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New learning for players who learned to play last year BOARD 3 at the end of this article.

BOARD 1

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface with the following elements:

- Top Left:** A yellow box containing "Bd 1, Dlr N" and "4♠ = W".
- Top Right:** A white box with "N" and the name "suzette white".
- Center:** A green background with the following cards:
 - ♠ 3
 - ♥ 952
 - ♦ 109864
 - ♣ J943
- Bottom Left:** A white box with "W" and the name "Alex Meyer".
- Bottom Right:** A white box with the name "Bobbie Fluker" and "E".
- Hand 1 (Left):** A green background with the following cards:
 - ♠ AQ10872
 - ♥ 74
 - ♦ J72
 - ♣ 62
- Hand 2 (Right):** A light blue background with the following cards:
 - ♠ J96
 - ♥ KJ1063
 - ♦ A
 - ♣ AKQ7
- Bottom Center:** A green background with the following cards:
 - ♠ K54
 - ♥ AQ8
 - ♦ KQ53
 - ♣ 1085
- Bottom Right:** A yellow box containing a bidding table:

W	N	E	S
	P	1♥	P
1♠	P	3♣	P
3♠	P	4♠	P
P	P		
- Bottom Left:** A white box with the name "Jude Lipanovic" and "S".

The East hand is too good to bid 2♣. When Alex rebid their Spades, Bobbie knew they had a fit and raised to game.

BOARD 2

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Bd 2, Dlr E

1NT-1 W

W Natalie Keenan

♠ Q986

♥ J9

♦ Q732

♣ KJ10

N Maryn Cameron

♠ K4

♥ 6542

♦ KJ86

♣ AQ3

♠ J5

♥ AK107

♦ 1095

♣ 9765

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Emma Allwood S

♠ A10732

♥ Q83

♦ A4

♣ 842

W	N	E	S
		P	P
1NT	P	P	P

West may be disappointed to not make 1NT but that is only 50 to North South. If North South play in 2♠ they will score 110.

BOARD 4

Board 4, Dlr W
3NT = N

W Jane Sutton

N Liesbet Gavey

E Steve Ricem

S Suzanne Jansen

North's Hand (N):
 ♠ AKJ
 ♥ A1087
 ♦ 654
 ♣ Q73

South's Hand (S):
 ♠ 632
 ♥ 5432
 ♦ 1093
 ♣ 965

West's Hand (W):
 ♠ 1085
 ♥ K9
 ♦ KQJ2
 ♣ K1042

East's Hand (E):
 ♠ Q974
 ♥ QJ6
 ♦ A87
 ♣ AJ8

	W	N	E	S
P		1NT	P	3NT
P		P	P	

BOARD 5

Do you open this hand?

If you use the RULE of 20.

5 Hearts + 4 Other suit + 11 points = 20. Just enough to open if you want to.

The Ten of Hearts and Ten of Spades are useful cards so I open 1♥.

If partner has a fit, our void in Clubs may become very valuable.

♠ QJ105
 ♥ K10742
 ♦ KQ32
 ♣ —

What do you open this hand?

Answer 1NT.

♠ AK94
 ♥ J98
 ♦ A1076
 ♣ 53

BOARD 6

Your partner opens 1♠. What do you bid with this hand?

If you bid 2♣ that will show 10+ points.

Here you need to use the **RESPONSE of last RESORT**.

Answer: 1NT.

Opening 1NT is the bid of **FIRST RESORT**.

Responding 1NT is the bid of **LAST RESORT**.



♠ 83
♥ A3
♦ J853
♣ K10964

BOARD 7 Ditto

Your partner opens 1♠. What do you bid with this hand?

If you bid 2♦ that will show 10+ points.

Here you need to use the **RESPONSE of last RESORT**.

Answer: 1NT.

If you PASS you may be missing out in bidding Game.



♠ Q87
♥ K104
♦ Q10953
♣ 85

BOARD 8

Board 8, Dir W
3NT= S

W Helen Banks

N Julian Anthony Brady

E Terry Ellis

S Claire Gordon

♠ QJ98
♥ 52
♦ AJ84
♣ 983

♠ 73
♥ J1096
♦ 763
♣ KQ62

♠ 1062
♥ A8743
♦ Q105
♣ 104

♠ AK54
♥ KQ
♦ K92
♣ AJ75

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

This 3NT contract can be beaten on best defence but Ray Hall showed the best line of success.

Click here to see how he played it [RealBridge](#)

He played the Hearts first and made 3 Hearts, 2 Spades and 4 Clubs = 10 Tricks

BOARD 9

What do you open this hand?

Answer 2NT.

2NT shows a balanced 20 to 22 points.

With Balanced hands as a general rule....

Points

- 12 to 14 Open 1NT.
- 15 to 17 Open Suit Rebid NT at lowest level.
- 18 to 19 Open Suit JUMP Rebid NT.
- 20 to 22 Open 2NT.
- 23 to 24 Open 2♣ and rebid 2NT.
- 25+ Open 2♣ and rebid 3NT.

♠ AJ2
♥ K94
♦ AQ5
♣ AK54

BOARD 13

✕ DBS 6/2

♠ Q75

N David Grant

Bd 13, Dlr N
2♠+1 S

♥ AJ93
♦ AQJ10
♣ 93

Anna **E**

W valerie mack

♠ K864
♥ 104
♦ 9643
♣ 1072

Anna **E**

Rhonda Booth **S**

♠ AJ1093
♥ Q87
♦ K82
♣ 85

W	N	E	S
	1NT	2♣	2♠
P	P	P	

The response of 2♠ when partner opens 1NT shows 5+ Spades and ZERO to 10 points.
 When the opposition overcall 1NT the 2♠ bid will show 5+ Spades and about 6/7 to 10 points.
 Why the difference? When you have 0 to 5 points you are rescuing partner for 1NT. When the opposition bid you don't have to rescue partner.

BOARD 14

Board 14, Dlr E
2NT+1 W

W Sue Pankhurst

Ray Hall S

N Anne Sinclair

teresa stempa E

Hand 1 (West): ♠ 98763, ♥ 1097, ♦ J85, ♣ Q6

Hand 2 (North): ♠ 4, ♥ AJ86, ♦ A1064, ♣ AK87

Hand 3 (East): ♠ KJ52, ♥ 54, ♦ K32, ♣ J1053

Hand 4 (South): ♠ AQ10, ♥ KQ32, ♦ Q97, ♣ 942

W	N	E	S
		P	1NT
X	2♠	X	P
2NT	P	P	P

The Double of 1NT is **NOT** a take-out Double. There is no suit to take-out of. The Double of 1NT is a penalty Double showing a good 15 or any 16+ points. If everyone passes 1NT will go 3 off and East West can collect 500 which is better than making 3NT not vulnerable (400).

Anne correctly bid 2♠ showing 5+ Spades and ZERO to about 9 points. With 10+ points Anne might have passed, hoping to make 1NT Doubled, which is a very good darts score. One hundred and Eeeeighty.

Once someone bids a suit over a double the double is no longer active and the scores go back to normal.

Once someone has made a penalty double all future Double are penalties.

The Double of 2♠ says “I don’t think they are making 2♠”.

The scary thing from West’s point of view is that if 2♠ Doubled makes, it is equivalent to 4♠ which is game, plus an extra 50 (insult) = 470.

West settled for 2NT which with an overtrick collects 150. As it happens 2♠ x can go 2 off which would have given them 300.

BOARD 15

The opposition open 1♦. What do bid with this hand?

Answer: Double. This is a perfect take-out Double with 4 cards in all the other suit.

♠ K1054
♥ A1032
♦ 8
♣ AKJ8

What should East bid?

Bd 15, Dlr S

W Rex Graveley

N Charlotte Jones

Sandra Bassett E

Vanda Amor S

♠ J98
♥ J65
♦ 972
♣ 10654

♠ K1054
♥ A1032
♦ 8
♣ AKJ8

♠ 732
♥ 984
♦ AK64
♣ 973

♠ AQ6
♥ KQ7
♦ QJ1053
♣ Q2

W	N	E	S
X	P	?	1♦

West has 12+ points and every suit apart form Diamonds.

East does not have one of West’s suits to bid but has 2 top Diamonds to stop South taking lots of Diamond tricks.

What should East bid? Answer 1NT. (This will show a high card in Diamonds)

BOARD 3 – More Advanced bidding

Negative Doubles. Negative Doubles are used when you are responding to your partners opening bid and your right hand opponent has overcalled. Unlike take-out Doubles they are quite specific.

✕ DBS 6 ♠ Q84 N Annabel Taylor
Bd 3, Dlr S ♥ QJ32
4♠ +1 W ♦ AQJ98
W Robyn Blackburn ♣ 3 Jo Rosier E
♠ AK62
♥ 54
♦ 5
♣ AKQ852 ♠ 10953
♥ AK96
♦ 72
♣ 976
♠ J7
♥ 1087
♦ K10643
♣ J104

W	N	E	S
			P
1♣	1♦	?	

Elizabeth Beatson Waikanae S

If North hadn't bid then East would bid 1♥ but now North has bid 1♦, East can Double to show both majors. West will be very pleased to hear this bid. ♠ Q543 and nothing else in partner hand may be enough to make 4♠. In fact ♠87543 and nothing else may be enough to make 4♠.

As it happens West can make 5♠. 3 Spades + 6 Clubs + 2 Hearts = 11 tricks.

Declarer should draw 2 rounds of trumps (Leaving the ♠Q with North) and then play on Clubs.

Duncan the Bad