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## While waiting for 2pm

### Travellers – Why are these so difficult?

**Travellers travel** with their board, and are named by that board – not by the first pair to fill them in.

Normally they are filled in by N. Here we do 4, for practice, which are filled in by E, S & W. Please ensure the scoring is done from N's point of view.

It is good that you know that you can look the score up on the rear of the bidding cards – but that isn't sufficient – you need to know the values of basic contracts (or be able to work them out) "just like that".

Minors: tricks \* 20

Majors: tricks \* 30

No Trumps: tricks \* 30 + 10

Part score: 50

Game: 300 or 500

Small slam: 500 or 750 on top of game bonus

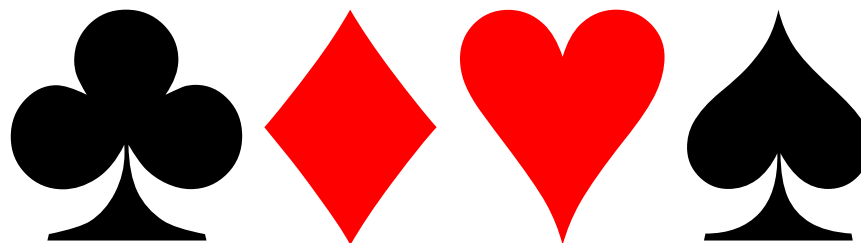
Undertricks: undertricks \* 50 or 100



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## Week 8 System Cards



Steve Bailey

Thank you all for the wine, chocolate etc at Christmas.



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## Travellers – Why are these so difficult?

Therefore, today, please when you fill in a traveller write your initials in the NS Matchpoints column and when you check it write your initials in the EW Matchpoints column.

The purpose of passing the traveller to the left after you have written it, is for the left player **to check it**. *It should be identical to what they have just written – if not, then one of them is **WRONG**.*

*I'll put last times' travellers out with the boards later. Please look at them and see what is wrong – pass them on with the boards.*



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## Week 8 System Cards

### What is a System Card?

A System Card is the modern name for a Convention Card (because it includes more than just Conventions).

Its prime purpose is to inform your opponents what "system" you play. It has the side effect of being able to remind your own partnership of what system you have agreed to play. You may look at **your** system card between hands. You may look at your opponents' system cards effectively whenever you wish – being sensible about it.

The system card of any partnership is identical for both players – it is not allowed for one player to play one system and their partner another.

*The next few slides show Pauline and Steve's Convention card as of July last year. We revise it relatively frequently, and we take it with us to clubs we play at. It is still incomplete, but covers most of what we play. **I do not suggest that you use the same system card.***

*Most folk use a simpler version based on the results card.*



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## Week 8 System Cards

### Pauline & Steve Bailey Convention card - 2016-07-02

SYSTEM: Benji Acol, Weak 2 majors.

Opening 1NT: 12..14 4333, 4432, 5332 any seat. "12 TO 14"  
May devalue hand 1pt for 4333 shape with poor intermediates.

Response to 1NT: *Intervention cancels conventions*

Stayman 2C: "STAYMAN"

11+HCP L4major

0..10HCP L5+major & L4+othermajor etc

Transfers: 2D->2H, 2H->2S, 2S->3C correct to 3D if needed.  
(L6+Minor for Minor WTO)

Opening 1suit: 12..19+HCP; 10..11HCP rule of 20 & good intermediates.

Opening 2NT: 20..22HCP 4333, 4432, 5332 any seat "20 TO 22"

Response to 2NT (or stronger balanced opening):

Modified Baron 3C: 5+HCP L3/4major. ALERT

3Major=L5, 3D=L4Major, 3NT=No L4+Major

Transfers: 3D->3H, 3H->3S, 3S->4C correct to 4D if needed.



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2C: ALERT 8..9.5 playing tricks unbalanced; 23-24HCP balanced

2D: "Relay" ALERT. 2NT: 2nd reply, "Negative" ALERT

2D: ALERT Game Force: 10+ playing tricks; 25+HCP balanced

2H: "Negative" ALERT

2H, 2S: "WEAK": 6..10HCP, L6, 2/4 top cards or 3/6 top cards

Response 2NT: 16+HCP asking Quality Suit (s) & Hand (h) ALERT

3C=s-h-, 3D=s+h-, 3H=s-h+, 3S=s+h+. ALERT

Opening 3NT: Gambling: Solid minor suit L7+ headed by AKQJ, no more.

Response: with L1+BothMinors and stops in 3 suits, may pass

Else 4C correct to 4D if needed.

Opening 3suit: Pre-empt L7suit 6..10HCP <=3HCP in other suits

Opening 4suit: Pre-empt L8+suit 6..10HCP <=3HCP in other suits



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**Overcalls:** (May be weaker when lead directing)

1suit: 8+HCP L5+suit 2+HonoursInSuit

2suit: 11+HCP L5+suit 2+HonoursInSuit

1NT: 15..18HCP balanced

3suit at first opportunity - as opening 3suit

4suit double jump - as opening 3suit (L7+)



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### CONVENTIONS et al

Gerber 4C: Ace asking over partner's NT without natural C bid

RKCB 4NT: Key Card ask over agreed suit, no void 0/3, 1/4, 2-Q, 2+Q  
If suit unagreed, last suit bid.

4th suit forcing: Does not have 4th suit. ALERT below 3NT.

Asks partner to describe hand some more, bid NT with 4th suit.

Minor suit trial bid:

After 1minor-2minor. Stopper showing: A, Kx, Qxx, Jxxx.

Major suit trial bid: ALERT: After 1major-2major or 1major-3major.

Can partner help with 3 quick losers in suit?

Unassuming cue bid: ALERT

Opponents' suit at lowest level supports partner's suit  
with 10+HCP and L4+suit







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**OPENING LEADS** in priority order

Lead partner's suit (bid or estimated)

Lead own suit

Lead Left opponent's suit

Expect suit lead to be returned.

**Suit:** (Choose card in capitals H=honour X=spot card .=one+ other

Ak... or aK

Hh... top of sequence of 2 headed by honour

X singleton (not trump suit)

h..X. fourth highest of longest and strongest to honour

h.X Low from L3 to an honour

.X.. near top of rubbish

X. top of doubleton

Low says "I have an honour", High says "I have no honour"



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### No Trumps:

Akq Akj Akt

Hhh.. Top of sequence 3 headed by honour

Hh\_h.. Top of honour broken sequence

h..X. fourth highest of longest and strongest to honour

h.X Low from L3 to an honour

.X.. near top of rubbish

X. top of doubleton

h\_Hh.. Top of honour interior sequence

Low says "I have an honour", High says "I have no honour"



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Deal Hand No Vul	Versus	Final Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	SCORE		MATCH POINTS	
						PLUS	MINUS		
N 1/-									
E 2/NS									
S 3/EW									
W 4/ALL									
N 5/NS									
E 6/EW									
S 7/ALL									
W 8/-									
N 9/EW									
E 10/ALL									
S 11/-									
W 12/NS									
N 13/ALL									
E 14/-									
S 15/NS									
W 16/EW									
N 17/-									
E 18/NS									
<b>TOTALS</b>									

Deal Hand No Vul	Versus	Final Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	SCORE		MATCH POINTS	
						PLUS	MINUS		
S 19/EW									
W 20/ALL									
N 21/NS									
E 22/EW									
S 23/ALL									
W 24/-									
N 25/EW									
E 26/ALL									
S 27/-									
W 28/NS									
N 29/ALL									
E 30/-									
S 31/NS									
W 32/EW									
N 33/-									
E 34/NS									
S 35/EW									
W 36/ALL									
<b>TOTALS</b>									

0-10 = 0 IMP	170-210 = 5 IMP	430-490 = 10 IMP
20-40 = 1 IMP	220-260 = 6 IMP	500-590 = 11 IMP
50-80 = 2 IMP	270-310 = 7 IMP	600-740 = 12 IMP
90-120 = 3 IMP	320-360 = 8 IMP	750-890 = 13 IMP
130-160 = 4 IMP	370-420 = 9 IMP	900-1090 = 14 IMP

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1100-1290 = 15 IMP	2250-2490 = 20 IMP
1300-1490 = 16 IMP	2500-2990 = 21 IMP
1500-1740 = 17 IMP	3000-3490 = 22 IMP
1750-1990 = 18 IMP	3500-3990 = 23 IMP
2000-2240 = 19 IMP	4000 AND UP = 24 IMP



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## Week 8 System Cards

SLAM SCORES										
		6	6X	6+1	6+1X	7	7X	6XX	6+1XX	7XX
C/D	VUL	1370	1540	1390	1740	2140	2330	1830	2230	2660
	NON	920	1090	940	1190	1440	1630	1380	1580	1960
H/S	VUL	1430	1660	1460	1860	2210	2470	2070	2470	2940
	NON	980	1210	1010	1310	1510	1770	1620	1820	2240
NT	VUL	1440	1680	1470	1880	2220	2490	2110	2510	2980
	NON	990	1230	1020	1330	1520	1790	1660	1860	2280

PENALTY SCORES - UNDERTRICKS										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-	NON	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450
D	VUL	100	300	500	800	1100	1400	1700	2000	2300
RD		200	600	1000	1600	2200	2800	3400	4000	4600

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-	VUL	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
D		200	500	800	1100	1400	1700	2000	2300	2600
RD		400	1000	1600	2200	2800	3400	4000	4600	5200

Please circle opening lead from a suit headed by:-

AKx	AJ10	KJ10	KQ9	QJ10	109x
		xx	xxx	xxxx	xxxxx
H = honour card	Hxx	Hxxx	Hxxxx	Hxxxxx	

Lead variations:- Trump .....

- No Trump .....

Name: .....No.....  
Partners Name: .....Score.....

### BIDS & CONVENTIONS

BASIC SYSTEM .....

Opening 1NT range: NV.....Vul.....4th.....

Opening 2 Bids: .....

Opening 3 Bids: .....

1NT Overcalls: .....

Jump Overcalls: .....

Defence to 1NT: .....

Defence to pre-empts: .....

Leads: .....

Signals: .....

Discards: .....

Slam Conventions: .....

Other Conventions: .....

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## Week 8 System Cards

		SLAM SCORES									
		6	6X	6+1	6+1X	7	7X	6XX	6+1XX	7XX	
C/D	VUL	1370	1540	1390	1740	2140	2330	1830	2230	2660	
	NON	920	1090	940	1190	1440	1630	1380	1580	1960	
H/S	VUL	1430	1660	1460	1860	2210	2470	2070	2470	2940	
	NON	980	1210	1010	1310	1510	1770	1620	1820	2240	
NT	VUL	1440	1680	1470	1880	2220	2490	2110	2510	2980	
	NON	990	1230	1020	1330	1520	1790	1660	1860	2280	

		PENALTY SCORES - UNDERTRICKS								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-	NON	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450
D	VUL	100	300	500	800	1100	1400	1700	2000	2300
RD		200	600	1000	1600	2200	2800	3400	4000	4600

-	VUL	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
D		200	500	800	1100	1400	1700	2000	2300	2600
RD		400	1000	1600	2200	2800	3400	4000	4600	5200

Please circle opening lead from a suit headed by:-

AKx	<u>AJ10</u>	KJ10	KQ9	QJ10	109x
AK	NO	xx	xxx	xxxx	xxxxx
H = honour card		Hxx	Hxxx	Hxxxx	Hxxxxx
		NO	NO	NO	NO

Lead variations:- Trump ..... SEQ OF 2 .....  
 - No Trump ..... SEQ OF 3, GAP OK. ....

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Name: ... A. PERSON ..... No. 7 .....  
 Partners Name: ... A.N. OTHER ..... Score.....

### BIDS & CONVENTIONS

BASIC SYSTEM ... ACOL (NO FEAR) .....  
 Opening 1NT range: NV 12-14 Vul 12-14 4th 12-14  
 Opening 2 Bids: STRONG (8-9 1/2 PT)  
 Opening 3 Bids: WEAK L7 6-9 (4 Bids 18)  
 1NT Overcalls: 16-18 BAL & 1+ STOPPER  
 Jump Overcalls: 12-15 LG+ H2 [16+ DOUBLE]  
 Defence to 1NT: NATURAL DOUBLE FOR PENALTY  
 Defence to pre-empts: DOUBLE FOR TAKEOUT  
 Leads: .....  
 Signals: REVERSE ATTITUDE  
 Discards: REVOLVING  
 Slam Conventions: BLACKWOOD AFTER SUIT AFTER NT ALSO CUE BIDS  
 Other Conventions: STAYMAN AFTER 1NT, 2NT  
(NATURAL AFTER INTERVENTION) & INT OVERCALL  
4TH SUIT FORCING, UN ASSUMING CUE BID,  
MINOR TRIAL (STOPPER), MAJOR TRIAL (ASKING),



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## Week 8 System Cards

Today I'll ask you all to chat and fill out a partial system card.

Your basic system is ACOL and where you haven't specified anything, it is as listed on the NO FEAR BRIDGE CRIB SHEET.

There are many decisions to be made – some are listed on the next page.



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## Week 8 System Cards

### Decisions

What range "opening 1NT" are you playing when non-vul and when vul?

How are you opening "opening 1NT" range 5332 hands with L5Major?

1NT    1Major    1Major if rebiddable else 1NT

How do you evaluate 4333 hands?

0    -1 Pt    -1 Pt if a poor 4333

Do you play "Weak Take Out" or Transfers?

If Transfers do you do 2♠ as "Transfer to a minor". If not what is 2♠?

Do you play Stayman?

Do you play your system over

1NT    Overcalling 1NT    2NT    2C/2x/2NT

Do you use conventions and transfers after an intervening bid (normally not).





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## Week 8 System Cards

### More decisions

What range NT rebids do you use? (1suit – response – NT rebid)

Traditional:            Raise 15..16      Jump 17..18      3NT 19

Modern:                 Raise 15..17      Jump 18..19

With 4432 hands opening 1suit, what suit do you open?

RWPB: 1♥ else 1(weaker)Minor      Something else...

### Decisions now – presentation later

*Do not select an option you do not know.*

Blackwood    Roman Keycard Blackwood    Keycard Blackwood

Gerber?

Never    Always    Over partner's natural NT bid

Over partner's natural NT bid with no natural Club bids

Cue bids?

Never    Conventional    Italian



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## Week 8 System Cards

### **Don't forget**

Evaluate length points immediately for non-NT bids.

Evaluate shortage points only after finding a fit.

Quantitative raises are not Blackwood.

Unbalanced long minors often play best in NT.

NT bids after opponents bid require stops in their suits.



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## Week 8 Play

### Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables.

This week I may ask you to move.

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the screen.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 8.

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

And one last thing – **as part of the learning process** – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (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**.

**Any questions?**

**Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)**

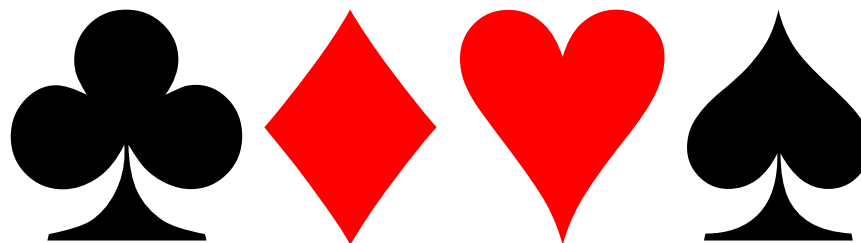
**PLAY**



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## Week 8 Opening Balanced Hands Reprised



The end

Week 8 set hand  
references follow.



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## Week 8 Set Hands

The set hands this week are the same boards as last week. Done since time prevented play of many of them and that play often differed noticeably from the reference line.

### Set hand sources

PBB = EBU, Practice Beginning Bridge

PCB = EBU, Practice Continuing Bridge

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Blue results from today's travellers.

Red results are reference results.

Black results from week 7.

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

Despite the "nagging" from the presentation, about 50% of today's travellers had errors. **WHY?**



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source				Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
1	N	None	PBB#S1H2				A♠=S
1	9	3NT+2	N 11	460	-		
2	10	3NT+3	N 12	490	-	Yes...	
3	11	3NT+2	N 11	460	-		
1	9	3NT+1	N 10	430	-		
4	12	3NT+1	N 10	430	-		
Ref		3NT+3	N 12	490	-		

Better declarer play this time.



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	PBB#S1H3			A♠=E
2	10	3NT=	E 9	-	400	
3	11	3NT-1	E 8	50	-	
1	9	3NT-1	E 8	50	-	
Ref		3NT+1	E 10	-	430	

Still not there...



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	PCB#S11H8			A♠=N
2	10	4S+2	S 12	480	-	
3	11	6NT=	S 12	990		
1	9	6S+1	S 13	1010	-	<i>Strange: It seems that somehow W's ♣K failed to make.</i>
2	10	6S+1	S 13	1010	-	
Ref		6S=	S 12	980	-	





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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
4	W	All	<i>PBB#S1H8</i>			A♠=E
1	9	3NT-1	W 8	100	-	✓
3	11	3NT-2	W 7	200	-	x
1	9	3NT-2	W 7	200	-	x
2	10	3NT-1	W 8	100	-	✓
Ref		3NT-1	W 8	100	-	



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	<i>PBB#S3H1</i>			A♠=N
1	9	2NT=	N 8	120	-	Didn't bid game...
3	11	3NT=	N 9	600	-	
2	10	3NT+1	N 10	630	-	
3	11	3NT+1	N 10	630	-	
Ref		3NT=	N 9	600	-	

The overtricks from last time fail to appear. Maybe better defence this time?



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source				Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
6	E	E/W	PCB#S6H5				A♠=E
1	9	5D+1	W 12	-	620	<i>Slam declined...</i>	
3	11	6NT-3	E 9	300	-	<i>Sometimes it goes wrong...</i>	
2	10	6D=	W 12	-	1370		
3	11	4NT=	E 10	-	630		
Ref		6D=	W 12	-	1370		



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	<i>PBB#S1H5</i>			A♠=S
1	9	3NT-1	S 8	-	100	
2	10	3NT-1	S 8	-	100	
3	11	3NT-1	S 8	-	100	
Ref		3NT=	S 9	600	-	

Nobody has made it.



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
8	W	None	PCB#S5H4			A♠=W
1	9	6S=	S 12	980	-	
2	10	4S+2	? 12	480	-	See comment
3	11	6S=	S 12	980	-	
4	12	4S+2	S 12	480	-	
Ref		6S=	S 12	980	-	

2v10 was recorded as S (likely, L7♠) on one traveller and as N (unlikely unless somehow a transfer was used) on three travellers.

Some folk do not pursue slams.



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## Week 7 Set Hands

### Set hands

# Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.  
 9 N E/W PBB#S7H5 [S↔H, D↔C] A♠=N

This hand was asked to be bid using a STRONG NT. Final contract the same as board 7, which is the SAME hand except that suits have been swapped and the board rotated.

1	9	3NT=	E	9	-	600
2	10	3NT=	E	9	-	600
3	11	3NT=	E	9	-	600
4	12	3NT=	E	9	-	600
Ref		3NT=	E	9	-	600

Once the 3NT contract has been achieved, play should match and yet on board 7 we surprisingly had (board 7 results rotated here for comparison):

9	1	3NT-1	e	8	100	-
10	2	3NT-1	e	8	100	-
11	3	3NT-1	e	8	100	-