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*On **Nov 17** we will have a proper duplicate event.*

*Find yourself a partner. Become a 4 with another pair and let me know **by email**. (The 4 is **JUST** to ensure complete tables.) If you say you will come to it, you **MUST** come – if you don't the other 3 will be unable to play. "Experts" are available as partners if you have difficulty and let me know early enough. You can use the group email to seek a partner.*

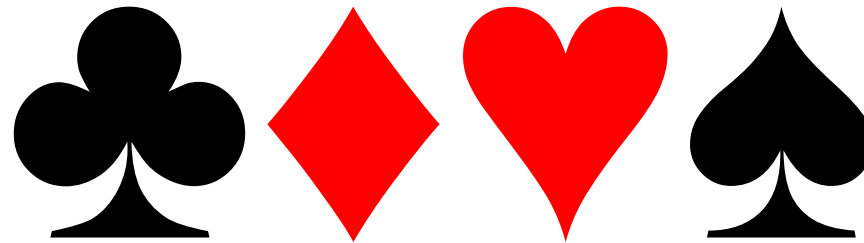
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Week 3 RWPB Summary - Ch1 & 2



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Although you have 8 HCP and 10 Pts (+1 for L5H and +1 for L5D), each suit is weak. A 2-level bid is not recommended.

You do have enough to reply at the one level and this is a situation where you should use the "dustbin" bid to show 6..10 HCP in a hand unable to bid at the 2 level.

So 1NT.

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page 1, problem 3.*



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RWPB

This week summarizes the first two chapters of the course book, with a little extra thrown in.

Recapping SGB's theory of honours.

AKQJ are honours

10 is an honour if the suit held also contains any of AKQJ9

This matters when opening leads promise (or deny) an honour and when bids include conditions such as "suit includes 2 honours".



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Evaluating your hand

HCP: A=4 K=3 Q=2 J=1

Balanced hands: $3\frac{1}{4}$ $3\frac{1}{4}$ $3\frac{1}{4}$ $3\frac{1}{4}$ — 4333

5332
4432

For these hands, just use HCP.

For unbalanced hands, use Points which are HCP + Shape points.

Shape: Length add 1 for each card over L4suit.

Shape: Shortage ~ As well as length, but only once a fit (joint L8suit) found.

Length	Your suit	Their suit
2	1	1
1	2	3
0	3	5

Mnemonic: Your (4 letters) shorter than Their (5 letters); 123 less than 135.

Some players subtract 1 point in 4333 balanced hands.

Some players pass with 12 Pts being AAA, (may be only 3 tricks).



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Point targets

RWPB lists a table of points required for a target bid.

It applies as HCP for NT bids.

It applies as Points for suited bids.



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Bidding objectives

- Major suit contract if L8+ joint fit
- NT contract
- Minor Suit contract



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Opening bidding

- 0..5 Pass *Some use 0..4*
- 6..9 with a good long suit *Some use 5..9 or 6..10*
Open "weak 2" with L6 if you play this variant
Open 3 with L7
Open 4 with L8+
- 9,10..11 Open 1suit if Rule of 20 (9 occasionally)
Pass if balanced
- 12..14 Open 1NT if balanced, 1suit if not
- 15..19 Open 1suit (plan a NT rebid if balanced)
- 20..22 Open 2NT if balanced
- 23+ Open 2♣
- 8..9.5 playing tricks unbalanced Open "Strong 2" if you play this
- 10+ playing tricks unbalanced Open 2♣



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Opening bidding

Opening 3NT is a gambling conventional bid showing AKQJxxx in a minor suit.

We are mostly learning basic Acol, there are other systems. For example...

Benjaminised Acol (aka Benji) *Not in RWPB*

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/convention-cards/benji-acol.pdf>

where *mostly*: 1 level bids are the same

2NT shows 19..20 HCP balanced

2♣ shows 8..9.5 playing tricks unbalanced or 21..22 HCP balanced

2♦ shows 10+ playing tricks unbalanced or 23+ HCP balanced

2♥♠ show 6..10 (or 5..9) HCP, L6♥♠ with 2 of top 3 OR 3 of top 5 honours

ie the HAND may be weak, but the SUIT is strong

With 12..14 HCP, 5332 shape and L5♥♠, Decide with partner if you open 1♥♠ when the suit is rebiddable or if you always open 1NT

With 4441, Pass with 0..13 HCP (You need 14+ HCP to allow you to safely lie.)



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Suit choice

Open NT when appropriate.

When opening a suit, bid your longest first – not your strongest.

EG Bid 1♥ with ♥98732 and ♠AQJ5

With two **equal length** longest suits

L4, L4 Bid Hearts if you can, else bid **Poorer** minor suit

L5+, L5+ Bid higher ranking (unless ♣♠, bid ♣).

With 4441 hands RWPB : Bid Hearts if you can, else bid **Poorer** minor suit

Others have schemes such as

With a red suit singleton open the suit below singleton.

With a black suit singleton open the middle of the 3 touching suits.

Opening suitA, rebidding suitB shows L5+suitA and L4+suitB.

Opening suitA, rebidding suitA shows L6+suitA 95% of the time.



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Week 3 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.

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

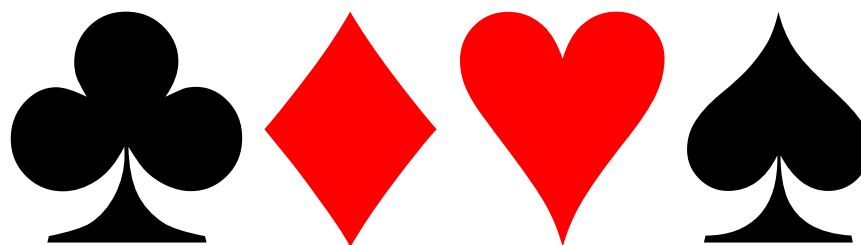
I plan to end play 10 minutes before the close of the session for a quick review of the played hands.



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The end

Week 3 set hand
references follow.



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Week 3 Set Hands

Set hand sources

AR:RAD = A Robson, Rules and Ditties

AR:R&4SF = A Robson, Responder and Fourth Suit Forcing

SGB = Hand selected by SGB

GDBC = Guildford Duplicate Bridge Club

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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♠.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source				Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
1	N	None	SGB 20170720a	<i>A highly artificial deal</i>			A♠=E
1	9	6H*=	N 12	1210	-	Wrong defence thinking	
2	10	6H**=	N 12	1620	-	Good response to wrong thinking	
	<i>Bad Ref</i>	<i>6H=</i>	<i>N 12</i>	<i>980</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Wrong defence thinking</i>	
	<i>Ref</i>	<i>7C-1</i>	<i>E 12</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Excellent defence sacrifice</i>	

N = S:- H:AQJT98765432 D:- C:7 E = S:AK H:- D:AKT9 C:AKT9432
 S = S:Q8543 H:K D:QJ753 C:J6 W = S:JT9762 H:- D:8642 C:Q85

Note attached to board: "NORTH READ BEFORE BIDDING"

"With 12 hearts, you can guarantee 12 tricks (KH falls to AH, only loser is 7C). Open with a slam bid - #6H."

To open a slam, N must have 12 top tricks – anything else and this bid is folly and a normal strong opening bid (eg 2H or even 2C) would be appropriate. Therefore with 6 top tricks and L7C, E should sacrifice in 7C.



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Week 3 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	SGB 20170731a	Rule of 20		A♠=W
1	9	2D+1	E 9	-	110	Did E open a "weak two"?
2	10	4S-1	W 9	50	-	Poor declarer play
Ref		4S+1	W 11	-	450	

N = S:K3 H:KJ42 D:876 C:A642 E = S:Q8754 H:86 D:AKT432 C:-
 S = S:T H:Q753 D:QJ95 C:KQJ3 W = S:AJ962 H:AT9 D:- C:T9875

If Rule of 20 is not applied, bidding will be passed out (in relevant row on traveller write EW pair number beside NS pair and write "passed out" across the rest of the row.

How did Pair 10 go down?

Review next time ...



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Week 3 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	AR:RAD#R1var	<i>Deal/play as AR, Bid as RWPB A♠=S</i>		
1	9	2NT-1	N 7	-	50	
2	10	4S-1	S 9	-	50	
<i>Bad Ref</i>	<i>4S=</i>	<i>N 10</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Not getting overtrick is bad</i>	
<i>Ref</i>	<i>4S+1</i>	<i>N 11</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>-</i>		

Illustrates "Draw trumps while retaining control using a loser on loser technique. Leave last master trump out.

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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
4	W	All	AR:R&4SF#2var (9S↔10S)			A♠=S
1	9	2H=	S 8	110	-	
2	10	1H=	S 7	80	-	
Ref		1H=	S 7	80	-	

I am curious as to how 2H= was achieved. I would have expected 2H-1.



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	<i>GDBC20120124#15 (S↔C, H↔D)</i>			A♠=N
3	11	3NT-2	N 7	-	200	
4	12	2D+2	S 10	130	-	
Ref		3NT=	N 9	600	-	

Note attached to board: "READ BEFORE BIDDING"

"Prefer NT game to Minor game."

"PLAN before playing first card."

Another board worthy of review ...

This is the SAME deal as board 6 with suits swapped.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	GDBC20120124#15	A♠=E		
1	9	4H=	E 10	-	620	
3	11	4H-1	E 9	100	-	Oops
Ref		4H=	E 10	-	620	

Note attached to board: "READ BEFORE BIDDING"

"Prefer Major game to NT game."

"PLAN before playing first card."

Another board worthy of review ...

This is the SAME deal as board 5 with suits swapped.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	AR:RAD#R11			A♠=S
1	9	3NT=	S 9	600	-	
3	11	3NT-1	S 8	-	100	Oops
4	12	2S-2	E 6	200	-	Bid shouldn't be possible
Ref		3NT=	S 9	600	-	

Yet another we could review ...



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
8	W	None	AR:RAD#R6			A♠=W
3	11	2S+2	W 10	-	170	
4	12	3NT=	E 9	-	400	
Ref		4S=	W 10	-	420	

Review this one too? ...



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
9	N	E/W	AR:RAD#R16			A♠=E
2	10	4D=	E 10	-	130	
3	11	2D+1	E 9	-	110	
Ref		1NT*-6	N 1	-	1400	

E missed a key double here, settling for a vastly inferior score.

Review? ...