

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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You can also see how many tricks can be made by pressing the DDS (Double Dummy Solver) button. It does cheat though, by being able to see all the cards.



New learning? -The Stayman Convention - Board 9

You may have realised that I only write up the boards where there are not many options in the bidding. I have been asked about Board 1 but since the bidding is not clearcut I will leave that one until the end.

### BOARD 1

What do you open this hand?

Answer 1♠

Open highest of two 5 card suits, lowest of two 4 card suits.

If you open 1♠ and rebid 2♥ or 3♥ (depending on how many points you have) that will show 5+ Spades and 4+ Hearts.

If you can bid Hearts again, that will show 5+Spades and 5+Hearts.



### BOARD 2

Most people managed to get to the correct contract, but only 5 pairs bid this correctly.

Firstly. What do you open this hand?

Answer: 1NT



Partner opens 1NT. What do you bid on this hand?

If you bid 2♥ that tells partner. “I just want to play in 2♥. Do NOT bid again partner”.

If you bid 3♥ that tells partner. “I have exactly 5 Hearts. You decide partner if we should play in 3NT or 4♥”.

Correct bid: 4♥. I have 6+ Hearts and enough for game. With this hand you have between 27 to 29 points together and an eight card fit.



BOARD 2 continued

✕
♠
♣

Bd 2, Dlr E  
 4♥ +1 N

W Marilyn Walker
Janice Rollinson E

♠ J43

♥ AQJ1097

♦ A3

♣ K5

N Claire Reilly

♠ Q76

♥ 2

♦ J842

♣ A10976

♠ 109852

♥ 43

♦ K1096

♣ J4

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♠ AK

♥ K865

♦ Q75

♣ Q832

W	N	E	S
		P	1NT
P	4♥	P	P
P			

Christine Taylor S

**BOARD 3**

Your right hand opponent bids 1♣. What do you overcall on this hand?

If you overcall 1♠ that shows 5+ Spades.

Answer: 1NT

A balanced hand, a high card in the opponent's suit, and (15) 16 to 18 points.

♠ KJ109  
♥ AQ7  
♦ KJ5  
♣ Q98

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N Rachel Hopkins

Bd 3, Dlr S  
1NT-1 E

W Heather Davies

♠ A2

♥ J1064

♦ A9

♣ K7654

E Sue Logan

♠ 83

♥ 982

♦ Q8763

♣ J102

♠ KJ109

♥ AQ7

♦ KJ5

♣ Q98

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♠ Q7654

♥ K53

♦ 1042

♣ A3

W	N	E	S
			P
P	1♣	1NT	P
P	P		

Jill Stevens
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## BOARD 4

Lots of errors were made bidding this hand. Well done to Ying Sun and Wendy Sole for this bidding.

X <del>DBS</del> <del>6</del> Bd 4, Dlr W 3NT = E W YING SUN (Kathy)	♠ A43 ♥ 32 ♦ K864 ♣ K852	N Jane MacCulloch Wendy Sole E																
♠ 65 ♥ K84 ♦ A1072 ♣ QJ76		♠ KQJ2 ♥ A765 ♦ J5 ♣ A93																
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Wendy has a balanced hand too strong to open 1NT so she opened the lowest of two 4 card suits. Ying Sun responded the lowest of her two 4 card suits. Wendy responded 2NT to show a balanced 15 to 17 points. This is game forcing now as there is at least 25 combined points. This would allow West to describe more about her hand but with her balanced hand West bid 3NT.

If you read my article last week you will know that we don't open 1NT with a 5 card major, but we will rebid 1NT with a 5 card major.

Bearing this in mind...

Slightly better is for West to show a 3 card Heart suit with this bidding. East knows that West doesn't have 4 Hearts as she didn't support Hearts with her first bid.

W	N	E	S
P	P	1♥	P
2♣	P	2NT	P
3♥	P	3NT	P

**BOARD 9** - Did you remember to open 1NT with the North hand?

Hand details for Board 9:

- North (Murray McClennan):** ♠ KJ2, ♥ K763, ♦ J1076, ♣ A3
- South (Jo Rosier):** ♠ A97, ♥ QJ, ♦ A52, ♣ KQ542
- West (Alison Thompson):** ♠ 10863, ♥ 1042, ♦ 84, ♣ 10986
- East (Diane Radcliffe):** ♠ Q54, ♥ A985, ♦ KQ93, ♣ J7

Bidding table:

W	N	E	S
1NT	P		2NT
P	P	P	

Jo responded 2NT showing 11 to 12 points, asking Murray to Pass with 12 points, bid 3NT with 14, and decide one way or the other with 13 points. With 13 points, having a 5 card suit or having 10s and even 9s can help. The North hand has a pretty poor 12 points so Murray had no trouble passing the invitation.

For those that know the **Stayman convention**, you can add an extra step. Over 1NT, 2♣ asks “Do you have a 4 card Major”. 2♦ says “No I don’t”. 2♥ says I have 4 Hearts, I may have 4 Spades. 2♠ says I have 4 Spades, I don’t have 4 Hearts.

When Neil said he had 4 Hearts.  
Sarah invited him to bid game.  
Neil declined.

Hand details for Board 9:

- North (Neil McMillan):** ♠ KJ2, ♥ K763, ♦ J1076, ♣ A3
- South (Sarah MacCormick):** ♠ A97, ♥ QJ, ♦ A52, ♣ KQ542
- West (Sally Atwell):** ♠ 10863, ♥ 1042, ♦ 84, ♣ 10986
- East (Christine Scott):** ♠ Q54, ♥ A985, ♦ KQ93, ♣ J7

Bidding table:

W	N	E	S
1NT	3♥ = N		2♣
P	P	P	3♥
P	P	P	

**BOARD 10**

✕ 🗑️ 🔍 ♠ 97  
 Bd 10, Dlr E  
 4♠ = W  
 W liz Campbell Waikanae  
 ♠ AK432  
 ♥ K1064  
 ♦ Q73  
 ♣ 8  
 ♠ 65  
 ♥ Q97  
 ♦ K64  
 ♣ 109764  
 Penny Jayne S  
 N Mary O'Keeffe  
 Roslyn King Waikanae E  
 ♠ QJ108  
 ♥ AJ82  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ KQ52  

W	N	E	S
		1♣	P
1♠	2♦	2♠	P
4♠	P	P	P

The 2♣ by East promises either an unbalanced hand with 12 to 15 points or a balanced 15 points with 4 Clubs and 4 Spades. Why? Because they did not open 1NT.

**BOARD 11**


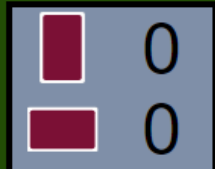

With a good 8 card suit and less than 12 points open at the 4 Level.

Well done to the defence who managed to take 3 tricks.

✕ 🗑️ 🔍 ♠ 102  
 Bd 11, Dlr S  
 4♠-1 S  
 W Lisa Pritchard  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ AQ93  
 ♦ A87  
 ♣ AQJ87  
 ♠ AKQ98764  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ 9  
 teresa stempa S  
 N Sue Pankhurst  
 Ray Hall E  
 ♠ 53  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ KQJ92  
 ♣ 6432  

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	4♠

BOARD 12

 Bd 12, Dlr W 3NT+2 W	♠ Q63 ♥ Q72 ♦ 9543 ♣ J96	N Murray McClennan    Diane Radcliffe E																
W Alison Thompson ♠ A42 ♥ K106 ♦ 7 ♣ Q108732		♠ K109 ♥ A84 ♦ AQJ2 ♣ K54																
  Jo Rosier S	♠ J875 ♥ J953 ♦ K1086 ♣ A	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	P	P	1♦	P	1NT	P	2NT	P	3NT	P	P	P
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The 1NT by West promised 6 to 9 points and nearly always Clubs.  
 Why? West should bid a Major if they have one instead of 1NT. They did not support partner's Diamonds so that only leaves Clubs.

# BOARD 1

D 1	<b>N North</b> ♠ KJ1042 ♥ AK1063 ♦ Q ♣ A4	<table border="1"> <tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>P</td><td>1NT</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>?</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	N	E	S		1♠	P	1NT		?		
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<b>W West</b> ♠ A7 ♥ ♦ J64 ♣ KQJ87632		<b>E East</b> ♠ 8653 ♥ J8 ♦ A1082 ♣ 1095												
	<b>S South</b> ♠ Q9 ♥ Q97542 ♦ K9753 ♣													

North opens 1♠, highest of two 5 card suits. South has 6 to 9 points, not enough points to bid at the 2 level, so should bid 1NT. (I am sure that there will be some who disagree). **Note:** responding 1NT does not promise a balanced hand. This hand has a lot of potential if we have a fit with partner. We want to add points for distribution once we have found a fit. The trouble with 2♥ is that partner will assume you have 10+ points. If partner has Spades and Clubs, you will end up far too high with no fit.

The question is what should West bid? The first thing to look at is the Vulnerability. It is good if you know the scores. North South are Not Vulnerable which means that if they can make game they will score between 400 and 480. If we are Vulnerable, going 2 off doubled will not be good, as that will be 500 to North South. We are not Vulnerable so, if they can make game, we can afford to go 2 off doubled, giving them 300.

In these circumstances I want to make it as hard as possible for the opposition to get to the correct contract. I want to bid to the highest level I possibly can now. I don't want to bid 4♣ and then when the opposition bid 4♥, bid 5♣. This will give the opposition too much space to get to the right contract. I want to bid to the maximum level straight away. How high am I willing to go?

Answer 5♣. Then the opposition will have to decide if they should bid on, or Double. On a good day I might be able to make 5♣, or play in 5♣ undoubled.

If South bids 1NT, North will not know they have a Heart fit and will almost certainly Double us. We will make 10 tricks and give North South 100. A good result when they can make 450 in 4 or 5♥.

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	1NT
5♣	X	P	P
P			

Over 2 Hearts, North would have liked to have been able to bid 4NT asking for Aces. Where are South's points? West surely has some good clubs for their bid so South must surely have an Ace for their 2♥ bid.

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2♥
5♣	6♥	P	P
P			