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A few things you will not find in the beginners lessons.

Penalty Double Board 1
Rule of 20 Board 11

More advanced Negative Doubles Board 12

BOARD 1

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

- Top Left:** A yellow box containing the text "Bd 1, Dir N" and "1NTX-2 N".
- Top Right:** A white box with a green border containing the name "N Bobbie Fluker".
- Middle Left:** A white box with a green border containing the name "W Jill Stevens".
- Middle Right:** A white box with a green border containing the name "Janine MacLeod E".
- Bottom Left:** A score table with two rows of red bars and the number "0". Below it are navigation buttons: a left arrow, a right arrow, and a refresh button.
- Bottom Center:** A white box with a green border containing the name "Sarah Borrelli S".
- Hand Cards:** The cards are displayed in four columns:
 - North (Top Right):** ♠ KJ83, ♥ K862, ♦ K107, ♣ K9
 - West (Middle Left):** ♠ 72, ♥ J1073, ♦ A98, ♣ Q432
 - South (Bottom Center):** ♠ 9654, ♥ A95, ♦ 542, ♣ 865
 - East (Middle Right):** ♠ AQ10, ♥ Q4, ♦ QJ63, ♣ AJ107
- Bottom Right:** A yellow box containing a score table:

W	N	E	S
	1NT	X	P
P	P		

The Double of 1NT is called a PENALTY Double, showing 15/16+ points.

West with 5+ points should pass, knowing that 1NT should not make.

In theory 1NT could go 4 off; East West collecting 800.

1NT Doubled Not Vulnerable -2 is 300 to East West. Vulnerable it would be 500 to East West.

BOARD 2

× pas 6/2 ♠ J2 N Sue Pankhurst
Bd 2, Dlr E ♥ 42
4♥ +1 E ♦ A972
W Jane Sutton ♣ KQ984 Annette Hill E
♠ 10985 ♠ AK63
♥ AKQ7 ♥ 9865
♦ QJ63 ♦ K10
♣ 2 ♣ AJ7
0 ♠ Q74

W	N	E	S
		1♥	P
4♥	P	P	P

0 ♥ J103
< > ↺ ♦ 854
teresa stempa S ♣ 10653

East is a bit too strong to open 1NT, so opens the lowest of their two 4 cards suits - 1♥

West could bid 3♥ showing 4 Hearts and 10 to 12 points, but with 12 points and a Singleton I would prefer to bid game.

W	N	E	S
		1♥	P
3♥	P	4♥	P
P	P		

BOARD 3

✕
DBS
6/2

♠ —

N Murray Wackrow

Bd 3, Dlr S
 4♠ = E

♥ AJ1052

E Valerie Sheldon

W PAUL SHELDON

♦ 987

E Valerie Sheldon

♠ 102
 ♥ K93
 ♦ KQ65
 ♣ AQ82

♣ 97643

♠ QJ986543
 ♥ 4
 ♦ AJ3
 ♣ 10

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♠ AK7

S Marilyn Cross

♥ Q876

♦ 1042

♣ KJ5

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	2♥	4♠	P
P	P		

West does not have anything to bid over 1NT. Remember, Double shows 15/16+ points.
 North should bid 2♥ showing 5+ Hearts and ZERO to 10 points.
 Bidding 4♠ Vulnerable is a bit scary but partner should have some points as North South should have a maximum of 24 points.

BOARD 5

✕ DBS 6/2

♠ K95

♥ 752

♦ J10

♣ J6542

N Lauren Sleeman

Bd 5, Dlr N

3NT= W

W Pauline Thomson

Natalie Keenan E

♠ AQ7

♥ J10

♦ AQ754

♣ AQ10

♠ 104

♥ AQ963

♦ 832

♣ 983

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♠ J8632

♥ K84

♦ K96

♣ K7

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

Emma Allwood S

Pauline rebid 2NT to show a balanced 18 to 19 points.
 East with 6 points must bid again.

BOARD 7

✕
D/S
6/2

♠ 7

N Lisa White

Bd 7, Dlr S
 4♠ +1 W

♥ 95
♦ QJ65
♣ 1095432

E Robyn Maggs

W Alex Meyer

♠ K9632
♥ AQ
♦ 98
♣ KQ87

♠ A105
♥ K10764
♦ AK104
♣ J

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♠ QJ84
♥ J832
♦ 732
♣ A6

W	N	E	S
			P
1♠	P	2♥	P
2♠	P	4♠	P
P	P		

Robyn Blackburn
S

Alex correctly rebid 2♠ showing 5+ Spades and 12 to 14 points. Bidding 3♣ would have gone past the BARRIER and shown 15+ points in these circumstances (as partner has shown 10 + points).

Robyn knew they had an 8 card Spade fit and at least 27 points together so bid game.

BOARD 8

Board 8, Dlr W
2♠ = W

W David Grant

♠ AQ9652
♥ AJ
♦ 82
♣ Q87

Robyn Galvin S

♠ K107
♥ Q842
♦ AK74
♣ K2

N Rhonda Booth

Diane Radcliffe E

♠ —
♥ 97653
♦ QJ9
♣ AJ943

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	1NT	P
2♠	P	P	P

North does not have quite the right hand to Double as they only have 2 Clubs, and do not have a 5 card suit to overcall.

East bids 1NT. The **RESPONSE** of last RESORT. As you can see this does NOT promise a balanced hand.

Could North have bid anything? Yes I see a few people overcalled 1NT to show a balanced 15/16 to 18 points with a high card in Spades (known as a STOP – To stop the opponents running lots of Spade tricks).

It is not a great 15 points, so if you passed that was a reasonable option.

BOARD 9

× pass 6/2 ♠ QJ7632 N Lauren Sleeman
 Bd 9, Dlr N
 2♠ = N
 ♥ A542
 ♦ J8
 ♣ 9
W Pauline Thomson E Natalie Keenan
 ♠ 9854
 ♥ KJ3
 ♦ 764
 ♣ J73
 ♠ K10
 ♥ Q87
 ♦ A10932
 ♣ A105
W N E S
P 2♠ P P
 ♠ A
 ♥ 1096
 ♦ KQ5
 ♣ KQ8642
Emma Allwood S

The Spade suit is not that great but when you are Not Vulnerable and the opponents are Vulnerable you can afford to be less cautious. It is true that some experts don't like to open a weak two with another 4 card Major. Personally, I like to make things as difficult as possible for the opposition even at the expense of very occasionally missing out on a game in the other suit.

South should PASS. There is somewhere between 20 and 24 combined points. They know they have a 7 card spade fit which is OK. Yes we prefer to have an 8 card fit but it is not worth going higher looking for one when you don't have enough points for game. As it happens on this occasion, there is no 8 card fit.

BOARD 10

✕ DBS 6	♠ J98654 ♥ 4 ♦ 732 ♣ KJ3	N Murray Wackrow																
Bd 10, Dlr E 6♥ = E		Valerie Sheldon E																
W PAUL SHELDON	♠ A1073 ♥ AJ3 ♦ A9 ♣ AQ97	E																
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Marilyn Cross S																		

Valerie opened 1♥ and rebid 2♦ to show 5+ Hearts and 4+ Diamonds and 12+ points. With unbalanced hands like East's it is often possible to make a Slam with 30+ points if you have a fit.

BOARD 11

Do you bid on this hand?

If you use the RULE of 20 you will.

5 Clubs + 4 Spades + 11 points = 20.

Just enough to open. Are most of the points in your suits?

Answer: YES. That is good.

Are you embarrassed about opening your ♣ suit?

Answer: NO. That is good.

Open 1♣.

♠	QJ65
♥	9
♦	Q83
♣	KQJ75

BOARD 11 (continued)

✕
DBS
6

Bd 11, Dlr S
 3♣ = W

W David Grant

♠ 987

♥ K654

♦ AK42

♣ 108

N Rhonda Booth

Diane Radcliffe
E

♠ QJ65

♥ 9

♦ Q83

♣ KQJ75

♠ 42

♥ AQ1072

♦ 105

♣ A943

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Robyn Galvin
S

♠ AK103

♥ J83

♦ J976

♣ 62

W	N	E	S
	P	1♥	P
1♣	P	3♣	P
1♠	P		P
P	P		

Even though Diane had Club support, she correctly looked to see if they also had a Heart fit. After David bid 1♠, Diane showed Club support and 10 to 12 points. David had no problem passing.

BOARD 12

✕ dos 6/2

♠ A97
♥ 8
♦ QJ10854
♣ AJ2

N Julian Anthony Brady

W Anna
E valerie mack

♠ J
♥ 643
♦ K732
♣ 87543

♠ 1082
♥ AKQJ95
♦ 9
♣ Q96

♠ KQ6543
♥ 1072
♦ A6
♣ K10

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	1♥	1♠
P	2♦	2♥	3♠
P	4♠	P	P
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Claire Gordon S

South bid 3♠ to show 6+ Spades and 10 to 12 points.
 North had no trouble bidding 4♠.

Did you read my article at the end of last week's report about Negative Doubles?

If you play Negative Doubles, how many Spades does South have?

Answer: 5+. With exactly 4, South should Double.

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	1♥	1♠

Now North can support Spades as they know they have an 8+ card fit.

This is a time when an overcall can help Opener.

Duncan the Bad

P.S. If you spot any errors please let me know duncan.the.bad.nz@gmail.com