choose			A♠=N
1	7	3NT+3	W 12	-	490	
3	9	3NT-1	E 8	50	-	<i>How is E declarer?</i>
Ref		3NT+2	W 11	-	460	

N= S:Q9543 H:K976 D:AT C:3 E= S:8 etc

S= S:T6 H:T854 D:983 C:T982 W= S:K etc

*This was intended to be an example of a strong overcall where Balancing could, but shouldn't, be used.*



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	RWPBpg167 + Choose			A♠=S
1	7	3S=	W 9	-	140	A cheeky working overbid.
3	9	3D+1	N 10	130	-	
Ref		3D+1	S 10	130	-	

*7W made a cheeky overbid based on the fit of the trumps more than anything – if they have a fit we have a fit etc.*

N= S:4 etc

E= S:Q962 H:T7 D:AJ C:T8643

S= S:AT7 H:K62 D:T872 C:K95 W= S:KJ853 H:A854 D:K4 C:J7



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	Choose			A♠=S
1	7	4H=	E 10	-	620	
3	9	4H=	E 10	-	620	
Ref		4H=	E 10	-	620	

A deal that all got right. :-)

N= S:762 H:K43 D:843 C:JT82 E= S:KT8 H:AQT965 D:QJT C:4  
 S= S:A954 H:7 D:976 C:AK973 W= S:QJ3 H:J82 D:AK54 C:Q65



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
4	W	All	RWPBpg166 + Choose			A♠=S
2	8	3S=	N 9	140	-	
Ref		2S=	N 8	110	-	

N= S:Q etc

E= S:T H:JT75 D:J87654 C:AT

S= S:AK63 H:K84 D:T32 C:Q97 W= S:J97 H:AQ962 D:A C:K854



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	DVD#15	A♠=S		
1	7	3NT=	E 9	-	400	
2	8	3NT-2	E 7	100	-	
Ref 1		4S=	W 10	-	420	
Ref 2		3NT+1	E 10	-	430	



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	DVD #22			A♠=S
2	8	4S+1	S 11	450	-	
Ref		4S+1	S 11	450	-	



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	DVD #23			A♠=S
2	8	4H	N 10	620	-	
3	9	1H+3	N 10	170	-	
Ref		6H=	N 12	1430		

Underbidding?



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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
8	W	None	Bridge#153 pg23full			A♠=S
2	8	3NT-3	E 6	150	-	
3	9	3NT+1	E 10	-	430	
Ref		3NT=	E 9	-	400	





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### Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
9	N	E/W	Elite 20160112			A♠=W
2	8	5C+1	E 12	-	620	
3	9	5C+1	E 12	-	620	
Ref		6C=	E 12	-	1370	

N= S:965 H:964 D:J652 C:QJ5 E= S:JT4 H:AK8 D:A83 C:AT74  
 S= S:K872 H:Q7532 D:T974 C: W= S:AQ3 H:JT D: KQ C:K98632

### Bidding

N	E	S	W	
P	1C	P	4NT	
P	5S/5C*	P	6C	*=Blackwood / RKCB
P	P	P		