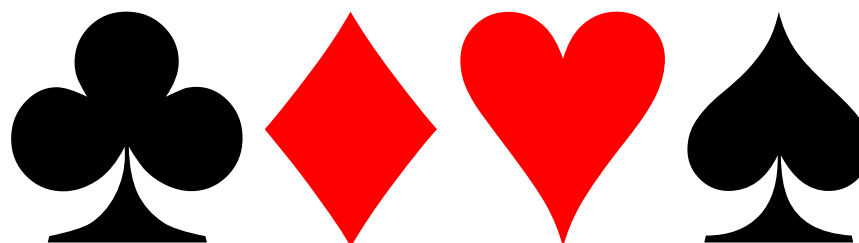




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Week 8 Set hand play



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SGB was away for this session and another member kindly offered to organise the play of 12 prepared hands.

The hands came in 3 themes:

- Gambling 3NT
- "Ruffing for eXtra Tricks" – making a contract
- "Ruffing for eXtra Tricks" – defeating a contract
- Plus a couple of oddball hands...



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Week 8 Play

Play

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the stage.
EW have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile. Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Many boards have instructions on coloured card. [The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.](#)

As part of the learning process – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (eg 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.

If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here. They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)

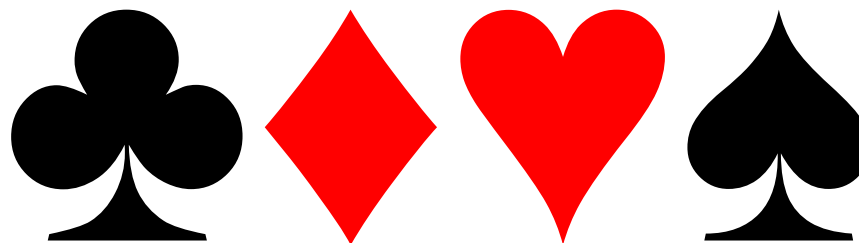
PLAY



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The end

Week 8 set hand
references follow.



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Week 8 Set hands

Set hand sources

DVD:RXT Bernard Magee DVD "Ruffing for eXtra Tricks"

AR:DTC Andrew Robson: Declaring Trump Contracts

PM:121Tips Paul Mendelson: 121 Tips for Better Bridge

Pattaya/News215 www.pattayabridge.com/news_sheet/2006/News215.htm

AR:CMHAT Andrew Robson: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Times Andrew Robson: (*London*) Times Bridge column

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Blue results as played.

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♠.



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Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

1 N None *PM:121Tips#29a + deal* A♠=S

Gambling 3NT.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|-------|---|----|-----|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 3C= | N | 9 | 110 | - | A poor N result |
| 2 | 9 | 3C+2 | N | 11 | 150 | - | A poor N result |
| 3 | 11 | 3NT+1 | N | 10 | 430 | - | An excellent result |
| Ref a | | 3NT= | N | 9 | 400 | - | If correct opening lead |
| Ref b | | 3NT+2 | N | 11 | 460 | - | If wrong opening lead |

The Gambling 3NT is not so much of a "gamble", with almost certainly 7 tricks in hand, if handled correctly. It only needs 2 more tricks in responder's hand.

Here with 2 tricks and stoppers in all 3 suits, responder is happy to play in 3NT.

{W} S:QJ54 H:QJ5 D:82 C:9752 {E} S:KT97 H:KT7 D:AK653 C:6



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Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

2 E NS *PM:121Tips#29c + deal* A♠=N

Gambling 3NT.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|------|---|----|---|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 6NT= | E | 12 | - | 990 | This should be defeated |
| 2 | 9 | 5C+1 | W | 12 | - | 420 | A poor result |
| 3 | 11 | 6C= | W | 12 | - | 920 | Excellent |
| Ref | | 6C= | W | 12 | - | 920 | |

In NT, {E} should lose at least two ♠ tricks.

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Here responder has 5 tricks outside opener's obvious ♣ suit. And Kx in the last suit as a stopper.

{N} S:AJT742 H:J7 D:87 C:965

{S} S:Q96 H:T982 D:JT53 C:74



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Week 8 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
 3 S EW Pattaya/News215#G3NT + var (J♦↔10♦) A♠=E

Gambling 3NT.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|------|---|----|---|-----|-------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 4D-1 | S | 9 | - | 50 | Good |
| 2 | 9 | 4S+1 | W | 11 | - | 650 | How was this bid? |
| 3 | 11 | 4D-1 | S | 9 | - | 50 | Good |
| Ref | | 4D-1 | S | 9 | - | 50 | |

How did pair 9 manage to end in 4S? I can see it happening if S fails to open the bidding 3NT?

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Here responder can't support NT and says so with 4C which opener corrects to 4D.



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Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

4 W All *PM:121Tips#29b + deal* A♠=N

Gambling 3NT.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------|---|---|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 3NT-4 | W | S | 400 | - | Poor |
| 2 | 9 | 3NT= | W | 9 | - | 600 | And that is why 4C is needed. |
| 3 | 11 | 5C-2 | E | 9 | 200 | - | OKish. Why 5C? |
| Ref | | 4C-1 | E | 9 | 100 | - | |

The Gambling 3NT is not so much of a "gamble", with almost certainly 7 tricks in hand, if handled correctly. It only needs 2 more tricks in responder's hand.

Here responder can't support NT and says so with 4C which opener leaves.

{N} S:AQJ H:KJ92 D:T86 C:964 {S} S:KT976 H:AQT8 D:J97 C:2



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Week 8 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

5 N NS DVD:RXT#9 A♠=E

Defenders to defeat contract. (Ruffing for extra tricks).

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|------|---|----|----|-----|--------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 4H= | E | 10 | - | 420 | Poor |
| 2 | 9 | 2H+2 | E | 10 | - | 170 | Poor by both pairs |
| Ref | | 4H-1 | E | 9 | 50 | - | |

Defence sees long side suit, so prevent eXtra tricks by removing entries to dummy.

Sadly no-one managed to defeat the contract. (Pair 2 didn't bid to game.)



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Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

6 E EW AR:DTC#12 A♠=S

Declarer to make contract. (Ruffing for extra tricks).

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|------|---|----|-----|----|-----------|
| 1 | 10 | 4H-1 | S | 9 | - | 50 | Poor |
| 2 | 9 | 4H= | S | 10 | 420 | - | Excellent |
| Ref | | 4H | S | 10 | 420 | - | |

Establish long side suit in dummy. Not enough entries to dummy, so duck one round early.



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Week 8 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source

Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

7 S All AR:DTC#13

A♠=N

Declarer to make contract. (Ruffing for extra tricks).

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----|-----|---|----|-----|---|
| 1 | 10 | 4S= | N | 10 | 620 | - |
| Ref | | 4H= | N | 10 | 620 | - |

Trump two ♥ in dummy.



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Dlr Vul Source

Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

8 W None DVD:RXT#8

A♠=N

Not played



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Week 8 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

9 N EW AR:DTC#17 A♠=S

Defenders to defeat contract. (Ruffing for extra tricks).

2 9 5S+1 N 12 480 - Bidding insufficient.
Poor defence

Ref a 6S= N 12 980 - On WRONG opening lead

Ref b 6S-2 N 10 - 100 On trump opening lead

From the bidding, opening lead from defence should be a trump.



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| # | Dir | Vul | Source | Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability. |
|----|-----|------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10 | E | All | DVD:RXT#4 | A♠=E |
| | | | Not played | |
| | | | = | |
| 11 | S | None | AR:CMHAT#69 | A♠=N |
| | | | Not played | |
| | | | = | |
| 12 | W | NS | Times:2017-12-09(var: dealer was S Vul was EW) | A♠=S |
| | | | Not played | |