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While waiting for 10am – Week 6

Recommendations

Once you've **sorted** your cards, count them **again** for 13 - in case one is unfanned behind another. (*I know people who seem to always lose a card that makes their bidding a bit iffy!*) Check you don't have any mixed suits.

(I count them by saying the shape, "5431" or whatever, and checking it adds to 13.)

Some people like to use a bidding box card as a flag to remind what the auction is. I believe this is strictly incorrect, but have never known anyone object to the practice. It shouldn't be necessary to do this.

Keep a count of trumps played. Preferably keep a note of which of the top 5 trumps remain unlocated.

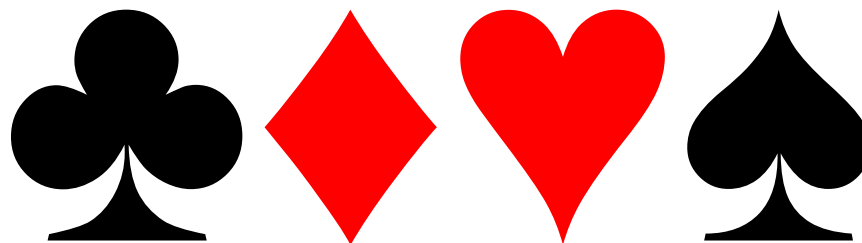
Hold your cards up, so that opponents cannot see them. *It is apparently NOT illegal for an opponent to see your cards if you hold them badly.* It is illegal for your partner to see your cards (except dummy when on the table of course).



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Week 6 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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Week 6 A review of Week 5 hands

Original topic

The original plan was to cover Declarer's plan and play of a No Trump contract deal.

New topic

However the results from last session's set hands were significantly different from the reference results. Therefore I want to cover the bidding of some of those hands and also their opening leads.

"Plan and play" can be postponed until after this presentation.



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Week 6: Hand 16 from Week 5

Week 5 Hand 16



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Week 6: Hand 16 from Week 5

Bd16

Dealer={W}

Vul={EW}

W

N

E

S

?

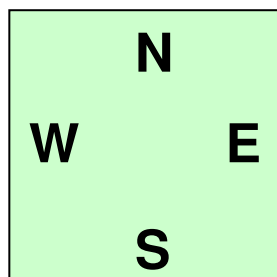
What first?

♠ AKQJ

♥ AK6

♦ 65

♣ AK32





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Week 6: Hand 16 from Week 5

Bd16

Dealer={W}

Vul={EW}

W

N

E

S

?

Evaluate the hand.

4432, balanced

24hcp

24Pts

(4 Losing Tricks)

♠ AKQJ

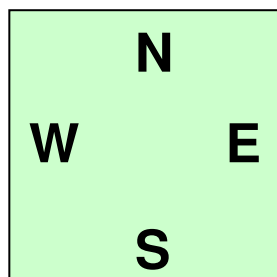
♥ AK6

♦ 65

♣ AK32

4432

24hcp



So:

What does {W} bid?

What does {E} discern from that bid?



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Bd16

Dealer={W}

Vul={EW}

W

N

E

S

#2C!

P

?

♠ T642

♥ QJT94

♦ 97

♣ Q8

5422

5hcp

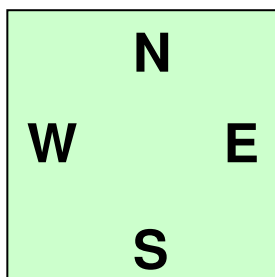
What {E} now knows:
Acol superstrong bid:
10+ Playing Tricks or
23hcp balanced.

♠ AKQJ

♥ AK6

♦ 65

♣ AK32



♠ 987

♥ 75

♦ AKQ84

♣ 764

{N} Passes.

Evaluate {E}'s hand.



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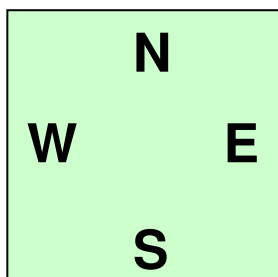
Bd16 Dealer={W} Vul={EW}

W N E S
#2C! P ?

♠ T642
♥ QJT94
♦ 97
♣ Q8

5332 balanced with L5D
9hcp
10Pts
(8 Losing Tricks).

♠ AKQJ
♥ AK6
♦ 65
♣ AK32



♠ 987
♥ 75
♦ AKQ84
♣ 764

Then what does {E} bid?

And what does {W} discern from that bid?

5332
9hcp



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Bd16

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Vul={EW}

W

N

E

S

#2C!

P

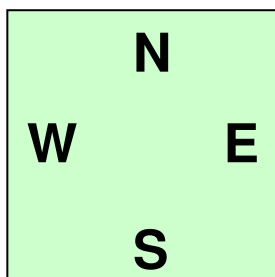
#3D

P

?

♠ T642
♥ QJT94
♦ 97
♣ Q8

♠ AKQJ
♥ AK6
♦ 65
♣ AK32



♠ 987
♥ 75
♦ AKQ84
♣ 764

5332
9hcp

2D would be a Negative response, and {E} has enough Pts to make a Positive D bid. Hence #3D.

What {W} now knows:
L5+D, 8+Pts
(or 7Pts : D:AKxxx).

It won't be L4D as that would have resulted in 2NT.

The original source chose to respond 2D Negative, which seems wrong.



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Bd16

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Vul={EW}

W

N

E

S

#2C!

P

#3D

P

3NT

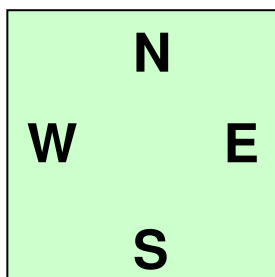
P

?

♠ T642
 ♥ QJT94
 ♦ 97
 ♣ Q8

♠ AKQJ
 ♥ AK6
 ♦ 65
 ♣ AK32

4432
 24hcp



♠ 987
 ♥ 75
 ♦ AKQ84
 ♣ 764

♠ 53
 ♥ 832
 ♦ JT32
 ♣ JT95

4432
 2hcp

{S} passes.

{W} view of joint {EW} points:
24hcp + 8+Pts = 32+Pts.

Not enough for a slam, plenty
for 3NT game.

{W}'s bid is saying "I do NOT
have 25Pts", as that would
make a joint 33Pts and he
would then have bid #6NT.

If slam is on {E} has to do
something.



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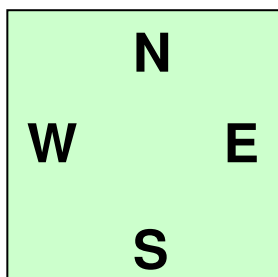


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♦ 97
♣ Q8

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♥ AK6
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♠ 53
♥ 832
♦ JT32
♣ JT95

♠ 987
♥ 75
♦ AKQ84
♣ 764

5332
9hcp
10Pts

W	N	E	S
#2C!	P	#3D	P
3NT	P	#6NT	P
P	P		

{E} view of joint {EW} points:
10Pts + 23+Pts = 33+Pts.

This **is** enough for a slam. So bid it.

Or if {E} only had 9Pts...

W	N	E	S
#2C!	P	#3D	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
#6NT	P		

4NT Are you 23Pts? Pass
or 24Pts? #6NT.

6NT by {W}.



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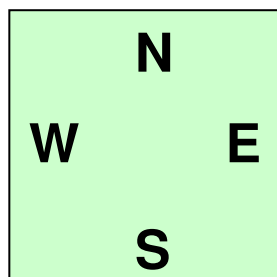
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Bd16 Dealer={W}
6NT by {W}

Vul={EW}

Opening lead by {N}
?

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♥ QJT94
♦ 97
♣ Q8



We will do an Opening Leads session at some point.



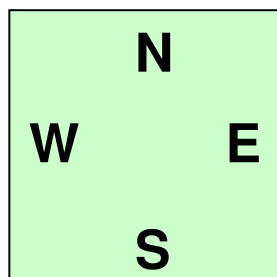
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6NT by {W}

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♦ 97
♣ Q8



{N}'s opening lead

The best lead is:
Top of an honour headed
sequence of 3+ against a NT
contract.

{N} has H:QJTxx, so lead **QH**.

This promises JH and denies
KH.



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Your partner has opened 1NT. Review.

Week 5 Hand 2

Pass	Weak with no WTO option		
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7NT	Play 7NT (Pass)		



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Week 6: Hand 2 from Week 5

Bd2

Dealer={E}

Vul={NS}

E

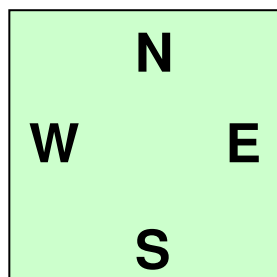
S

W

N

?

Evaluate {E}'s hand.



♠ A75

♥ 32

♦ Q43

♣ KQJ63



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Week 6: Hand 2 from Week 5

Bd2

Dealer={E}

Vul={NS}

E

S

W

N

1NT!

{E}'s evaluation:

5332 balanced

12hcp.

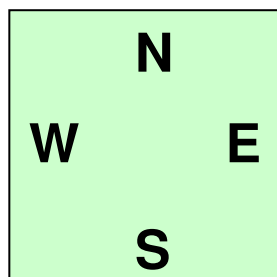
L5C +1Pt.

Isolated AS & QD are worth slightly less, maybe -1/2.

Overall 12½Pts.

The L5Suit is a minor, so not interested in bidding the suit as such. Bid 1NT.

{W} discerns: 12..14Pts, balanced (4333, 4432, 5332).



♠ A75

♥ 32

♦ Q43

♣ KQJ63

5332

12hcp



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Dealer={E}

Vul={NS}

E

S

W

N

1NT!

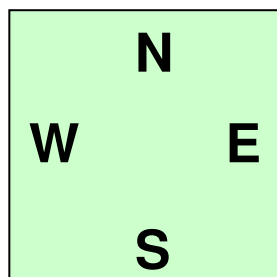
P

?

{S} passes.

How does {W} evaluate his hand?

♠ 832
 ♥ A65
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ T954



♠ A75
 ♥ 32
 ♦ Q43
 ♣ KQJ63

♠ KJ64
 ♥ T97
 ♦ 9875
 ♣ 72

4432
4hcp



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E

S

W

N

1NT!

P

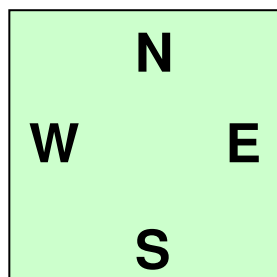
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{W} evaluates his hand as:
 4333 balanced
 12hcp
 -1Pt for flat 4333 shape
 11Pts.

So what does {W} respond?

♠ 832
 ♥ A65
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ T954

4333
 12hcp



♠ KJ64
 ♥ T97
 ♦ 9875
 ♣ 72

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 ♦ Q43
 ♣ KQJ63



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Bd2

Dealer={E}

Vul={NS}

E

S

W

N

1NT!

P

2NT

{W} sees the joint point count:
11 + 12..14 = 23..25Pts.

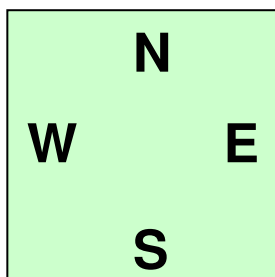
So Game (25Pts) is possible
but not certain. {W} wants
more information or an
invitational bid.

With no L4Major, Stayman is
not useable.

Balanced, so show point
count with 2NT.

♠ 832
♥ A65
♦ AKJ
♣ T954

4333
12hcp



♠ KJ64
♥ T97
♦ 9875
♣ 72

♠ A75
♥ 32
♦ Q43
♣ KQJ63



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Vul={NS}

E

S

W

N

1NT!

P

2NT

P

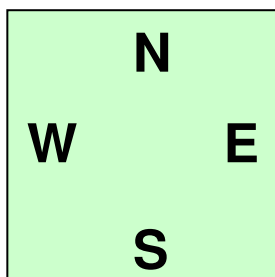
?

{E} discerns {W} has 11..12Pts and has a balanced hand or a L5+Minor.

What does {E} bid?

♠ QT9
♥ KQJ84
♦ T62
♣ A8

♠ 832
♥ A65
♦ AKJ
♣ T954



♠ A75
♥ 32
♦ Q43
♣ KQJ63

5332
12hcp
12½Pts

♠ KJ64
♥ T97
♦ 9875
♣ 72



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Bd2

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Vul={NS}

E

S

W

N

1NT!

P

2NT

P

P

P

♠ QT9

♥ KQJ84

♦ T62

♣ A8

5422
12hcp

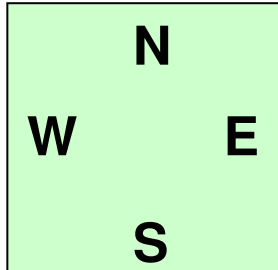
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♦ AKJ

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4333
12hcp



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♥ T97

♦ 9875

♣ 72

4432
4hcp

♠ A75

♥ 32

♦ Q43

♣ KQJ63

5332
12hcp

{E}'s view of joint Pt count:
 $12\frac{1}{2} + 11..12 = 23\frac{1}{2}..24\frac{1}{2}$

Not enough for Game, so
decline by passing.

2NT by {E}

Opening lead by {S}
?



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Bd2 Dealer={E}
2NT by {E}

Vul={NS}

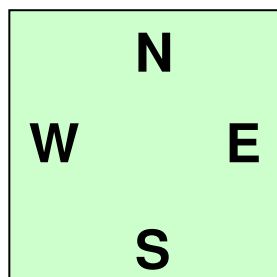
Opening lead by {S}

The best opening lead is generally: "Top of an honour headed sequence of 3+ against a NT contract".

H:T9 makes 10H an honour.

H:T9_7 is a "Broken sequence" which still counts.

The honour headed sequence is generally a better lead than fourth highest.



♠ KJ64
 ♥ T97
 ♦ 9875
 ♣ 72



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Week 5 Hand 3

This one is more interesting, in that the achieved score when played in the "wrong" contract was better than the reference score.

However much of bridge bidding and play is using the percentages and sometimes the expected result doesn't work. It is still the case that using the recommended scheme will get the the best results overall.

Also perhaps the play wasn't ideal. Maybe the defence could have kept Declarer down to a result less than that of the Reference.

Late news: In the set hand play today, the correct bid made an extra trick, thus beating the wrong bid. This doesn't prove anything, but is "kind'a reassuring"!



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Bd3

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

S

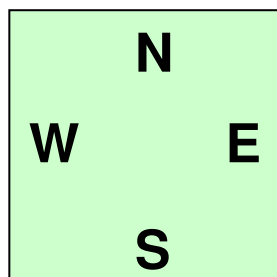
W

N

E

?

Evaluate {S}'s hand.



♠ J65

♥ 876

♦ AKQ4

♣ A63



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Week 6: Hand 3 from Week 5

Bd3

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

S

W

N

E

1NT!

{S}'s evaluation:

4333 balanced

14hcp

-1Pt for 4333 shape

-1/2Pt for isolated AC & JS

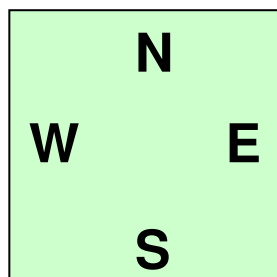
+1/2Pt for D:AKQ together

So call it 13 Pts.

Bid 1NT.

{N} discerns: 12..14Pts,

balanced (4333, 4432, 5332).



♠ J65

♥ 876

♦ AKQ4

♣ A63

4333

14hcp



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Bd3

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

S

W

N

E

1NT!

P

?

{W} passes.

Evaluate {N}'s hand.

♠ AKQ32

♥ A

♦ 8765

♣ 542

♠ T974

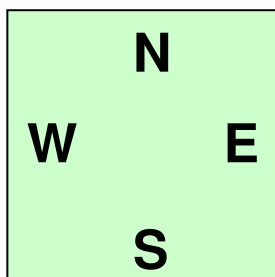
♥ QT54

♦ 2

♣ QT87

4441

4hcp



♠ J65

♥ 876

♦ AKQ4

♣ A63



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Bd3

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

S

W

N

E

1NT!

P

?

♠ AKQ32

♥ A

♦ 8765

♣ 542

5431

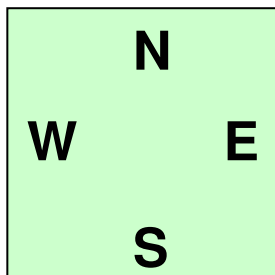
13hcp

♠ T974

♥ QT54

♦ 2

♣ QT87



♠ 8

♥ KJ932

♦ JT93

♣ KJ9

♠ J65

♥ 876

♦ AKQ4

♣ A63

{N} has 13hcp and can add 1Pt for the L5S suit. Evaluate as 14Pts.

This NOT a balanced hand. It is 13+Pts (14Pts) and has L5+Major (L5S).

Stayman is not appropriate.

Jointly {N} knows 14Pts + 12..14Pts = 26..28Pts. Game is on.

So what does {N} bid?



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (4)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with a L5+Major?

Points	Shape	Bid
11..12	L5Major	<i>Best covered using Transfers.</i> In Basic Acol, use Stayman 2C, then invite game: no fit (2D) bid 2NT; a 4:5 fit (2Major) bid 3Major. Opener ends bidding Pass or 3NT/4Major.
11..12	L6+Major	A guaranteed fit, with a basic joint 23..26 Pts. Add 2 Pts for L6+Major (25..28), and more for shortages. Bid Game, 4Major. Opener bids Pass.
13+	L5+Major	3Major , forcing to some Game. Opener bids 4Major with L3+Major support. Opener bids 3NT with L2-Major.
	<i>L6+Major</i>	After the above, Responder may rebid to show Slam interest using Cue bids et al.



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Bd3

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

S

W

N

E

1NT!

P

#3S

P

?

{N} bids #3S, Game forcing.

{E} passes.

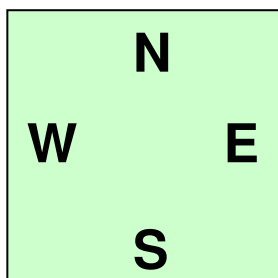
What is {S}'s rebid?

♠ AKQ32
♥ A
♦ 8765
♣ 542

5431
13hcp

♠ T974
♥ QT54
♦ 2
♣ QT87

4441
4hcp



♠ 8
♥ KJ932
♦ JT93
♣ KJ9

5431
9hcp

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♦ AKQ4
♣ A63

4333
14hcp



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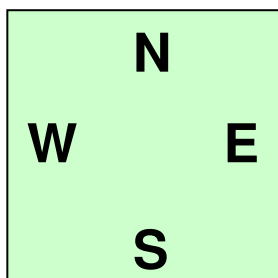
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4S	P	P	P

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♣ 542

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13hcp

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5431
9hcp

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♥ 876
♦ AKQ4
♣ A63

4333
14hcp

Game is forced by #3S. {S} has to choose which game.

Knowing {N} has L5+S, {S}'s L3S is a fit in a major.

So select 4S.

4S by {N}.

Opening lead by {E}
?



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Bd3
4S by {N}

Dealer={S}

Vul={EW}

Opening lead by {E}

Again the best lead is top of an honour headed sequence, but against a suit contract it only needs to be 2+.

{E} has D:JTxx, so leads JD.

♠ AKQ32

♥ A

♦ 8765

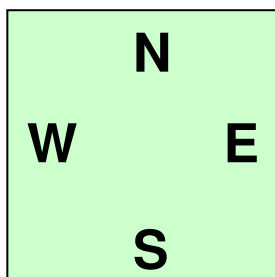
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3C / 3D	<i>Not mentioned above</i>
3H / 3S	Game force L5+Major (3NT or 4Major)
3NT	Balanced or L5+Minor Game
4C / 4D	<i>Not mentioned above</i>
4H / 4S	Game in L6+Major
4NT	Quantitative Slam enquiry, choose 4NT or 6NT.
5NT	Choose 6NT or 7NT OR Force 6NT
6NT	Play 6NT (Pass) OR Choose 6NT or 7NT
7NT	Play 7NT (Pass)



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Week 6 Play

Play

Play as if "Duplicate Pairs".

{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.

Some boards have instructions on card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

If you play a board twice, record the second play on the traveller using your pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)

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

Don't forget to describe partner's bids and plays to the table.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (25p)

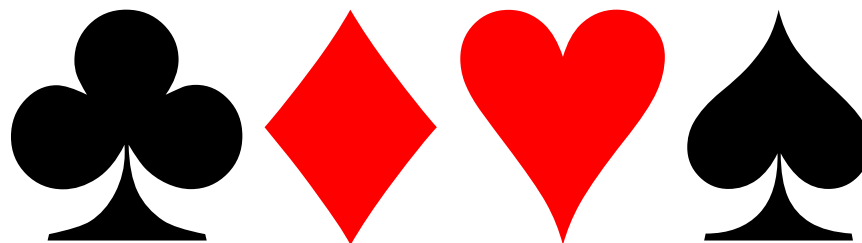
PLAY



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Week 6



The end

Week 6 set hand
references follow.



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Week 6 Set hands

Set hand sources

BM:BSA Bernard Maggie: "Big Seminar" ~ Set Hand

AR:S&T Andrew Robson: Stayman and Transfers

BM:PQ Bernard Magee: Play Quiz

BMOS Bernard Magee: Online (free, covid,) Seminar

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Purple results as played last week, with 3 added to each original pair number.

Blue results are as played this week.

Red results are reference results.

Boards as played are rotated compared to book presentations (which mostly make South dealer). Rotation usually defined by position of A♠.



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Week 4 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source							Rotn
16	W	EW	BSA018_SH#7							A♠=W
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%		
1 9	6NT-1	W	QH	11	100	-	87½	12½		
4 12	6NT-1	W	9H	11	100	-	87½	12½		
5 13	3NT+2	W	9H	11	-	660	50	50		
2 10	4NT+2	W	QH	12	-	690	25	75		
Ref	6NT=	W	QH	9	-	1440	0	100		

Pair 10 didn't get to the right contract, but did make the relevant tricks.

Pair 9 got to the right contract but got the play wrong - ducking was required to retain an entry.



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Week 4 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source							Rotn
1	N	None	AR:S&T#S2							A♠=N
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%		
2	10	3NT-2	N	5C	7	-	100	33	67	
3	11	3NT-2	N	5C	7	-	100	33	67	
4	12	3NT-2	N	5C	7	-	100	33	67	
Ref	3NT=	N	5C	9	400	-	100	0		



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Week 4 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Rotn
 2 E NS BM:PQ0002 A♠=E

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	2NT=	E	10H	8	-	120	88	13
Ref A	2NT=	E	10H	8	-	120	88	13
Ref B	2NT+1	E	4S	9	-	150	50	50
1 9	2NT+1	E	4S	9	-	150	38	63
5 13	3NT=	E	4S	9	-	400	38	63



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Week 4 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source							Rotn
3	S	EW	BM:PQ0082							A♠=N
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%		
5 13	3NT+2	S	7C	11	460	-	100	0		
2 10	4S+1	N	9H	11	450	-	63	38		
3 11	4S+1	N	JD	11	450	-	63	38		
Ref	4S=	N	JD	10	420	-	25	75		
1 9	4S-1	N	JD	9	-	50	0	100		



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Week 4 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
4	W	All	BMOS~014#5	A♠=E

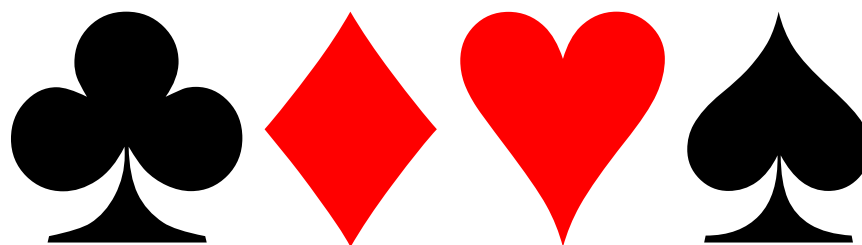
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2	10	3NT-1	W	KC 8	100	-	75	25
5	13	3NT-1	W	10C 8	100	-	75	25
Ref		3NT=	W	KC 9	-	600	0	100



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Week 6



The very end