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♦ AQ2	♦ KJ65
♣ KQ96	♣ A84

Deal #2

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♥ AJ	♥ 983
♦ Q6	♦ AJT82
♣ AK754	♣ 96

Deal #3

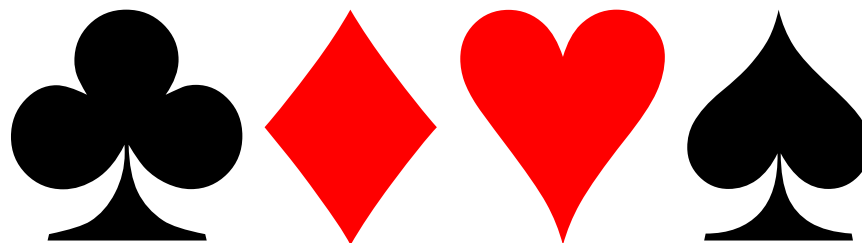
♠ AK72	♠ 65
♥ T2	♥ QJ98
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Week 8 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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These are all about getting the final NT contract level correct.



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4432

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{W}

{N}

{E}

{S}

Balanced

Balanced

?

16hcp

11hcp



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4432	4432
Balanced	Balanced
16hcp	11hcp

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1H	P	?	

Too strong for weak 1NT, so bid longest suit..

With two L4Suits, bid higher ranking, except bid H over S and bid C over D.

1H 12..19Pts, L4+H
(16Pts, L4H)



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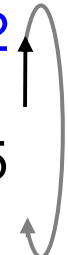
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4432
Balanced
16hcp

4432
Balanced
11hcp

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1H	P	1S	P
?			

Responding with two L4Suits, bid the cheaper - 1S rather than 2D.

1S 6+Pts, L4+S, L3-H
(11Pts, L4S, L2H)



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 Balanced
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{W}
 1H
 1NT

{N}
 P
 P

{E}
 1S
 ?

{S}
 P

(12..19Pts, L4+H)
 1NT 15..17Pts, Balanced,
 L4H/L5H, L3-S
 (16Pts, 4432, L4H, L2S)



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Dealer = {W}

Vulnerability = None

4432

Balanced

16hcp

4432

Balanced

11hcp

{W}

1H

1NT

P

{N}

P

P

P

{E}

1S

#3NT

{S}

P

P

15..17Pts + 11Pts = 26..28 Joint Pts.

This is enough for Game, so bid it.

Two balanced hands, with no known fit says play in NT.

#3NT Bid Game.



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♣ AK754

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5332

5332

{W}

{N}

{E}

{S}

Balanced

Balanced

?

17hcp

8hcp



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{W}

{N}

{E}

{S}

Balanced

Balanced

1C

P

?

17hcp

8hcp

1C

12..19..22Pts, L4+C

(The strangely written point range is because you can't open 2C with 20..22Pts.)

(17hcp, L5C)



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17hcp

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8hcp

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1C	P	1D	P
?			

1D 6+Pts, L4+D, L3-C
Respond with the cheapest
L4+Suit with enough points,
6+ at 1-level, 10+ at 2-level.
(8hcp, L5D, L2C)



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17hcp

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8hcp

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1C	P	1D	P
1NT	P	?	
		(12..19..22Pts, L4+C)	
1NT		15..17Pts, Balanced	
		L4C/L5C	
		(17hcp, L5C, 5332)	



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{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1C	P	1D	P
1NT	P	2NT	P
?			

Two balanced hands.
{E} knows joint points are
15..17 + 8 = 23..25Pts. So Game
may or may not be on. Invite.

2NT Invite game.
Asks {W} to Pass or bid 3NT.



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17hcp

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{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1C	P	1D	P
1NT	P	2NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

{W} knows to bid Pass with 15 points and bid Game with 17. You never have 16 points.

3NT Bid game.



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Balanced

17hcp

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4432

Balanced

7hcp

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	?			



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{W}

1S

?

1NT

{N}

P

{E}

1NT

{S}

P

The rubbish bin bid.
6..9 Pts and unable to bid
ANYTHING better.
(7Pts, Any shape, L2S)

*Need 10+Pts to bid a suit at the 2-level.
Need L3+S to support 1S with 2S.*



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Balanced

17hcp

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7hcp

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
1S	P	1NT	P
2NT	P	?	

{W} knows $17 + 6..9 = 23..26$ joint points. So Game may / may not be on. Therefore invite {E}.

2NT Invite. Asking {E} to
Pass with 6..7Pts and to bid
3NT with 8..9Pts.



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{N}

{E}

{S}

Balanced

Balanced

1S

P

1NT

P

17hcp

7hcp

2NT

P

P

P

Pass with 6..7Pts and bid

3NT with 8..9Pts.

7Pts, so

Pass Bail out.



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Week 8 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 8 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>

Last time we watched Part 1.

This week we'll watch Part 2 (from 03:40 to 26:30).
(Search YouTube for "Bernard Magee Bridge 15")

I do not plan to show Parts 3..5 here. Watch them yourselves at home.



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Week 8 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)

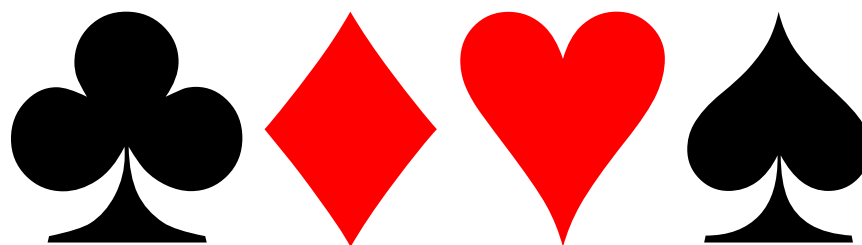
PLAY



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Week 8



The end

Week 8 set hand
references follow.



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Week 8 Set hands

Set hand sources

SGB SGB made hands

AR:S&T Andrew Robson: Stayman and Transfers

RK:GtBAB Ron Klinger: Guide to Better Acol Bridge

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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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Week 8 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
5	N	{NS}	SGB:20230617a				A♠=W
1	9	1NT=	N 6D 7	90	-		
2	10	1NT-3	N 6D 4	-	300		
Ref		3C-2	S 7D 7	-	200		

The expectation was that 1NT would go down by 3 and that {S} should use a weak Stayman bid to reach a club Weak Take Out. Neither table used the Weak Take Out. Somehow table 1 {N} made 1NT. Que sera.



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
6	E	EW	AR:S&T#S11				A♠=E
1	9	3NT=	S 2S 9	400	-		
Ref		2S	E KH 8	-		110	

Another “Weak Stayman” example where the table didn’t use it.

I am unsure how S managed to declare a contract, but pair 1 got an excellent result.



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
7	S	All	AR:S&T#S8				A♠=N
1	9	4H=	S KS 10	620	-		
2	10	3NT-1	S 2D 8	-	100		
Ref		4H+1	S KS 11	650			

Table 1 used Stayman. Table 2 didn't.



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Week 8 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

8W None RK:GtBAB pg36#22 A♠=N

1 9 3NT *W not played – ran out of time.*

2 10 3NT+1 W 5D 10 - 430

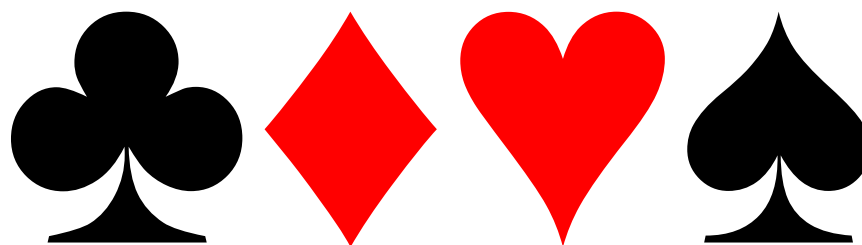
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The very end