

Bulletin 7

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News

The \$5 room has now been open for almost 2 months and it is proving very popular. The game is fast and of a good standard. The best time to get a game is between 7.30pm and midnight but there are sometimes games at other times too. We are pleased to welcome our new American members.

We are very close to introducing the bidding test which we have previously mentioned. More news on the development of the site will appear in the next newsletter.

Some Statistics

As Of Tuesday June 12th at 7pm (GMT)

Top 10 winners:	Top 10 most boards played
\$1,275.25	6074
\$406.04	4660
\$391.29	4296
\$327.29	4147
\$266.80	3469
\$209.63	3122
\$195.02	2727
\$157.90	2569
\$128.14	2265
\$105.46	2159

Rating System (If you would like to know your rating, email david@bridge4money.com)

Reminder

- ★ = Bottom 1/3 of players
- ★★ = Middle 1/3 of players
- ★★★ = Top 1/3 of players
- ☆☆ = Played less than 50 boards

Tips

1). If your partner opens 1 notrump and the opponents overcall, your double is for take out.

2). LEARN THE RESPONSES TO RKCB AS PLAYED ON THE SITE. They are:

5♣=1 or 4

5♦=0 or 3

5♥=2 or 5 without the queen of trumps

5♠=2 or 5 with the queen of trumps

Hands From bridge4money.com

We are always looking for hands for our bulletins. If you have a hand that you would like to be written up, with or without your name mentioned please email it, possibly with some explanation to david@bridge4money.com

'Don't Tip Your Hands To The Opponents'

The following hand occurred in the \$1 a hundred room.

Dealer North: Vul NS

	North	
	♠ A Q J T 8 4	
	♥ 9 7 5 4	
	♦ A J	
	♣ 7	
West		East
♠ 9 5		♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8		♥ Q J 3
♦ K T 9 8 4		♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ Q T 6 5 3		♣ A 9 4
	South	
	♠ K 7	
	♥ A K T 6 2	
	♦ Q 6	
	♣ K J 8 2	

North	East	South	West
1 spade	pass	2 hearts	2nt (a)
Pass (b)	3 diamonds	4 hearts (c)	5 diamonds (d)
6 hearts (e)	Double (f)		

- a). The unusual notrump showing at least 5-5 in the minors.
- b). Very strange with 4-card heart support.
- c). Also very strange with only a 5-card suit which has not yet been supported.
- d). Bonkers.
- e). The first sensible bid since south responded 2 hearts.
- f). Unwise.

After a spirited auction (some would say a mad auction) North-South reached 6 hearts. East decided with an Ace and QJ3 in trumps to chance a double. This proved to be unwise because declarer took advantage of it in the play. West Led the King of diamonds which declarer won with the Ace. Declarer next played the 9 of hearts from dummy, intending to run it. However, east played the Jack so declarer won the Ace. Technically it is wrong to cover with the Jack because if declarer is running the 9 there is nothing you can do but if you cover with the Jack you may kill you partner's singleton 10 for example. Anyway when declarer saw the 8 of hearts drop from west he crossed back to dummy with the Queen of spades to play another heart. When east played low he backed his judgment and inserted the 10, claiming all 13 tricks when east showed out. Result NS +1860.

Had East-West passed throughout they would have probably conceded 650 or possibly even gained 100 by defeating 6h by a trick as NS would have no reason to get the hearts right.

So the moral is –'Don't tip your hand to the opponents'!

'Avoiding Disaster'

Dealer West: Vul EW

North

♠ K Q

♥ K 2

♦ A K Q J 5 4

♣ A K J

West

♠ J 7 6 4

♥ Q J 9 6 5

♦ 9 6

♣ T 5

East

♠ A 9 5 3 2

♥ A T 8 4 3

♦ T 7 3

♣

South

♠ T 8

♥ 7

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 9 8 7 6 4 3 2

South	West	North	East
	pass	2 clubs (a)	pass
2 diamonds (b)	pass	3 diamonds (c)	pass
4 clubs (d)	pass	4 notrumps (e)	pass
5 clubs (f)	pass	6 diamonds (g)	Double (h)
pass	pass	pass	

- a). Strong and artificial (23+ balanced or game forcing).
- b). Negative or waiting.
- c). Natural and game forcing.
- d). South introduces his own suit.
- e). RKCB agreeing clubs.
- f). 1 or 4 key cards. South should bid 5 diamonds to show 0 or 3 key cards which south would have passed.
- g). Bid in the belief that partner would have 1 ace and a reasonable club suit.
- h). With 2 Aces east chances a double. Maybe partner will even find a club lead!

After some aggressive bidding which included South making the wrong response to blackwood, South became the unlikely declarer in 6 diamonds. East who had to Aces and could ruff a club if west could find the right lead decided to double. West Led the Queen of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy and east followed with the 3. After some thought west continued with another heart but

declarer was able to ruff east's Ace, draw trumps and throw all his losers on the never ending club suit to land the slam for +1190 (1090+100 honours).

East was fairly frustrated, suggesting that the double must show either 2 aces or a void somewhere so west should switch, the 3 of hearts was discouraging after all. However, I think east was more at fault. He should have overtaken the Queen of hearts with the Ace and cashed the Ace of spades to make CERTAIN of defeating the contract.

When you are playing for money, always try to avoid total disasters. In this case when you can see a contract off in your own hand don't give partner a chance to do the wrong thing.