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While waiting for 10am – Week 3

Etiquette (part 2)

These statements may need to be modified if any player is disabled.

Questions may be asked about a bid to the partner of that bidder when it is the asker's turn to bid. Everyone may ask questions about the auction after the passes and before the opening lead is made.

The opening lead should be made face down and the leader asks "Any questions partner". If none then the lead card is exposed.

No-one should ever touch anyone else's cards. Declarer should not touch dummy's cards.

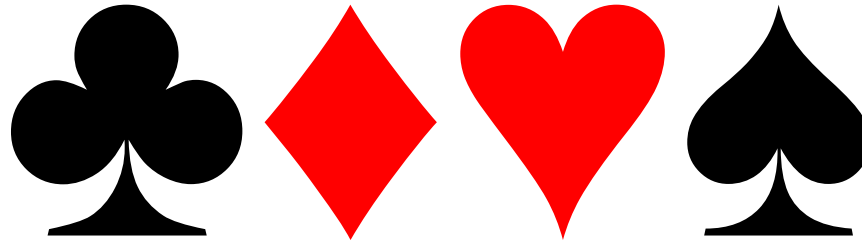
Once the opening lead is exposed, dummy places their hand down, with any trump suit on declarer's left. The other suits are placed at declarer's choice. Each suit must be in descending order. **It is helpful to declarer if dummy NEVER rearranges the cards. Blank spaces help declarer remember cards.**



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Week 3 Welcome



Steve Bailey

*(This presentation has been edited since
it was given.)*



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Week 3 Scoring

Scoring affects the way the auction goes.

Scoring is heavily determined by the vulnerability:

All non-vul (nv) "None"

All vul "All"

You non-vul, They vul. "Fav"
"Favourable"

You vul, They non-vul. "Unf"
"Unfavourable"

The scoring is detailed on the crib-sheet you have.

Tricks bid and made		UnDbl	Dbl	ReDbl
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Undertricks				
Not vulnerable	- First trick	50	100	200
	- Second and third trick	50	200	400
	- Each subsequent trick	50	300	600
Vulnerable	- First	100	200	400
	- Second & subsequent trick	100	300	600
Bonuses				
Part-score contract bid and made			50	
Game bid and made	- not vulnerable		300	
	- vulnerable		500	
Small slam bid and made	- not vulnerable		500*	
	- vulnerable		750*	
Grand slam bid and made	- not vulnerable		1000*	
	- vulnerable		1500*	
For making doubled contract			50	
redoubled contract			100	

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Overtricks

Undoubled - Trick value

Doubled - 100 each if not vulnerable, 200 each if vulnerable

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(for undoubled contracts):

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Then add

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NV: -50 per trick

Vul: -100 per trick

Doubled undertricks:

NV: -100; -200; -300 for 1, 2&3, rest

Vul: -200; -300 for 1, rest

Redoubled undertricks:

*2 * Doubled undertricks*

Also a Made Doubled contract gets an extra bonus of 50.

Redoubled 100.

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Example:

3NT $x+2$, vul

3 Bid tricks:

$$3*30+10 = 100$$

2 Overtricks:

$$2*100 = 200$$

Total=300. Doubled:

$$300 * 2 = 600$$

Game = 500

$$\text{Total} = 1100$$

Making Doubled bonus = 50

$$\text{Final Total} = \mathbf{1150}$$



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Week 3 Travellers

Fill in traveller **using the headings**.

Board Number:

NS Pair number:

Stay carefully within correct row.

There are a couple of spares at the bottom if you make a big error.

EW Pair number:

Contract and result: eg

1H✓ 1S+1 1NTx-2

By (Declarer: NESW):

Opening Lead (Suit and Value):

Tricks (made by Declarer 0 to 13):

Score: A **POSITIVE** number in the **Plus/NS** column or the **Minus/EW** column:

PAIRS		No. EW	Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	NORTH-SOUTH		Match Points
NS	EW						Plus	Minus	
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									
11									
12									
13									
14									
15									
16									

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Ignore **Section**, it is for big tournaments.



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Week 3 Travellers

This is an example of what a filled in Traveller should look like.

The data was taken from the Dorking Bridge Club's Online Mole Valley event of 2021-08-05, which was chosen for the wide variety of contracts, opening leads and results.

I emphasize that each table's result should stay within its row and not encroach above or below.

Matchpoints = 2 * (Pairs you beat + (Pairs you equal / 2)).

Matchpoint % = 100 * Matchpoints / (2 * (tables - 1))

SECTION BOARD NUMBER 5

PAIRS NS	No. EW	Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	NORTH-SOUTH		Match Points	
						Plus	Minus		
1	27	3D ✓	E	KS	9		110		
2	29	2S ✓	S	3H	8	110			
3	16	3S -1	S	8D	8		100		
4	24	3S -1	S	AC	8		100		
5	28	2S ✓	S	AC	8	110			
6	21	3NT-2	W	KS	7	100			
7	22	4D -1	E	KS	9	50			
8	23	3H-2	W	KS	7	100			
9	26	2S ✓	S	AC	8	110			
10	25	3C-3	W	KS	6	150			
11	30	2S-3	S	TD	5		300		
12	19	Passed Out					0		
13	18	4Sx-2	S	SD	7		300		
14	20	3S-2	S	TD	7		200		
15	17	3S-2	S	AS	7		200		
16									

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Week 3 Travellers

This is the same data with best {NS} at top and best {EW} at bottom.

NS	EW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Tricks	NS	EW	NS Mp	EW Mp
10	25	3C-3	W	10S	6	150	-	28:100%	0:0%
2	29	2S=	S	3H	8	110	-	24:86%	4:14%
5	28	2S=	S	QC	8	110	-	24:86%	4:14%
9	26	2S=	S	AC	8	110	-	24:86%	4:14%
6	21	3NT-2	W	10S	7	100	-	19:68%	9:32%
8	23	3H-2	W	10S	7	100	-	19:68%	9:32%
7	22	4D-1	E	KS	9	50	-	16:57%	12:43%
12	19	Passed out				0	0	14:50%	14:50%
3	16	3S-1	S	8D	8	-	100	11:39%	17:61%
4	24	3S-1	S	AC	8	-	100	11:39%	17:61%
1	27	3D=	E	KS	9	-	110	8:29%	20:71%
14	20	3S-2	S	7D	7	-	200	5:18%	23:82%
15	17	3S-2	S	AS	7	-	200	5:18%	23:82%
11	30	2S-3	S	7D	5	-	300	2:7%	26:93%
13	18	4Sx-2	S	8D	7	-	800	0:0%	28:100%



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Week 3 Opening bids

And now on to the topic for this week

Opening bids.

It is usual when presenting bridge, to discuss an opening bid type and then continue with its responses and rebids etc.

Since this should just be revision for everyone, this presentation discusses all (most of?) the opening bid types and ignores responses and rebids until a later week.



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Week 3 Opening bids

Assuming that you have the **appropriate number of Points**, an opening bid is of the **longest suit**, except

- if a conventional bid is used (*eg acol superstrong 2C*);
- if a hand calls for a NoTrump bid (*usually a balanced hand*);
- if there are two+ (*two or more*) suits of equal length, when you must choose which one.

When two suits are of equal length, bid the highest ranking suit, except with:

L4S and L4H bid H (*You only intend to bid one suit and*
L4D and L4C bid C *rebid NT. Leave space for partner*
to mention the other suit if he has it.)

(With, say, L4H and L4D, bid the major first. It is more important.)

(With L5S and L5H, open the higher ranking. You plan to rebid the lower ranking next, which will be interpreted as L5+S and L4+H. Similarly with L5D & L5C, open the higher ranking.)



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Week 3 Opening bids

Should you have three longest suits of equal length, which means the **4441 shape**, bid:

Red Singleton. Open suit below L1 suit. L1H, bid D L1D, bid C

Black Singleton. Open middle L4 suit. L1S, bid D L1C, bid H

Illustrated below using the suit initial for the L1 suit, Open the bold suit:

S	Spades	Spades	Spades
Hearts	H	Hearts	Hearts
Diamonds	Diamonds	D	Diamonds
Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	C
<i>middle</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>middle</i>

*With a 4441 hand, the system WILL force you to lie. So only open them 1Suit with **13+** Points to compensate for the misinformation given.*



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Week 3 Opening bids

Before making any opening bid, you should first plan your rebid.

For long suits, it will often be to rebid the suit;

For some suits, it will be to show a second shorter suit.

For NT and pre-emptive openings the rebid plan is PASS.

Your planned rebid may well change in the light of opposition and partner bids.

Do not touch the bidding box until you have MADE your decision.
And, especially, **do not fiddle** with the cards while you are thinking.



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To open	You need to hold
1NT	12..14 Pts Balanced
1Suit	12..19 Pts 4441 ~ 13..19 Pts 1C shows 12..19..22 Pts as a strong 2C is unavailable.
2NT	20..22 hcp Balanced (or perhaps semi-balanced)
2Suit (not C)	Basic acol: Strong. 8..9½ tricks in your hand Often crudely summarised as 20..22 Pts.
2C	The superstrong acol bid Suited 10+ tricks (Game) in your own hand Balanced 23+ Pts
3NT	10 Pts L7Minor headed by AKQJ
3Suit	5..9 Pts Good L7Suit (2+ of AKQ)
4Suit	5..9 Pts Good L8Suit (2+ of AKQ)

We will consider responses another week.



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Week 3 Opening bids

Opening	Alert / Announce (by Partner)
1NT	Announce range "12 to 14"
1Suit	None
2NT	None
2Suit (not C)	Announce "Strong, forcing" or "Strong, non-forcing" <i>The practice of making strong bids with hands of limited high cards must be clearly disclosed.</i>
2C	Alert
3NT	None
3Suit	None
4Suit	None

But even if a bid does not need to be alerted, the opposition can still ask what it means at their turn to bid.



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Week 3 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)

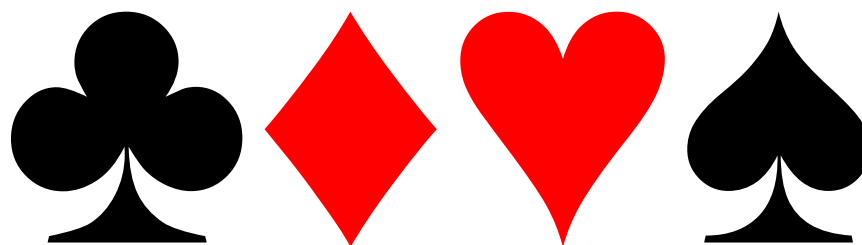
PLAY



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Week 3



The end

Week 3 set hand
references follow.



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Week 3 Set hands

Set hand sources

BSA:SH Bernard Magee's Big Seminar Set Hands

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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 3 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

9 N EW BSA008:SH#2 A♠=N

3 11 3NT+1 N 4C 10 430 -

Ref 4S= N 2D 10 420 -

Also 3NT-1 N JC 8 - 50

{N} managed a better score than the Ref play. Analysis shows that a well implemented defence should result in 3NT-1.



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Week 3 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

10 E All BSA026:SH#4

A♠=E

3 11 2S+1 E KC 10 - 170

Ref 4S= E KC 10 - 620



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Week 3 Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

11 S None BSA093:SH#6 A♠=N

3 11 6NT-5 S 10H 7 - 1100

Ref 6NT= S KH 12 990 -

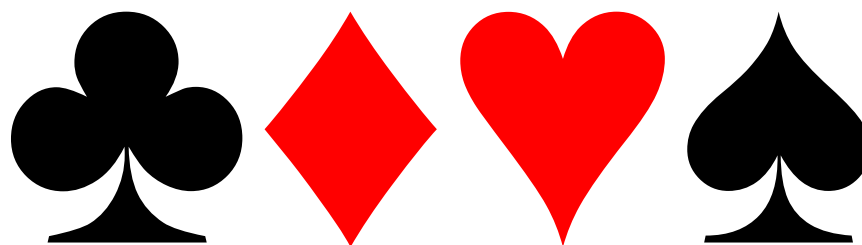
3{S} made the right plan, but played the C in a non-straightforward fashion ending up in the {N} hand and blocked from all {S}'s working C.



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The very end