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While waiting for 2pm

Travellers

I'll pass some from last week round for you to review...

The bits highlit in yellow have problems, such as:

- No tick after an exactly made contract
- Wrong score - but at least all 4 travellers agreed :-)
- No EW pair number
- No contract at all
- NS score put in EW column
- EW row used for result, not NS row
- Illegible
- No score in one row, NS **and** EW scores in row below!
- Declarer not NESW but "12" (with 11 tricks!)

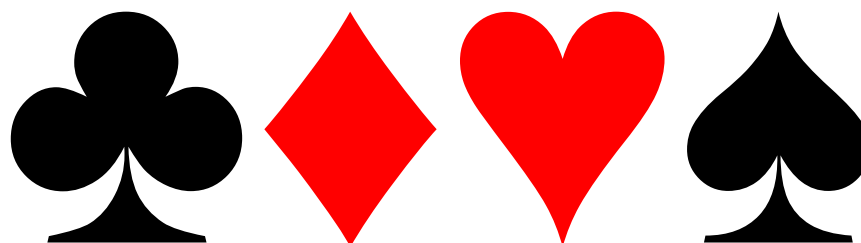
Also on the Table slips, a couple omitted the pair numbers.



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Week 15 Transfers



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Week 15 Miscellaneous

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 15 Introduction

We have now finished the course book except for:

Chapter 11: Conventions, part 2. The Aspro Convention.

A brief discussion last time suggested that this wasn't a convention many would use so I am omitting it and declaring the course book "Complete" – 4 years!

Obviously keep reading it. We'll start again next year.



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Week 15 Introduction

Today

We are looking at transfers.

I heartily recommend Andrew Robson's book – Bridge Lessons : Stayman & Transfer. Only £5.

For an online explanation, see Mr Bridge's library with articles by Bernard Magee.

- https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/Transfers_1.pdf
- https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/Transfers_2.pdf



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Week 15 Transfers

Response to 1NT at present (without transfers):

This is modified from the No Fear Crib Sheet:

- 0..10 Balanced: Pass
- 0..10 Unbalanced $\heartsuit\spadesuit$: 2suit *Weak Take Out*
- 0..10 Unbalanced \clubsuit : L5 \clubsuit Pass, L6+ \clubsuit : Go through Stayman to 3C WTO
- 0..10 L5OneMajor, L4OtherMajor: Weak Stayman.
- 11..12 Balanced or L5+minor: 2NT
- 13..18 Balanced or L5+minor: 3NT
- 19..20 Balanced: 4NT quantitative. *With more bid slam directly.*
- 11..18 L4major: Stayman
 L5major: 3major
 L6+major: 4major
- 19+ Unbalanced: Look for slam after finding a fit.

All this should be instinctive to you by now.



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Week 15 Transfers

What are Transfers?

Instead of bidding your **major** suit directly, you ask your partner to bid it.

Responder does this by bidding the suit below it.

Thus 1NT – 2D – 2H or 1NT – 2H – 2S

It is said that this has the advantage that the opening 1NT hand is declarer in Responder's suit, and so the weaker hand is exposed as Dummy.

*I think that this only applies in a Weak Take Out type situation – in other situations, Responder is likely to be the stronger hand. I have only ever played transfers twice and have no practical experience of it, so there may well be other advantages I am unaware of. But note that a large percentage of club players and all experts I am aware of use Transfers rather than Weak Take Outs – so there is something to it. Indeed one expert has suggested Transfers should be what is taught to beginners straight off. *Don't complain about it being hard or confusing – it isn't.**



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Week 15 Transfers

How do they work?

Opener:	1NT
Responder with L5+♥ (any HCP) bids the suit below:	2♦
Opener rebids ♥ (without looking at his hand *):	2♥
Responder rebids:	Something helpful

Opener:	1NT
Responder with L5+♠ (any HCP) bids the suit below:	2♥
Opener rebids ♠ (without looking at his hand *):	2♠
Responder rebids:	Something helpful

* *Not strictly true*

"Something helpful" means normal type bidding for the hand held.

Should Responder have L5♥ and L5♠, then transfer into spades and bid the hearts as the "something helpful".

On the next page, with columns for Opener, Responder, Opener's rebid, Responder's rebid, the 4th column gives examples of "Something helpful". Mostly they are just 'sensible' bids for the hand.



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Examples (Opener in Blue)

1NT	2♦	2♥	P		<i>A WTO equivalent, 0..10 HCP, L5+H</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	2NT	...	<i>11..12 HCP, L5H game invite, Opener to decide</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	3♥	...	<i>11..12 HCP, L6+H game invite, Opener to decide</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	3NT		<i>13..15 HCP, L5H, 5332</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	2♠/3♣/3♦		<i>13..15 HCP, L5H, L4othersuit</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	4♥		<i>13..15 HCP, L6+H</i>

And equivalently using 2♥ to transfer into 2♠

Opener **always completes the transfer even with just two small spot cards** in the suit.

However if he has length and strength in the target suit, he may jump in it.



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Week 15 Transfers

That was the core of Transfers. There is more around the edges.

1NT 2♣ Stayman with 11+ HCP L4major
Weak Stayman with 0..10 HCP L5OneMajor L4OtherMajor

What about Minor suit weak Take Outs? Use the spare 2♠ bid.

1NT 2♠ 2NT 3♣/3♦ *Because at the 3 level have L6minor.
If you haven't just Pass the 1NT.
Opener's 2NT is a relay.*

If Opener's LHO overcalls or doubles, all gadgets such as Transfers or Stayman are not used.

You can use all this after a 1NT overcall by your partner.

If Responder is "Strong", then don't transfer, jump bid.

1NT 3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ Strong, natural, showing slam interest.



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Week 15 Transfers

Transfers **MUST** be agreed by a partnership – never assume them.

It should be written on your System Card.

NEVER FORGET YOUR TRANSFER – it leads to disaster.

*Note that if you do forget and it becomes apparent from partner's body language that something is adrift, prompting recall; **you are not allowed to use the body language reminder to adjust your bidding.***

You must carry on bidding as if the bids had the meanings written on the system card.

The event director may penalize you several tricks if you allow it to affect you.



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Week 15 Transfers

Summary

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1NT	2♥	2♠	...		<i>Equivalently for spades</i>
1NT	2♣	2♦/2♥/2♠			<i>Stayman</i>
1NT	2♠	2NT	3♣/3♦		<i>Minor suit WTO, L6+minor</i>



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A Q J 6 3

♥ A Q 8

♦ K Q

♣ 10 4 2

5332, 18HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A Q J 6 3

♥ A Q 8

♦ K Q

♣ 10 4 2

5332, 18HCP.

Bid 2♥



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 5 3

♥ Q J 10 9 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 8 5

5332, 7HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 5 3

♥ Q J 10 9 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 8 5

5332, 7HCP.

Bid 2 ♦



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 6

♥ A K 6 3 2

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 10 7 2

5321, 7HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 6

♥ A K 6 3 2

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 10 7 2

5321, 7HCP.

Bid 2♦.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A 5 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 5 3

♣ K J 6 3

4432, 12HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A 5 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 5 3

♣ K J 6 3

4432, 12HCP.

Bid 2 NT.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ Q 10 5 4 2

♥ K J 7 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 6

5521, 6HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ Q 10 5 4 2

♥ K J 7 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 6

5521, 6HCP.

Debatable. This is a WTO equivalent and Responder plans no rebid

Bid 2♦ or 2♥, to play in ♥ or ♠. *Discuss.*



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Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ 5 4

♦ K 10 9 5

♣ K 5 4

4432, 12HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ 5 4

♦ K 10 9 5

♣ K 5 4

4432, 12HCP.

Bid 2♣ (Stayman).



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 6 5 4 3 2

♥ Q 9 5

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 8 5

5332, 2HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: ?

♠ 6 5 4 3 2

♥ Q 9 5

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 8 5

5332, 2HCP.

Bid 2♥.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Now a few Opener rebids...

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♦

♠ A J 6 2

♥ K J 3

♦ K J 2

♣ 9 4 2

4333, 13HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♦

♠ A J 6 2

♥ K J 3

♦ K J 2

♣ 9 4 2

4333, 13HCP.

2♥, Complete the transfer.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♥

♠ 5 3

♥ A Q J 10 3

♦ K J 2

♣ Q 9 5

5332, 13HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♥

♠ 5 3

♥ A Q J 10 3

♦ K J 2

♣ Q 9 5

5332, 13HCP.

Bid 2♠.

What part of "Don't look at your hand, just bid what your partner has instructed you to bid" didn't strike home?



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♣

♠ 10 5

♥ A Q J 4

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ A 10 4

4432, 14HCP.



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Week 15 Transfers

What do you bid?

Assume that the opponents are passing throughout.

Opener: 1NT.

Responder: 2♣

♠ 10 5

♥ A Q J 4

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ A 10 4

4432, 14HCP.

Bid 2♥. (Stayman response.)



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Week 15 Transfers

In short

Responder bids

- 2C to seek a L4 major suit fit (Opener announces "Stayman")
- 2D to show L5+H (Opener announces "Transfer to Hearts")
- 2H to show L5+S (Opener announces "Transfer to Spades")
- 2S to show L6+minor (Opener announces "Transfer to a minor")
- 2NT to show 11..12 HCP balanced with no L4+major
- 3suit to show slam interested strong hand
- 3NT to show 13..15 HCP balanced with no L4+major

Should Responder have L5♥ and L5♠, then transfer into spades and bid the hearts as the "something helpful". BUT if a Weak Take Out pass is planned, there will be no second bid, so choose which suit you want to play in carefully.

Opener rebids by "completing the transfer". Very occasionally jumping with 14HCP and L5suit.



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Week 15 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 15 Transfers

Summary

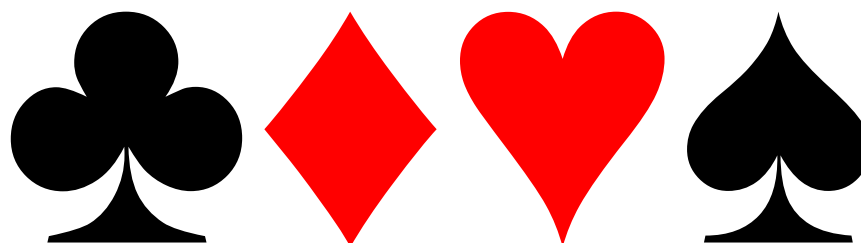
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1NT	2♦	2♥	3NT		<i>13..15 HCP, L5H, 5332</i>
1NT	2♦	2♥	2♠/3♣/3♦		<i>13..15 HCP, L5H, L4othersuit</i>
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Week 15 Transfers



The end

Week 15 set hand
references follow.



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hand sources

All deals this week were from

Andrew Robson: Bridge Lessons, Stayman & Transfers



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	AR:S&T#T1			A♠=N
1	7	2H-1	N 7	-	50	
4	10	2H-1	N 7	-	50	
Ref		2H=	N 8	110	-	

My general impression is that there is a tendency to underbid and to underplay deals. This is an obvious case of underplay – at one table we replayed the hand with full discussion and this time N got 2H=.

I suspect that planning the play is NOT taken seriously as being "too difficult".

If a deal is not played as the reference (bid or play), it is worth spending the time to work out WHY.



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	AR:S&T#T2			A♠=W
1	7	4H=	E 10	-	420	<i>A great EW result</i>
3	9	3H=	E 9	-	140	<i>A terrible EW result</i>
Ref		5C=	E 11	-	400	

How come no one found the club fit? There is no heart fit!



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	AR:S&T#T3			A♠=S
1	7	2NT-1	S 7	-	50	
2	8	2NT=	S 8	120	-	
Ref		3H=	S 9	140		

Why aren't folk playing in Hearts when a fit has been found?



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
4	W	All	AR:S&T#T10	A♠=W

Something went wrong with the set hand setup. Not played.



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	AR:S&T#T5			A♠=N
2	8	3H=	N 9	140	-	
3	9	3NT-1	N 8	-	100	
Ref		4H=	N 10	620	-	



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	AR:S&T#T6			A♠=E
2	8	2S+2	E 10	-	170	
3	9	2S+2	E 10	-	170	
Ref		4S=	E 10	-	620	



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	AR:S&T#T7			A♠=N
2	8	4S-1	S 9	-	100	
3	9	3S-1	S 8	-	100	
4	10	4S+1	S 11	650	-	
Ref		4S=	S 10	620	-	



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
8	W	None	AR:S&T#T8			A♠=E
3	9	4S+2	E 12	-	480	<i>Not sure I believe the "E"</i>
4	10	4S+2	W 12	-	480	
Ref		6S=	W 12	-	980	

I think that without the use of Splinter bidding – which AR does in his book – that bidding a slam is unlikely. In which case 4S+2 is par.



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Week 15 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
9	N	E/W	AR:S&T#T9			A♠=E
1	7	2S+1	N 9	140	-	
Ref		3S-1	N 8	-	50	

The "guide rules" say that responder rebids 2NT to show L5S in a 5332 hand with 11..12HCP. For some reason, pair 1 chose not to do that. Why?