



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2024-25



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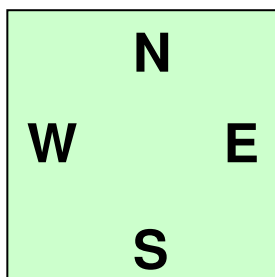
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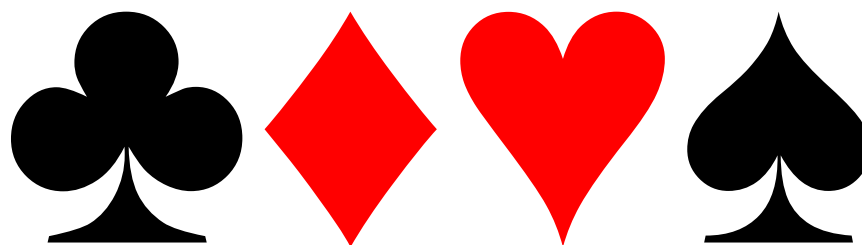
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Week 15 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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## Week 15 This week

This week's presentation was interactive and doesn't upload well.

Therefore this pdf upload is some of what was presented plus some relevant summary of topics around the edge!

The "While waiting for 10am" section had a sheet of A4 with the hand on it to allow people to evaluate the hand, determine the auction and opening lead and then plan the play.

I don't know how many folk actually did all of that, I suspect few, but part of that is presented here.



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## Week 15 Spring Tournament Results

Bd	Pair #1	Pair #2	Pair #3	Pair #4	Pair #5	Pair #6	
1	0%	0%	50%	100%	50%	100%	
2	50%	0%	100%	0%	100%	50%	
3	0%	25%	25%	75%	100%	75%	
4	0%	50%	0%	100%	100%	50%	
5	50%	50%	100%	0%	100%	0%	
6	75%	25%	0%	25%	75%	100%	
7	50%	0%	50%	100%	100%	0%	
8	100%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	
9	0%	100%	100%	0%	50%	50%	
10	100%	50%	0%	50%	100%	0%	
Avg	42.5%	35%	47.5%	55%	77.5%	42.5%	Avg=50%
Posn	4	6	3	2	1	4	
Pair	CR	PeG	AE	PaG	MW	GL	
	JR	DC	PK	VCW	RF	AL	



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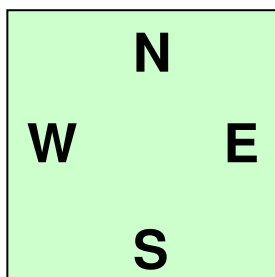
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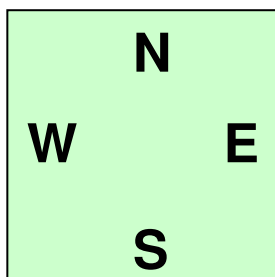
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h      **hcp**  
l      length  
t      tens  
f      flat (4333)  
a      aceless  
i      isolated  
u      unguarded  
(s)    shortages later

*Evaluate away...*

*N then E then S then W.*



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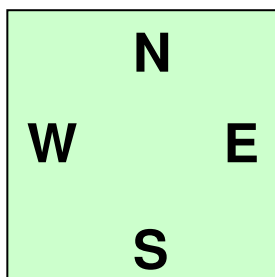
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{N} 7420

h 10

l +3

t +½

f -

a -

i -

u -

(s) -

13½

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11hcp  
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{E}	6421
h	<b>11</b>
l	+2
t	-
f	-
a	-
i	-1 (JJA)
u	-½ (JD)
(s)	-
	<b>11½</b>

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5½Pts

{S} 5422

h 5  
l +1  
t +½  
f -  
a -1  
i -  
u -  
(s) -  
5½

*Evaluate away...  
N then E then S then **W**.*



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{W}      5521

h      **14**

l      +2

t      +½

f      -

a      -

i      -

u      -

(s)      -

**16½**



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Dealer={N}

Vul={EW}

Let's review the auctions.

N	E	S	W
?			

At this point the interactive nature of the session kicked in.

No-one wanted {N} to Pass. Some wanted 1D, some 3D.

Using the bidding scheme presented in previous sections, {N} is too strong to open a pre-emptive 3D.

Then the options grew exponentially! The next slide shows **one** plausible auction.

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N

E

S

W

1D<sup>①</sup>

1H<sup>②</sup>

1S<sup>③</sup>

2D<sup>④</sup>

#4S<sup>⑤</sup>

5H<sup>⑥</sup>

P<sup>⑦</sup>

P<sup>⑧</sup>

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① 12..19Pts, L4+D

② 8+Pts, L5+H, 2+Hh

③ 6+Pts, L4+S

④ Bid of Opponent's Suit.  
BoOS, Strong & Excited,  
Agrees H, L4+H.

⑤ S fit. Re-evaluate 18½Pts.  
24½+ JPts. Bid Game.

⑥ Think 4S will make. Try 5H.

⑦ Too weak to bid on.

⑧ Doesn't "know" slam is  
good.



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I asked about this deal at a bridge discussion group and I offer you the replies. *About 4 slides worth.*

## Steve Bailey

The 4 times that it has been played, the results were:

4H= by E

*U3AIB*

5H+1 by E

*U3AIB*

4H+1 by E

*U3AIB*

6H= by E

*Elite*

However I was wondering if NS could get in with some form of D contract.

*(Other posts suggested that a {NS} S slam was likely.)*



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ML

1D:1H:1S:4H

4S

KH

ML would be very tempted with 2H to get in the way

ML

KH I play weak jump overcalls so too strong for that

KH

ML but getting in the way is useful.



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DS

Isn't easy when you can see all the hands?

1D 1H 1S 4C\*

4S 5C P 6H

**6S** X P P

P

\* Fit jump showing clubs and heart support.

N/S -300. Top on what Steve says.

BD

DS I agree that it is difficult to bid objectively when you have seen all four hands. The fit jump looks to be the best way forward, but what would 3C instead of 4C be for you? Wouldn't that be a fit jump?

DS

BD Yes, but I was being simplistic. I wanted it to be a fit jump that definitely reached game. For me I play these bids differently.



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*Steve Bailey*

Thank you all.





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N

E

S

W

1D

1H

1S

2D

#4S

5H

P

P

P

Opening lead by {S} ~  
Partner's suit (D). 4<sup>th</sup> highest  
promising an honour (KD):  
4D.

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Aim ~ 12 tricks (11+1)

Top tricks ~ 10TT

S:A H:AKQJT9 D:- C:AKQ

eXtra Tricks ~ 2\*L5C if 3:1  
split.

Worry about Defence ~  
JD>AD, 7S>KS.  
Discard 7S on 5<sup>th</sup> C.

Execution/Entries ~ ok.

Plan ~ Win AD, Draw trumps,  
Draw C, Discard 7S on xC.



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S1) (4D)→(AD) ↓  
N2) Dummy void, switches  
(JC)→AC (1)

E3) Draw trumps  
2H→AH (2)

W4) 3H→KH (3)

E5) Draw C  
4C→KC (4)

W6) QC (5)

W7) 7C (6)

W8) 5C[→7S] (7)

W9..13) Take winners  
AS JH 10H 8H 4H→QH  
(8, 9 10, 11, 12)

5H+1 by {E} **+680**



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## Week 15 Slam review

Then there was a high speed recap of Keycard Blackwood and Italian Cue bidding from previous weeks' presentations.

Use Keycard Blackwood, not plain Blackwood. 4 aces and King Trumps. Answers: 5C=0 or 4; 5D=1 (or 5); 5H=2; 5S=3. The reply meanings are the **same** as for Plain Blackwood.

You shouldn't use Blackwood (any variety) if you have a void or there is 1+ uncontrolled suit. Generally assume Trumps is controlled, unless it obviously isn't! You need 30+ Joint Pts to investigate a slam. Usually the trump suit owner (the first bidder of it) is best bidding the "4NT" bid.

Decide your actions for each of the 4 possible replies **before** using 4NT. If, jointly, missing 2+ keycards, bail out. If, jointly, missing 1 keycard, bid a small slam in the agreed trump suit. If, jointly, missing NO keycards, investigate a grand slam.

If you cannot (yet) use Blackwood, try Italian Cue Bidding to see if that shows control of all suits between the partnership.



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## Week 15 Italian Cue Bids

Only use Cue Bids if you "need" to do so.

Once a suit has been agreed, then a bid of a different suit is "strange". Why bid it if you have found your fit? Generally this is a Cue Bid, saying "I have control of this suit".

If either of a pair bids a different suit, they are saying: "I think Game is on and slam may be possible. However I have a problem with my hand and need to know if you can fix it. I have control of the suit I have just bid."

Control means that the bidder cannot lose more than one of the first two tricks in that suit. He thus has

Ace	Can win the first trick in the suit.
King x	Can win the second trick in the suit. ( <i>mostly.</i> )
Singleton	Can ruff the second trick in the suit.
Void	Can ruff the first trick in the suit (but not use Blackwood).

Blackwood sorts out what first round controls you have.



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## Week 15 Italian Cue Bids

Once a suit has been agreed, then a bid of a different suit at the lowest level is a Cue Bid, saying "I have control of this suit".

Any suits skipped show a lack of control. Any "raise" in controlled suits shows control in the new suit, control of all suits skipped by the previous Cue bidder and shows no control in any new suits skipped.

After 1H P #3H P / 4C

4C is a cue bid showing club control and it skipped 3S denying spade control.

1H P #3H P / 4C P 4D

4D is a cue bid showing diamond control and also showing spade control since dealer skipped spades.

At his next bid, dealer can use Blackwood, since S C & D are all controlled.



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## Week 15 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)**

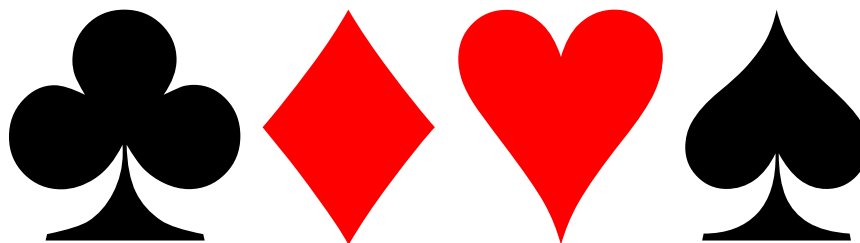
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Week 15



The end

