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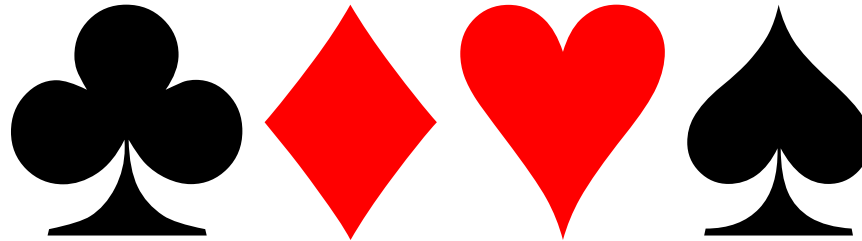
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Week 7 Welcome



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{W} has 4432 shape (balanced) with 17 hcp and 17Pts initially.

The hand is not Aceless, has no 10s and has no L5+suits.

1H      12..19Pts, L4+H  
(Actually 17Pts, L4H.  
Choose the major suit of L4Major & L4Minor.)

2C      A 2-level overcall.  
L5+C, 11+Pts, 2+Ch.  
*(2+ Club honours)*



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**Bid to the level of the fit:** With a weak hand, the partner of the overcaller determines how many cards jointly held in the relevant suit and bids to make that many tricks.

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{E} P {E} is weak with 9-Pts and so unable to respond which would require a bid at the 2-level.

{S} P {S} is also weak, say 10-Pts, with too few clubs to "Bid to the level of the fit".

So L3-C.

*With L4C would have bid 3C.*



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{W} has 17hcp & knows {N} has 11+Pts. That is 28+Pts.

So {E} & {S} together have 12-Pts. Say 6Pts each. That gives {EW} the majority.

{W} has few C and may not get 2C down. So wants to know {E}'s best suit.

Use a **Take Out Double**, to ask for {E}'s longest suit.



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Use a [Take Out Double](#), to ask for {E}'s longest suit.

If the longest suit is S, H or D then {E} should bid it - even with zero points. If the longest suit is C then {E} passes and converts the Double to a [Penalty Double](#).



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♠ 432

♥ 32

♦ J7654

♣ Q43

{E}

What does {E} do next?

W	N	E	S
1H	2C	P	P
Dbl	P	2D	

{E} has L5D, so bids 2D - even with only 3hcp / 5Pts (+1Pt for L5D, +1Pt for L2H).

{W} must not get excited by this bid. He already knows {E} is weak and may have zero points.

Presumably the final contract is 2D by {E}.





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## Week 7 Recap

In recent weeks, we have been studying Basic acol and looked at:

- Hand evaluation

- Opening bids including

  - Opening bids with a balanced hand

- Responses to a weak 1NT Opening bid

This has introduced two bidding conventions:

- #2C! The acol superstrong opening

- Stayman

In the near future we will study two more:

- Blackwood / Keycard Blackwood but not

  - Roman Keycard Blackwood

- Fourth suit forcing

Meanwhile today we will look at the beginnings of planning the play of a hand as Declarer in a NT contract.



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## Week 7 Play planning

After the opening lead is made and dummy is visible, Declarer should make a plan with **ATTITWDE**.

**A** Aim Decide what you want to achieve - it will not always be "the contract".

**TT** Top Tricks Count TT: A or AK or AKQ or AKQJ etc.

**IT** Increase Tricks (*I use **XT** eXtra Tricks.*) Work out how and what may get XT. Typically Force, Length, Finesse, Ruff and more complex plays such as endplays and squeezes.

**WD** Worry about Defence What can go wrong.

**E** Entries/Execution How to go about making your XT.

A review of **Losers** and how to manage and reduce them can be included in **IT** or **WD**.



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## Week 7 Play planning

Declarer should make a plan with [ATTITWDE](#).

Bernard Magee has a freely available series of YouTube videos on this topic:

- Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8I7zNt4Rbs>
- Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41VP-Yaykq4>
- Part 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5vqTybfKUo>
- Part 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdgYXm0voWk>
- Part 5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r661tTy6PRo>

This week we will watch Part 1 (from 03:10 to 30:05).



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## Week 7 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)**

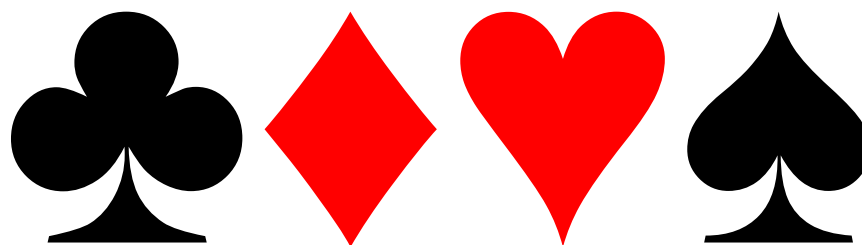
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Week 7



The end

Week 7 set hand  
references follow.



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## Perpetual Nag : Travellers

### Why do Bridge players make such heavy weather of Travellers?

We do 4 travellers per board to give everyone practice at completing them. At the end of it, all four should be **IDENTICAL**. It doesn't matter where anyone sits, N, E, W, S or at the far end of a phone.

Pretend you are filling in the traveller by phone. You ask:

What was the board number? Put it top right.

What was the {NS} pair number? Choose that row.

What was the {EW} pair number? Write it in the {EW} column.

What was the contract and the result? Maybe **3NT**✓, maybe **1S+2**, maybe **6Cx-1**. Put it in the contract column.

Who was Declarer? Write one of N,E,S,W in the By column.

What was the opening lead? Write both suit and value, eg **QH**.

How many tricks were made? Tricks: a number from 0 to 13.

What was the score? **Never write a negative sign**. Put {NS} points in the left score column, {EW} in the right column.



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## Week 7 Set hands

### Set hand sources

BSA	Bernard Magee's Big Seminar set hand
BM:HH	Bernard Magee's Harder hand
AR:S&T	Andrew Robson: Stayman and Transfers

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Blue results as played.

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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# Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

1 N None BSA051\_SH#1 A♠=S

1 9 3NT-2 N KS 7 - 100

2 10 3NT= N KS 9 400 -

Ref 3NT= N KS 9 400 -

Pair 1 played their master Diamonds early and when Pair 9 got in again they were able to take Diamond tricks that should have been stopped.





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## Week 7 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
2	E	NS	BSA051_SH#2	A♠=E			
1	9	3NT-1	E 4S 8 50	-			
Ref		3NT+1	E 4S 10	-	430		

The bidding on this hand included a new concept for several of the players: The **Unassuming Cue Bid**, or as Bernard Magee phrases it "the player is **Strong and Excited**".

The UCB is a conventional bid of the opponent's suit, which will not be natural. In its UCB form, it shows L3+Partner's\_suit and 10+Pts. The specific values can change in different situations.

Here, after a **1S** overcall and opposite an opening hand bidding minor **1D**, **2S** shows L3+D and L3-S & L3-H (Majors). {E} jumps to **3NT** to show a balanced more than minimum hand with a good spade stopper.



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
3	S	EW	BM:HH#172	A♠=S			
1	9	3NT=	S JS 9	400	-		
2	10	3NT=	S 9S 9	400	-		
Ref		3NT=	S JS 9	400	-		

Nice to see everyone made 3NT.

However I suspect that some was due to weaker defence than optimal. Correct play requires using an Endplay - they are hard and we will cover them, but maybe not until 2024-25!

Also I see pair 10 made an opening lead of BOTTOM of a sequence. The standard play is to always play top of any sequence except when first responding to partner's lead. (There are also signals which affect this.)

JS denies QS and promises 10S. 9S says suit is rubbish, do not return.



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# Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

4 W All AR:S&T#S7 A♠=E

2 10 3NT+1 E 2C 10 - 630

Ref 3NT+1 W 6H 10 - 630

The Reference bidding opens 1NT and uses Stayman, hence {W}'s NT contract. I believe pair 2 opened 1D rather than 1NT and {E} bid NT first - I don't know how.

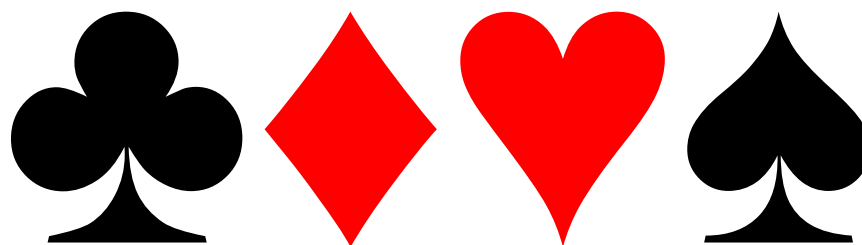
An opening lead of 2C is nonstandard, being 5<sup>th</sup> highest. I would have lead 10C from C:Q\_T9, an interior sequence of 3.



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The very end