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♣♥♥♠

What is your plan, as S, in 5♦, with a Q♥ opening lead by W?

	 ▲ A 5 3 2 ♥ 7 ◆ A Q T 7 	On Nov 17 we will have a proper duplicate event.
Q♥	 ♣ K J 7 5 ♠ 8 6 4 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ Q T 6 	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.

Week 2 Hand 1 from week 1



Steve Bailey

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🛦 A 5 3 2	4441
v 7	14 HCP
♦ A Q T 7	
🕭 K J 7 5	
)	
▲ 864	4333
🕈 A 9 3	10 HCP
♦ K J 9 2	
♣ Q T 6	Hmm. Contract seems a bit pushy for 24 HCP.

Bridge magazine issue 158, page 40, hand 1.

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♥ 7
◆ A Q T 7
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◆ Q T 6

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	 ▲ A 5 3 2 ♥ 7 ◆ A Q T 7 ♣ K J 7 5 	Top Tricks: ♠A ♥A ♦AKQJ ♣- = 6. Need 5 more.
Q¥	▲ 8 6 4 ♥ A 9 3	You have L4D in both hands. Normally the Long Trump hand is the master. Here you can choose which to consider as the master hand.
	♦ K J 9 2 ♠ Q T 6	Here treat South as master so that you can use North's ♥ shortage.

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• A Q T 7	eXtra Tricks: Trump ♥93; ♣QJT after K→A = 5 ☺
& K J 7 5	

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• K J 7 5	Losers ♠86 ♣6(K) : Must get rid of one.
Q♥	Throw ♠6 on ♣J

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♥ A 9 3
♦ K J 9 2
♥ Q T 6

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Q♥	 ▲ 8 6 4 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ Q T 6 	Plan: Win ♥A, Trump 2 x ♥ in dummy – returning drawing trumps, Finish drawing trumps, Lose ♣K and win return,

Before playing first card from Dummy, Make a plan.

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▲ A 5 3 2 ▼ 7	To ponder at home later:
 AQT7 KJ75 	<i>Can you cope with a 4-1 or a 5-0 trump split? If so how?</i>

QV

★ 8 6 4
▼ A 9 3
◆ K J 9 2
◆ Q T 6

(I don't know the answer to this...)

USA Intermediate Bridge 2017-18 Week 2 Weak Overcall Response

Some of you said that you haven't learnt "Bidding to the Level of the Fit".

Reference: RWPB Chapter 9. In particular pages 94/95.

There are two reasons for overcalls. One is because you have a genuine competitive bid. The other is to be obstructive and stop your opponents finding their correct contract.

ALL BIDS SUPPORTING PARTNER'S OVERCALL ARE WEAK.

Experts have found that bidding to make the same number of tricks that you have trumps frequently works. *As always, none of these guidelines apply 100% of the time.* Consider your hand weak with 0..9 Pts.

Note that the weaker you are, the stronger your opponents will be and the more necessary it is for you to be obstructive.

Week 2 Weak Overcall Response

Bidding to the Level of the Fit

Bid to the level of the fit (if bidding too high, just pass):

with L2, pass	(5+2 = 7, a 1 suit bid, already done.)
with L3, bid 2suit	(5+3 = 8, a 2suit bid)
with L4, bid 3suit	(5+4 = 9, a 3suit bid)
with L5, bid 4suit	(5+5 = 10, a 4suit bid)

Partner's overcall showed L5+suit. With L6, he can raise your response 1 level to be obstructive if necessary.

Do not pass because you have few points.

Your bid is telling partner the EXACT number of cards in that suit in your hand and that you are WEAK.

Should you happen to be strong, use an Unassuming Cue Bid, a No Trump bid, or Change Suit.

Week 2 Hand 1 from week 1

Set hand 1

DIr = N Vul = None

1	9	5C-2	S	9	-	100
		5C=			400	-
5	13	6Cx-1	S	11	-	100
		6Cx=			1050	-
Re	ef	4S+3	Ν	13	510	-
AF	2	7Sxx=	Ν	13	1510	-

Looking at the results, we see that the U3A bidding differed significantly from the reference bidding (different suit in particular).

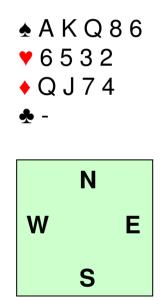
The scores in green are what would have been obtained had the U3A club contract had been made. Table 1 NS would still have been a bottom. Table 5 a near top – but is it achievable?







North is "dealer" and opens the bidding...



North is dealer.

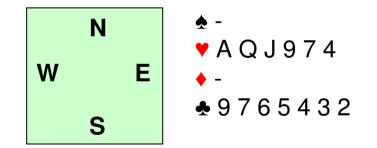
5440 12 HCP (13 Pts, +1 for L5S)

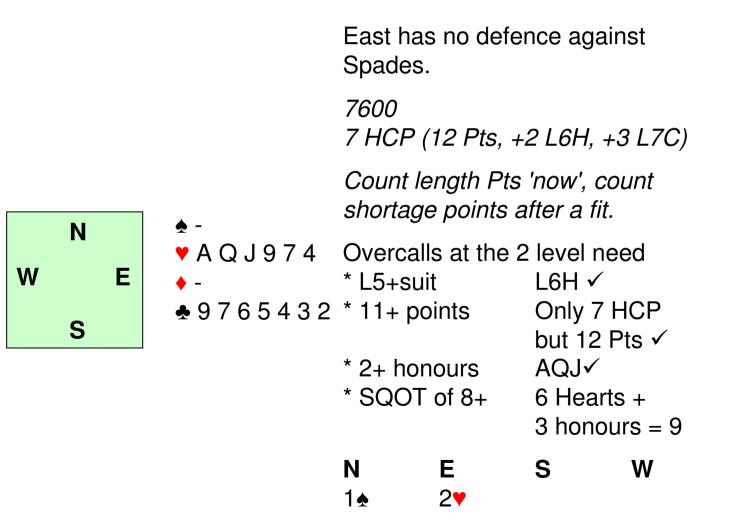
Enough points to open.

Long suit first. Conveniently it is a major here.

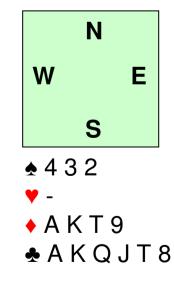
N E S W 1♠







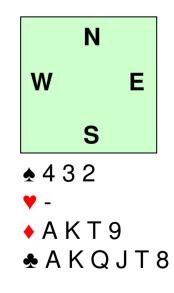




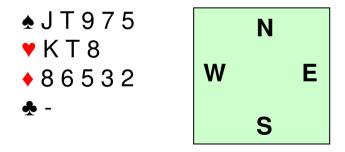
6430 17 HCP (19 Pts, +2 L6C)

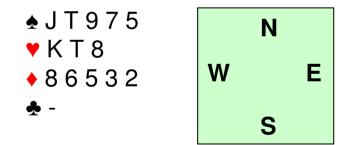
Only L3S, so don't support Spades. Bid long suit. Plenty of points to bid at the 3 level.

Ν	Е	S	W
1♠	27	3♣	









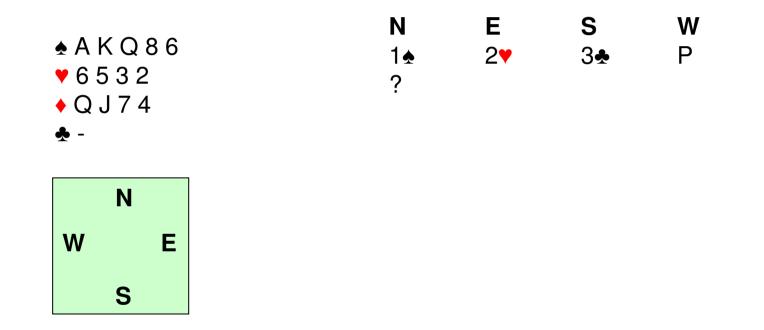
N, E & S: Note that N opened so has 12+ Pts, E overcalled at the 2 level, so has 11+ Pts, S replied at the 3 level, so has 10+ Pts.

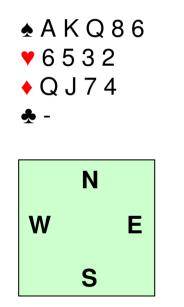
That is 33+ Pts, so expect 7- Pts for W. (Shape may distort that.)

5530 4 HCP (6 Pts, +1 L5S, +1 L5D)

Bid to the level of the fit, E bid, so L5+H. W L3H. E&W = L8H = 8 tricks or a 2 level bid. Below current bid level, so pass.

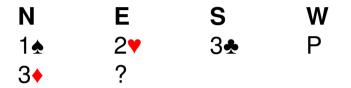
Ν	E	S	W
1♠	27	3♣	Ρ

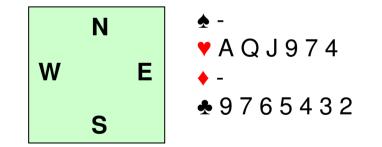


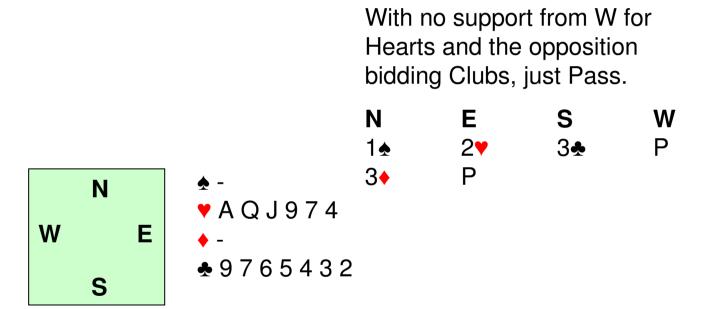


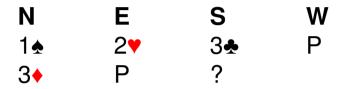
Show second suit. Implies L5+S, L4+D.

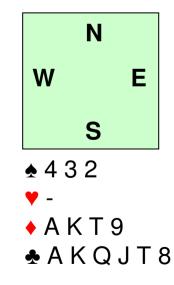
Ν	Е	S	W
1♠	27	3♣	Р
3•			

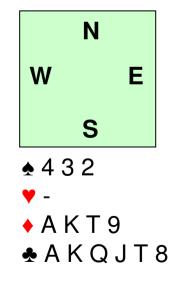












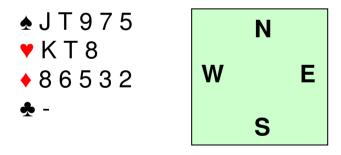
S now knows N has L5S and L4D. There are two fits: ♦ and ♠.

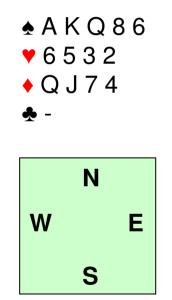
Spades is a major and is less balanced (5-3 not 4-4), the 432 will be very valuable ruffing Hearts. Add 5 points for a void after the fit in partner's Spades. 24 Pts.

That is actually enough to start contemplating slams, but agree Spades first. (4♠ would be shut out).

Ν	Е	S	W
1♠	27	3♣	Р
3♦	Р	3♠	





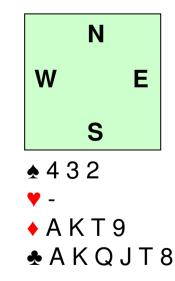


Convert to game, 4S.

Ν	Е	S	W
1♠	2¥	3♣	Ρ
3•	Р	3♠	Р
3♦ (4S)			

But that isn't the end of the bidding.





NS shouldn't be in Clubs, there is no fit. Fits in Spades and Diamonds.

Ν	E	S	W
1♠	27	3♣	Ρ
3•	Р	3♠	Ρ
4S	Р	?	

With 17 HCP and 24 Pts, S ought to be thinking slams.

At least 36 Pts jointly.

S has 4 losing Tricks. Combined with N's presumed 7 LT that is 11 which suggests a bid of (18-11) = 7S.

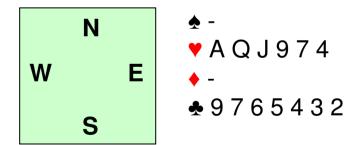
You can't use Blackwood with a void. Cue bidding is the way to go, but if not, then Pass, Pass, Pass.

E to lead to 4S.

4S by N

What to lead?

(The contract might have ended as 5S (slam rejected), 6S or even 7S. Assume 4S as a "sensible" contract.)



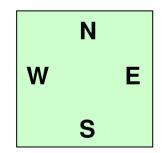
4S by N

Don't underlead an Ace, so not a lower Heart.

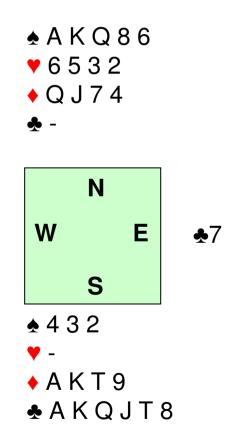
Against 7S may try ♥A, but if they've bid 7S, expect a void in South's hand.

The Clubs are long but rubbish.

Try near top of rubbish: ♣7



♦ 9765432

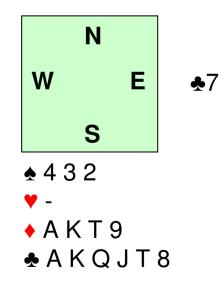


4S by N

Declarer makes a plan.

Top Tricks ?





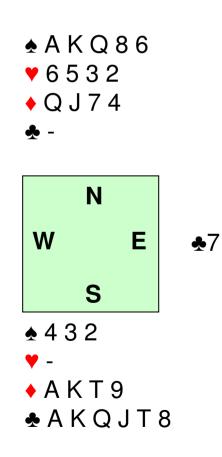
4S by N

Declarer makes a plan.

Top Tricks:

♠AKQ ♥- ♦AKQJ ♣AKQJT =12. Want 1 more if possible. (In duplicate, once a contract has been established your aim is not to make the contract but to maximise the number of triucks you win.)

eXtra Tricks ?



4S by N

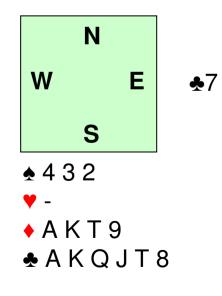
Declarer makes a plan.

Top Tricks: ♠AKQ ♥- ♦AKQJ ♣AKQJT =12.

eXtra Tricks: Trump 3 x Heart in Dummy for 15 tricks.

Losers ?





4S by N

Declarer makes a plan.

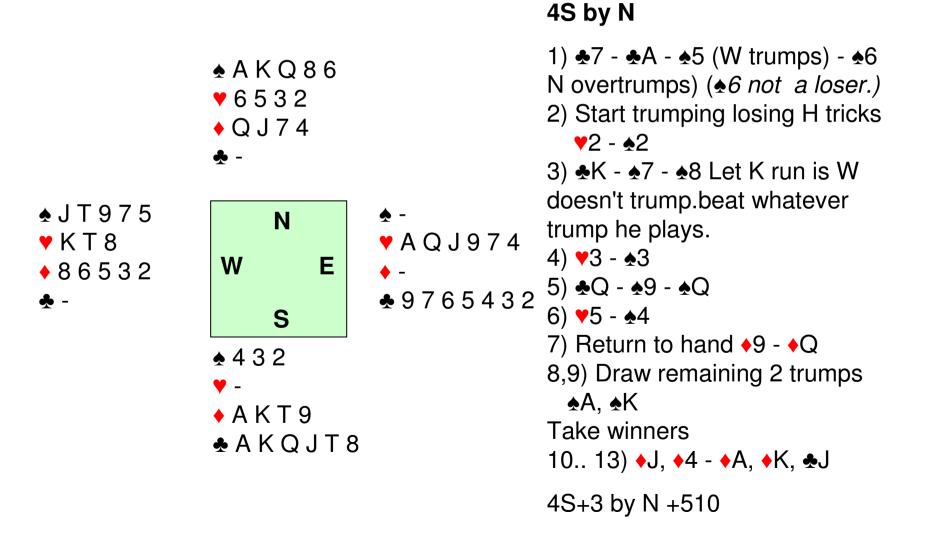
Top Tricks: ♠AKQ ♥- ♦AKQJ ♠AKQJT =12. Need 1 more.

eXtra Tricks: Trump 3 x Heart in Dummy for 15 tricks.

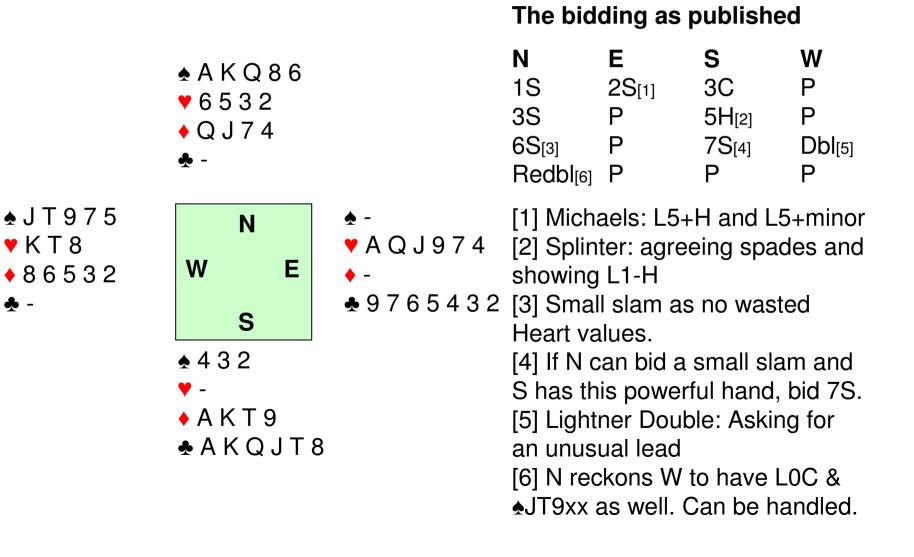
Losers:

▲86 ♥6532
Trump 3 x Heart in Dummy.
Discard 1 x Heart on Club.

Biggest problem is if trumps do not break 3-2. Then there really are one or two spade losers. *So 4S is the safe contract.*



♣♦♥♠ U3A Intermediate Bridge 2017-18 Week 2 Hand 1 from week 1



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U3A Intermediate Bridge 2017-18 Week 2 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

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Week 2 Hand 1 from week 1



The end

Week 2 set hand references follow.



U3A Intermediate Bridge Week 2 Set Hands

Set hand sources

The week 2 hands are a repeat of the hands from week 1. I had been hoping to get the boards played by those who hadn't last week. The board movement went wrong.

All hands taken from Andrew Robson Bridge columns in the Times – mostly from Saturdays which are his "interesting hands" columns.

In general, my reference contract differs from his column – the experts use techniques we do not yet know.

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Blue results from last week's travellers. Green from this week's. 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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Week 1 Set Hands

Hands played

Board	Pairs
1	1 5 9 13 / 2 4 10 12
2	1 5 9 13 / 2 4 10 12
3	1 2 9 10 / 1 2 9 10
4	2 10 / 1 2 9 10
5	2 4 10 12 / 1 4 5 9 12 13
6	4 12 / 1 9
7	4 5 12 13 / 4 5 12 13
8	4 5 12 13 / 5 13
12	19/

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source			Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.	
1	Ν	None	Sat 2016-08-27				A ≜ =N
1	9	5C-2	S	9	-	100	
5	13	6Cx-1	S	11	-	100	
2	10	6C-6	S	6	-	300	
4	12	4S+1	Ν	11	450	-	
Re	ef	4S+3	Ν	13	510	-	
AF	{	7Sxx=	Ν	13	1510	-	

This hand was studied this week.

Set hands

#	Dlr	Vul	Source		DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability	у.
2	Ε	N/S	Sat 2016	-10-01		A ≜ =N
1	9	5S=	E 11	-	450	
5	13	3S+1	E 10	-	170	
2	10	4S=	E 10	-	420	
4	12	4S=	E 10	-	420	
Re	ef	4S+1	E 11	-	450	
AF	2	4S-1	E 9	50	-	

I put the difference between Ref and AR as due to the opening lead. We do not like 4th highest to a single honour if it can be avoided. Therefore near top of rubbish hearts seemed better.

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.	
3	S	E/W	Sat 2015-12-	05 A ≜ =S	5
1	9	4C+1	S 11 15	0 -	
2	10	4S-3	S 7 -	150	
1	9	3H-1	W 8 10	0 -	
2	10	4H-1	W 9 10	0 -	
Re	ef a	5C=	S 11 40	0 - }	
Re	ef b	4S=	S 10 42	0 - } Major game beats minor gam	ne
AF	3	4S=	S 10 42	0 -	

Set hands

#	DIr	Vul	Source		DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability	<i>'</i> .
4	W	All	Sat 2016-0	4-23		A ≜ =W
1 2 Re AF		6NT-2 4NT+1 3NT+2 4NT+1 6D= 6NT-1	W 11 - E 11 - W 11 - W 12 -	-	- 660 660 1370 -	

My recollection of 2 v 10 is that the contract was 4NT, hence 4NT= not 6NT-2.

But we go by the record on the traveller...

Dlr	Vul	So	urce		DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability	<i>'</i> .
N	N/S	Sa	t 2016-	06-25		A ≜ =W
10	2S-2	W	6	100	-	
12	3D-1	S	8	-	100	
9	3D-1	S	8	-	100	
12	3NT-3	Ν	6	-	300	
13	4H-2	Ν	8	-	200	
	4H-2	Ν	8	-	200	
1	4H-2	Ν	8	-	200	
2	4Hx-3	Ν	7	-	800	
	V 10 12) 12 13	N <i>N/S</i> 10 2S-2 12 3D-1 3D-1 12 3NT-3 13 4H-2 4H-2 1 4H-2	N N/S Sa 10 2S-2 W 12 3D-1 S 9 3D-1 S 12 3NT-3 N 13 4H-2 N 4H-2 N 1 1 4H-2 N	N N/S Sat 2016- 10 2S-2 W 6 12 3D-1 S 8 3D-1 S 8 3D-1 S 8 12 3NT-3 N 6 13 4H-2 N 8 1 4H-2 N 8	N N/S Sat 2016-06-25 10 2S-2 W 6 100 12 3D-1 S 8 - 3 4H-2 N 8 - 3 4H-2 N 8 - 1 4H-2 N 8 -	N N/S Sat 2016-06-25 10 2S-2 W 6 100 - 12 3D-1 S 8 - 100 2 3D-1 S 8 - 100 2 3D-1 S 8 - 100 2 3NT-3 N 6 - 300 13 4H-2 N 8 - 200 14H-2 N 8 - 200

#	Dlr	Vul	Source		Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability	/.
6	Ε	E/W	Sat 2017	-02-11		A ≜ =W
4	12	4S=	E 10	-	620	
1	9	6S-1	E 11	100	-	
Re	ef	6S=	E 12	-	1430	
AF	}	6S=	E 12	-	1430	

# Dlr	Vul	Source	DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
7 S	All	Sat 2016-09-24	A ≜ =S
4 12	3H-3	W 6 300	-
5 13	2S+1	S 9 140	-
4 12	2H-4	W 4 400	-
5 13	4S-1	S 9 -	100
Ref a	4S=	S 10 -	620
Ref b	4Sx=	S 10 -	790
AR 3Sx	(x+1	S 10 -	1080

#	Dlr	Vul	Source		DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerabili	ty.
8	W	None	AR:Begin	ning B	ridge 12 (No date noted)	A ≜ =W
5	13	3NT-1 3NT-2		50 100	-	
5 Re AF		3NT-1 3NT= 3NT=	W 8 W 9 W 9	50 - -	- 400 400	

# Dlr	Vul	Source	DIr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
12 W	N/S	Sat 2017-01-28	A ≜ =N
	5C-1 ved week		-
	5C=		600
AR 1	5C=	E 11 -	600
AR 2	6Cx-3	W 9 800	-