

Bulletin 6

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News

The \$5 room opened on April 16th. For the first few days we struggled to get a game. Now there are \$5 games every evening and the games are of a good standard. We originally opened it between 8pm and 1am but after seeing the level of interest we have decided to open it 24 hours a day like the other stake rooms.

We will soon be introducing a bidding test. The idea of it is that people who pass it will have a symbol indicating to their partner that they have a good understanding of the system.

The next newsletter will have information about our new payment methods.

Practice Room

We have decided to close the practice room except for specific hours which are shown on the site. This is because there was rarely a game and people were getting frustrated waiting. During the hours shown on the site we will host the room so that a game is guaranteed.

Some Statistics

As of Thursday May3rd at 4pm (GMT)

Top 10 winners:	Top 10 most boards played
1). \$559	4956
2). \$227	3856
3). \$184	3105
4). \$161	2860
5). \$150	2277
6). \$146	2229
7). \$114	2125
8). \$109	1988
9). \$105	1857
10). \$104	1853

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). When declaring a contract, always plan the play carefully at trick one. We even allow extra thinking time at trick one.
- 2). When you overcall vulnerable at the 2-level (non-jump) you should have a good hand.

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

'Making The Most Of Good Fortune'

The following hand occurred in the \$5 a hundred room.

Dealer South: Vul EW

North

♠ **K J 8 6**

♥ **K 9 3**

♦ **A 8 6 5**

♣ **A K**

West

♠ **T 9 5 2**

♥ **Q J**

♦ **K T 2**

♣ **Q 7 5 2**

East

♠ **7 4 3**

♥ **8 5 4**

♦ **Q J 9 4 3**

♣ **J 8**

South

♠ **A Q**

♥ **A T 7 6 2**

♦ **7**

♣ **T 9 6 4 3**

South

1 heart

2 clubs

3 clubs (b)

3 spades (d)

North

1 spade

2 diamonds (a)

3 hearts (c)

4 notrump (e)

5 spades (f) 7 hearts (g)

- a). 'Fourth Suit forcing'.
- b). Showing at least 5/5 in clubs and hearts.
- c). Game forcing setting hearts as trumps.
- d). Cue bid.
- e). RKCB in hearts
- f). Showing 2 of the 5 Ace's and the queen of trumps. (Presumably south was showing key cards with spades as trumps).
- g). North assumes all the key cards are present and with no obvious losers takes a shot at the grand-slam.

South dealt and after an auction in which North South got their wires crossed, reached 7♥. North was correct that RKCB should be for hearts as 3♠ was just a cue bid. South should have responded 5♥ denying the queen of hearts, then north would have settled for the small slam.

Anyway, the play's the thing as they say.

West led the 2 of clubs, an interesting choice but nothing else appealed. South won with dummy's Ace and started to plan the play. One thing was for sure, he would need a lot of luck. First he laid down the King of hearts, the Jack appearing on his left. This was positive news as had no honour appeared on the first round of trumps then the contract could not possibly make. Declarer could pick up a possible remaining Q 8 5 on his right by playing the 9 from dummy and running it (or taking two finesses if covered) but this would leave him with the problem of how to deal with his club losers. Deciding that the contract would be much easier if the Jack was from QJ doubleton declarer next played a heart to the Ace, spurning 'the principle of restricted choice'. When the Queen appeared, declarer was in with a chance. All that was required now was a little care. First declarer crossed to the King of clubs then back to the Ace of spades to ruff a club in dummy. Now declarer crossed back to the Queen of spades to draw the last trump. Now he was able to discard his remaining two clubs on dummy's KJ of spades to make the contract. Declarer took, 5 heart tricks, 4 spade tricks, 2 club tricks, 1 diamond trick and a club ruff in the dummy. Result NS+ 1510!

'The Importance Of Counting'

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

Dealer South: Vul all

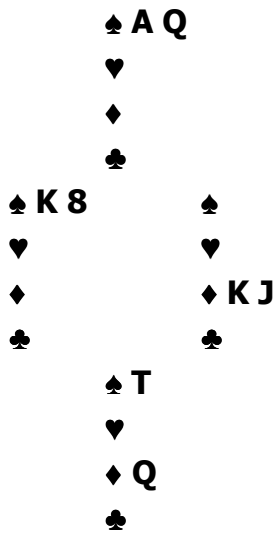
	North	
	♠ A Q J 7 6 5	
	♥ Q T 4	
	♦ VOID	
	♣ A J 8 4	
West		East
♠ K 8 4 3		♠ 9 2
♥ K		♥ 9 6 2
♦ 5 3 2		♦ K J T 9 7 4
♣ 9 6 5 3 2		♣ Q T
	South	
	♠ T	
	♥ A J 8 7 5 3	
	♦ A Q 8 6	
	♣ K 7	

South	North
1 heart	1 spade
2 diamonds (a)	3 clubs (b)
3 hearts (c)	5 hearts (d)
6 hearts (e)	all pass

- With a good 6-4 hand south rightly prefers to show his second suit instead of rebidding the hearts.
- 'Fourth Suit Forcing'.
- Suggesting 6 hearts or 5 very good ones.
- A general slam try.
- South likes his trumps and second round trump control enough to take a shot at slam.

West led the 6 of clubs, the natural lead on the auction. Declarer tried the Jack from dummy but won the trick with the King when east covered with the Queen. Declarer's next move was to ruff a diamond in dummy. After some thought declarer ran the queen of hearts which lost to west's King. West continued with the 2 of clubs attacking the entries to dummy, declarer winning the trick with dummy's Ace. Now, declarer ruffed a club in hand on which East discarded the 9 of spades (trying to look like a player who held the King of spades) in order to ruff another low diamond in dummy. Awkwardly placed now declarer ruffed a club back to hand on which east discarded the 2 of spades. Declarer could now draw the remaining two trumps on which west first discarded the 4 of spades

then the 5 of diamonds. Declarer then played his last heart to tighten the position and west discarded his last club while east let go a diamond. Declarer now cashed the Ace of diamonds on which west discarded a spade and then played the 10 of spades from hand in this position:



When west followed with the 8 declarer rose with the Ace (playing east to have singleton King). Presumably declarer was fooled by east's earlier discards of the 9 followed by 2 of spades.

Declarer should have got this one right.

The point is that west is known to have no diamonds left (he showed out on the Ace), no clubs (he discarded the last club) so therefore his last two cards are spades. East has discarded two spades, as has west so there are only two spades left. Declarer has a perfect count on the hand, making the spade finesse a 100% certainty.

East actually made a mistake when he discarded the second spade. Had he discarded a diamond declarer would have been on a guess in the endgame as it would still be possible that east had bared the King of spades.

Result NS – 100.