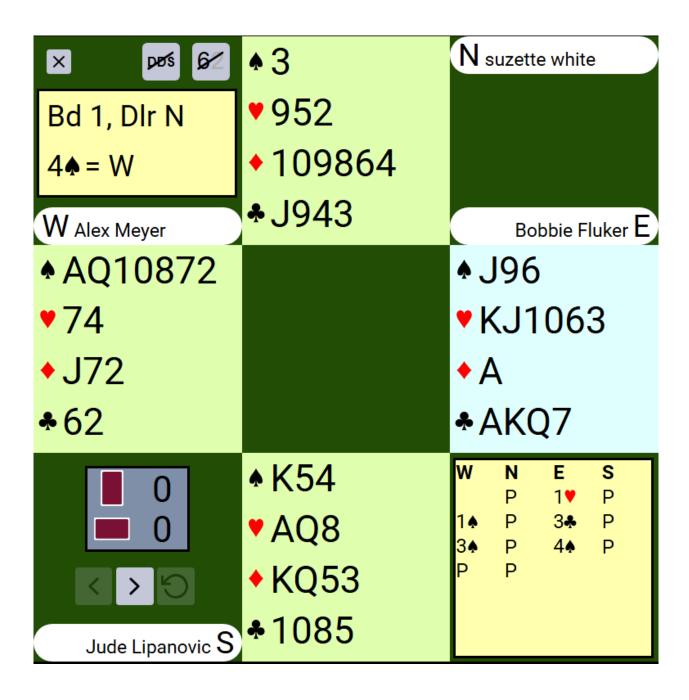
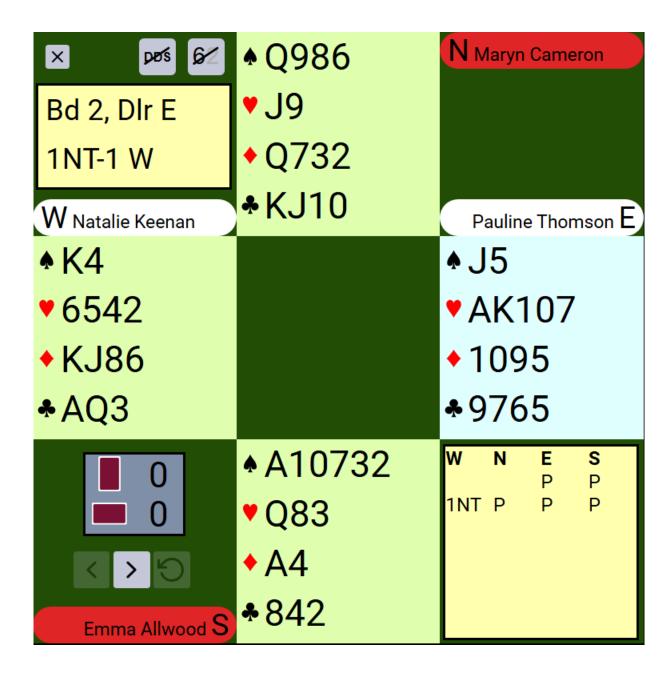
New learning for players who learned to play last year BOARD 3 at the end of this article.

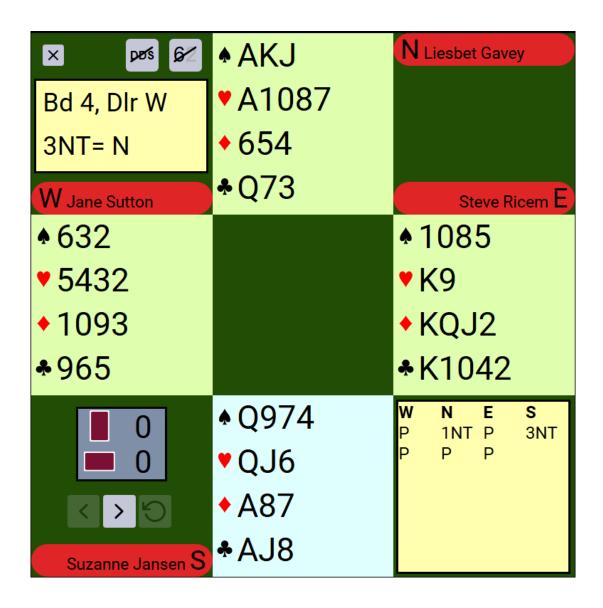
BOARD 1



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



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.



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.

What do you open this hand?

Answer 1NT.

♦ QJ105

♥K10742

KQ32

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♦ AK94

y J98

A1076

***** 53

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?

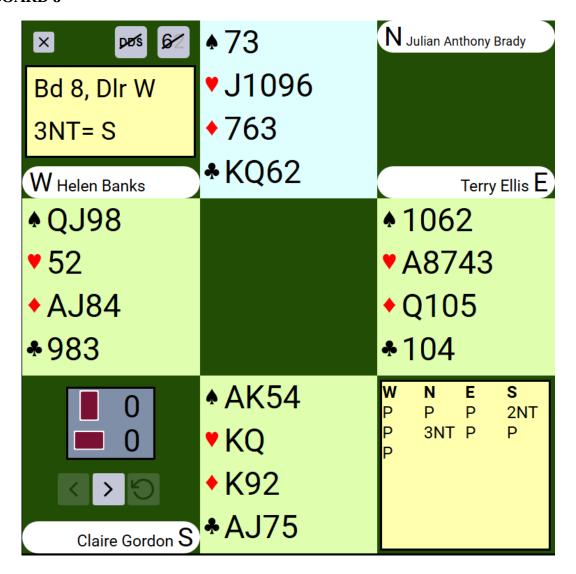
If you bid 2♦ that will show 10+ points.

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



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

AJ2

▼K94

AQ5

***** AK54

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.

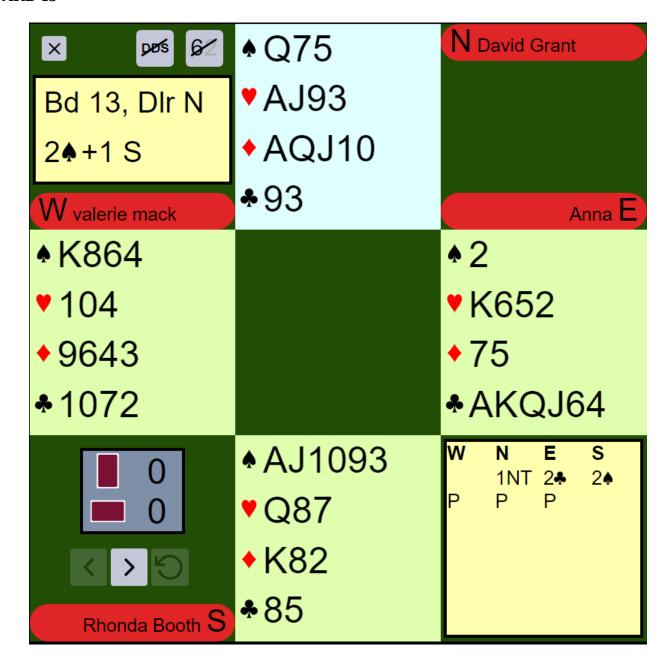
2NT shows a balanced 20 to 22 points.

With Balanced hands as a general rule....

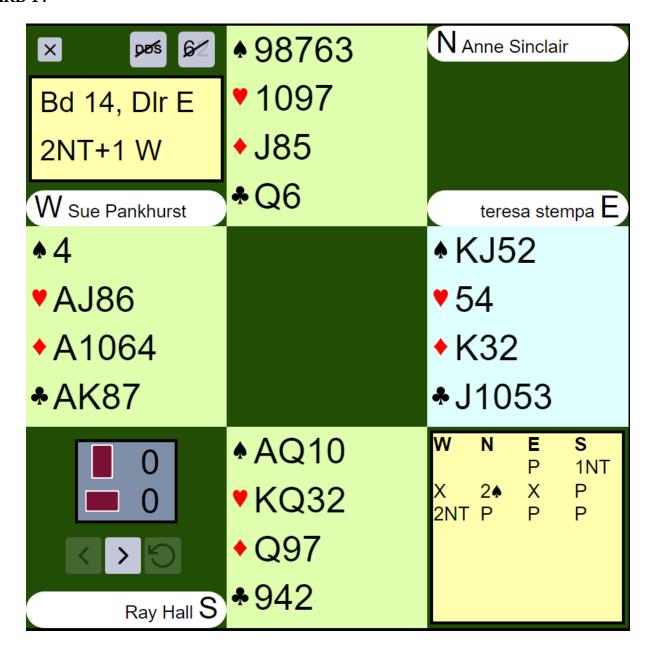
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12 to 14	Open INT.
15 to 17	Open Suit Rebid NT at lowest level.
18 to 19	Open Suit JUMP Rebid NT.
20 to 22	Open 2NT.
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23 to 24 Open 2♣ and rebid 2NT. 25+ Open 2♣ and rebid 3NT.



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.



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 $2 \triangleq$ Doubled makes, it is equivalent to $4 \triangleq$ which is game, plus an extra 50 (insult) = 470.

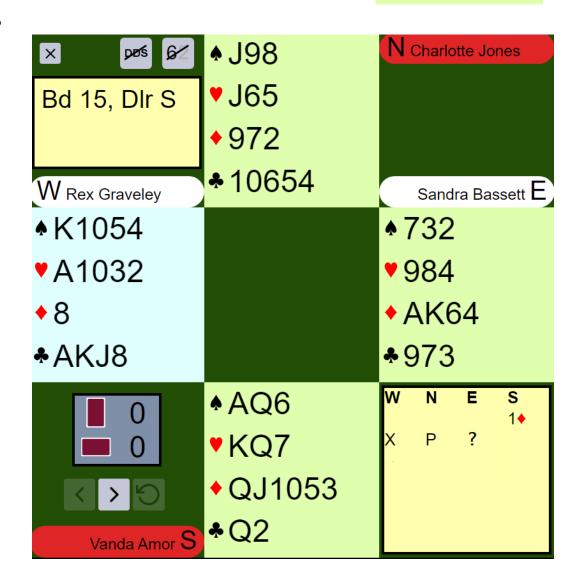
West settled for 2NT which with an overtrick collects 150. As it happens 2♠ x can go 2 off which would have given them 300.

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?



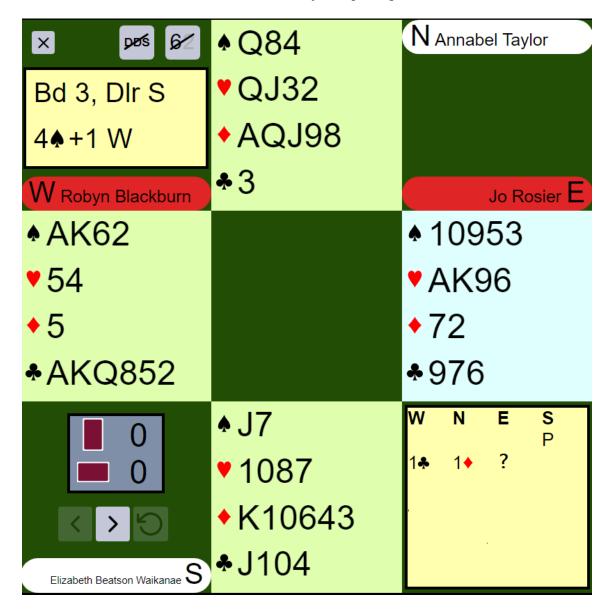
West has 12+ points and every suit apart form Diamonds.

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.



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 $5 \spadesuit$. 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