

Bulletin 10

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News

As the membership of Bridge4money.com grows everyday, we are pleased to welcome all our new members from all over the world. To help you know which game is the best to play in at any given time we have improved the 'waiting time indicator' to give you much more detail.

We are very close to introducing the bidding hats but have not yet done so, we still advise you to take the test if you have not yet done so.

Some Statistics (as of Tuesday oct 23rd at 5pm GMT)

Top 10 winners	Top 10 most boards Played
\$2687.79	9794
\$1,402.23	7240
\$850.86	6671
\$387.12	6543
\$280.59	5843
\$251.16	5633
\$209.67	5320
\$178.27	5238
\$176.67	4358
\$176.53	4072

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). However hopeless a contract may look, never give up.
- 2). Take the bidding test.
- 3). Tell your friends about us, so that the site will be busier and better for everyone!

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

The following hand was kindly sent to me by Ross Driedger, one of our regular players. The hand occurred in the \$1 room.

'Squeeze to make..... 1 Notrump!'

Dealer North: Vul none

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

North	South
1 diamond	1 notrump

Ross declared 1 notrump after his partner opened 1 diamond.

West made the natural lead of the Ace of spades and when partner followed with the 3 switched to the 8 of hearts. Ross played small from dummy and east tried the jack but Ross won the trick with the queen. Looking for tricks Ross ducked a round of clubs, to east's 9. This would produce an extra trick if the clubs were 3-3. East cashed the queen of spades and cashed the Ace of hearts and continued with another heart. The contract still looks hopeless with the diamond king offside and the clubs not breaking but Ross found a solution. He continued with a spade towards the Jack West winning with the King, while east discarded a diamond. West now cashed the hard earned heart 7 and switched to the 8 of diamonds. It was tempting to finesse but Ross had seen an extra chance. He rose with the Ace of diamonds and cashed the Jack of spades in this position:

	♠ J	
	♥ none	
	♦ Q	
	♣ K 7	
♠ T		♠ none
♥ none		♥ none
♦ J T		♦ K
♣ J		♣ Q T 5
	♠ none	
	♥ none	
	♦ 9	
	♣ A 8 4	

On the Jack of spades east knew he couldn't throw the King of diamonds so he tried a club, hoping that declarer had not started with 4 clubs. Ross simply discarded the 9 of diamonds from hand and cashed the clubs to make 7 tricks and his contract. Result NS +90. This hand demonstrates that even 1-level contracts can be fascinating...

The following hand occurred in the \$5 room.

'Never Give Up, There May be a Coup to the rescue'

Dealer South: Vul NS

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

South	West	North	East
1 club	4 hearts (a)	Double (b)	pass
6 clubs (c)	pass	pass	pass

- a). With an 8-card suit west takes away maximum space from the opponents.
- b). North's double shows high cards and requests partner to do something sensible.
- c). South takes a reasonable shot at the club slam.

South declared 6 clubs after West had taken away a lot of bidding space to show a long heart suit.

West made the unusual opening lead of the 8 of hearts (4th best?), declarer played low from dummy and ruffed the trick when East played the Jack. The contract looks hopeless with a certain spade loser and a seemingly certain trump loser but appearances can be deceptive as our declarer proceeded to demonstrate.

At trick two declarer crossed to the Queen of clubs and played a diamond back to the King in hand to try the Ace of clubs hoping the clubs would break- no such luck, West discarded a heart. Declarer didn't give up, he realised that he might just be able to make the contract with a 'trump coup'. His next move was to cross to dummy with the Ace of diamonds to ruff a heart in hand.

This is essential technique on such a hand, as to execute a trump coup you need to come down to the same number of trumps as the hand under you first. Next declarer played a small spade towards dummy's QJ, West winning with the King and exiting with a spade. Declarer won the spade in dummy with the Jack and ruffed a diamond in hand, repeating the shortening process. Next declarer crossed to the Queen of spades leaving this position:

<p>North</p> <p>♠ none</p> <p>♥ K</p> <p>♦ 7 5</p> <p>♣ none</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ none</p> <p>♥ none</p> <p>♦ J</p> <p>♣ J 9</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ A</p> <p>♥ none</p> <p>♦ none</p> <p>♣ KT</p>	

Declarer played the King of hearts from dummy and East had no winning move. He could either discard the Jack of diamonds after which declarer would discard the Ace of spades and take the last two tricks with the King Ten of clubs or ruff the King of hearts when declarer would simply over ruff, draw the last trump and cash the Ace of spades. Result NS +1370!