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Welcome back! New season, new team of editors . Janice Thomson has decided to take a break from the assistant editors role and she's certainly earned a rest. Janice's help with getting the bulletin started and her invaluable input over 2 years meant the job was never a chore for me. Thanks very much for the contribution you made Janice.

It looked like I might have the prospect of facing the editing job on my own but fortunately Henry Crone and my better half, Alison, have offered their help. Both have assisted me enormously already by taking chunks of the work off my hands as well as correcting my dodgy grammar!

Henry is also new on the ABU council and has the job of National competitions convenor. With his keenness and energy I can't help but be optimistic that more people will be drawn in by his boundless enthusiasm and be encouraged to try some National events.

Over the Summer many of us enjoyed playing in the Pollok Williamson competition but Ian Burn and Bobby Moore probably enjoyed it the most, with a number of excellent results seeing them easily win the championship outright. There was some sad news though, as we learned that Peter Hunter who'd kindly volunteered to be a standby player, had passed away suddenly. He was such a larger than life character that this came as a shock to us all.

The coming season sees again the start of the Winter Sunday club where no partner is required and prizes are given every week. The Sundays tend to have players from Novice to Grand Master and always has a very friendly atmosphere.

In September we had some more sad news with the passing of Nan Miller. Dorothy Beesley has written a lovely tribute to Nan and expressed how much she will be missed.

Nan Miller

With the death of Nan Miller bridge in Ayrshire has lost another "weel kent face". Nan was passionate about the game and was an excellent player with an intuitive feeling for the cards. She was a member of several clubs in Ayr and such was her enjoyment that between club nights, matches and competitions she often played seven nights a week. Indeed I only had to mention a competition being held somewhere and ask if she was interested and her immediate reply was always, "I'm ready - just tell me where and when". That was Nan.

She played all over Scotland in competitions and inter-district matches plus congresses such as the Easter Charity, run by the late Charlie Bowman at St. Andrews University and of course the SBU congresses at Peebles, enjoying every minute spent at the table. However, Nan wore two hats. She was also a very keen bowler and was Scottish Ladies Champion at one time. No mean feat.

I am sure that Nan was happiest seated at the bridge table with 13 cards in her hand pondering over the best bid to make or perhaps whether to bid one of her cheeky overcalls which could flummox the opposition, but oh how often it worked! I remember someone remarking to Dougie Milligan that he couldn't take his money with him when he died and he replied " If I can't take it with me I am just not going" If Nan thought there would not be a pack of cards in heaven, her reply would certainly have been the same.

I will miss her very much but still have many happy memories of Nan the bridge player, and Nan my friend.

Dorothy Beesley

Ask the Director - SNAP!

The tale was related originally on the Glasgow Bridge Centre website. The incident happened when a Glasgow couple winter-holidaying in Florida and missing their weekly fix, decided to visit a Bridge Club in Fort Myers.

Bidding

S	W	N	E
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	3D	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6D	Pass
Pass	Dble	(All Pass)	

West

♠ T92
♥ Q986
♦ KJ7
♣ AQ4

North

♠ AK765
♥ A2
♦ AQT82
♣ 3

East

♠ J43
♥ K753
♦ 5
♣ KJT96

South

♠ Q3
♥ Q982
♦ AK92
♣ QJ6

♠ Q8
♥ JT4
♦ 9643
♣ 8752
<i>South's real hand!</i>

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The Glasgow couple were sitting E/W. Their American opponents bid confidently to the small slam and East doubled the final contract. After the Ace of clubs lead followed by another club it was discovered that there were a lot of “doubled” in the hand. SNAP!

The Director was called when it was spotted that South was holding red-backed cards from the companion board instead of blue-backed cards.

The Director made a practical, if a slightly surprising ruling. The hand could and should be played in 6D doubled. South should replace her hand with the “correct” blue cards and carry on.

After again the Ace of clubs and another club, Declarer ruffed, came to hand with the spade Queen and ran the diamond nine which held. Now twelve tricks!

Amazingly the slam had made - which was not expected to happen. The Glasgow pair may have been entitled to feel slightly miffed about their bottom. However if West covers the diamond nine, South cannot arrive at 12 tricks and North-South get a bottom. Anyway everyone seemed to see the funny side of the episode and all parted good friends.

One other point that might be relevant is that the hand has been rotated so that the hand can be better illustrated. The player with the red-backed cards was actually sitting West. His partner was therefore not sitting North and therefore could not be blamed for failing to place the board correctly on the table – if that was what happened.

Can you answer three questions, Jim?

1. Does a Tournament Director have it within his powers to make such a direction as the American Director did?
2. Let's say that the Director had decided the board could not be played. What should the ruling be?
3. Assuming that the companion board (the board with the red-backed cards) had still to be played, would the Director have to make a ruling on this hand as well?

Stuart McCreadie

Answer from Jim Wilcox

I think the American Director was trying to be all things to all people to make a ruling like this. Or perhaps it was his mother-in-law sitting South.

Law 17D(1) is quite specific that, if a player makes a call on a hand that he has picked up from the wrong board, that call is cancelled. The law then goes on to detail the circumstances where the board could still be played but the auction has to begin again with South holding the correct hand. Under the circumstances of this example where everybody has been bidding and the auction has gone all the way to 6D, the Director has no alternative but to cancel the board and award an adjusted score. Under Law 12C2(a) this would be Average Minus to N/S i.e 40% and Average Plus to E/W i.e 60%

If the board from which South's hand had come had still to be played at the table then the Director will allow it. Law 17D(3) then comes in to play. If offender, on looking at the hand again, makes the same call that he made originally, the Director can allow the board to be played normally. However, if the new call is different, either in itself or in meaning, perhaps because of the different vulnerability or because he is now 3rd in hand after a pass from partner, Director will once again award an artificial adjusted score, probably the same as before i.e A minus and A plus.

This situation is not as unusual as you might think but it certainly never usually gets all the way to a final contract.

Laws Note.

Changing the subject. I think it was in 1987, some 24 years ago, that Law 45B came into being, whereby declarer is instructed to play a card from dummy by naming the card, after which DUMMY picks up the card and plays it. The only exception is if dummy has gone for a smoke or some other bodily function.

Unfortunately, in Ayrshire, there are still many players who, when declarer, play dummy's cards themselves. Many of these players should know better and in fact do know better but just don't bother to comply.

Let's stick to the Laws folks.

Ayrshire Post Problems

Every week bridge problems are published in the Ayrshire post. Generally they carry a theme over 3 weeks or more. Some have also been put onto the ABU website and the intention is to submit them regularly once a few issues with uploading to the site have been resolved.

If you haven't yet seen the problems here are parts 1, 2 and 3 of Problem 12 to give you a flavour.

Part 1	N	S
	♠ AQ65	♠ J432

Part 2	N	S
	♠ AQ65	♠ J432

Part 3	E	Bidding	S	W	N	E
	♠ 86 ♥ T987 ♦ T8 ♣ AQJT3		Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
			2D	Pass	4D ¹	Pass
			4S	Pass	4NT ²	Pass
			5D ³	Pass	6S	End

Part 1

How do you play the above suit (taken in isolation) to give the best chance of making 4 tricks? Answer : play a small spade up towards the Queen. Then cash the Ace and if the King is doubleton on your left you'll make all 4 tricks. The main point of the problem is that running the Jack instead of playing low towards the Queen would be the wrong play, as it would then be *impossible* to make 4 tricks. I say impossible; that assumes that West will cover the Jack with the King if they have it. Sometimes Defenders do the wrong thing so this also demonstrates the need, in general, to cover an Honour with an Honour. What if South held J 10 3 2? It would then depend if you had entries outside of Spades to get back to hand. If you did then you should again play small to towards the Queen.

Part 2

Those of you with a good memory might recall that this is the same suit combination as last week. Then the goal was to make 4 tricks. But, if you only need to make 3 tricks to ensure your contract, how should you play the suit? Firstly, if the suit breaks 3-2 you are always making 3 or 4 tricks. If the suit is breaking 4-1 then you might need a bit of luck. Cash the Ace first; if the King is singleton you will then make 3 tricks, whereas if you'd finessed the Queen, as last week, you'd only make 2 tricks when East holds the singleton King. There is no one correct way to play this suit combination, the number of tricks needed from it determines the right line. Many safety plays require the ace to be cashed first and some require that you give up a trick to guard against a possible bad break. So, always keep count of your tricks!

Part 3

Not a suit-combination problem, but a reader has asked for help with choosing East's lead from the above hand after the bidding shown; The raise to 4D in this sequence is best played as forcing, 4NT is Blackwood and 5D shows one Ace. Our reader led Ace Clubs and the contract was made. Were better options available? There's no clear right or wrong here, the CA might have worked. Looking at the bidding, North should only use Blackwood without a void or a losing doubleton (generally!). So you can infer that either North has a singleton club or holds the CK. Assuming our opponents are competent it's unlikely you'll put the contract off immediately by leading the CA hoping partner has the King. But will Declarer be able to discard clubs on another suit? There's certainly nothing from the bidding that suggests this as they have shown a double fit in Spades and Diamonds. I'm afraid this is all a bit woolly but sometimes in bridge, all you have to go on is woolly inferences. My lead choice would be, top of a sequence, H10 but the CA lead isn't necessarily 'wrong'.

Shut Your Face-book



An Open Forum for anyone who would like to submit any opinions, questions, gossip, suggestions, comments, abuse.....

(Submissions can be sent by email to : james_tudor@msn.com, or phone me on 01563 830130)

The kitchen in the bridge centre is looking very nice with the new tops and the bridge centre as whole looks great. Well done to Sam and Kate Malkani for all the work they've done.

Princess Peach

Do you think that it's right that experienced players are allowed to use Multi 2 openers against weak or inexperienced players?

BraveHeart

This is a hobbyhorse of mine BraveHeart. I emailed Andrew Robson a while back to get his take on the convention. He said that he (informally) bans the Multi at his club, also; "....and know that it would not be allowed except in top events if it were invented today..."

Ed.

I enjoyed playing in the Pollok Williamson this Summer but wonder about the fairness of some of the movements used. A 3/4 Howell might not be fairer but at least you'd play against different pairs each week.

Dr Proctor

Can someone explain in simple terms the way of scoring that has been used recently with the team events.

Bo Peep

Results on the Web : Although I'm now a bit old to play competitive bridge (*WHAT?!!! Ed*) I do look forward to seeing the club results on the ABU web site. More than half the clubs now do this. Well done to Troon, Doon, Afton, Riggs, Savoy, St Leonards, Kilmarnock, Kilwinning and Kyle. However what happens (and who plays) at the other 8 clubs is a total mystery, why don't you "come out" and let us know who you are? If people see who is playing it might encourage others to come. Also in the 21st century it can't be right for players to wait a week to see how they have done.

Ian Dalziel

It was really great to see a team from Greenan Club taking part in the Rayne teams.

Daisybell

Computer Dealt hands: Computer dealt hands are more random, more interesting and means the players can get a hand printout at the end. There are many clubs all over the country who would love to have a computer dealer but can't afford it. Yet there has been a duplimate at the bridge centre for many years and it beggars belief that the 7 clubs who play at the bridge centre don't make use of this excellent (and free) facility. Computer dealt hands are used in all ABU and SBU competitions, so we have two different types of bridge:- truly random hands in competitions and very badly shuffled hands at the clubs. However full marks to Kilwinning BC who are the first affiliated club in Ayrshire to use computer dealt hands, hopefully others will follow their example and move bridge into the 21st century.

Ian Dalziel

Use L.O.T.T. When Competing By Sandy Anderson

Board 5 in the Viking Pairs gave us these hands (Dealer North N/S Vul):

	North			
	♠ 95			
	♥ AK8			
	♦ JT832			
	♣ 942			
West	♠ AQ	♠ JT632		
	♥ Q6532	♥ JT97	East	
	♦ 6	♦ 94		
	♣ AKT63	♣ 87		
	♠ K874			
	♥ 4			
	♦ AKQ75			
	♣ QJ5			
	South			



Bidding:	North	East	South	West
	Pass	Pass	1D (a)	1H (b),
	3D (c)	? (d)		

- (a) The 1D bid is Precision
- (b) There are various Conventions, which we were not using, to show this two-suited hand. I am not quite strong enough to Double and then bid a suit over the expected Spade response.
- (c) A good bid by North; semi-premptive and LOTT related!
- (d) Most people would Pass without thinking but by understanding LOTT you should find the killing bid of 3H

The Law of Total Tricks (L.O.T.T.) states that the combined trick total on any deal will be the same as the trump total. So, with one side having agreed a trump suit and the other side having agreed another suit, if each side has a 9-card trump fit the trick total on that deal will be 18 – depending on the position of the big honours the trick potential may be split evenly, 9/9 or, in this case, 10/8 or even 11/7. The double-dummy analysis of this deal supports the Law by showing that N/S can make 2 Diamonds on this deal and E/W can make 4 Hearts.

If that appears to be somewhat complicated think of it this way: **when competing in the auction with your opponents, bid your hand to the level of your trump total.** On this deal 3 Hearts is a solid contract and 4 Hearts makes because the Spade King is well placed.

So, **WHEN COMPETING**, don't say "I only had 5 HCP partner!" – use your **TRUMP TOTAL** rather than just your HCP total.

Quirky Quotes

"Bridge is about being a good partner and a good team-mate (some folk might think "Oh really?!" Others might not yet have reached that state of maturity !!)"

What would you bid now?

By Stuart McCreadie

Welcome back to a new bridge season and fresh problems. You may not always agree with the experts, but their comment is often informative and humorous.

The basic system is Acol (incorporating Reverse Benji; so weak two's in the majors) with a 12-14 NT; Stayman; red suit transfers over 1NT/2NT; weak jump overcalls; RKCB; splinters.

In competition: negative/responsive/competitive doubles/support doubles and redoubles; Lebensohl after an overcall of our 1NT and after our takeout double of their weak two's. Michaels.

To add interest, marks will be awarded out of ten. The bid with the most votes will automatically receive 10 marks. To break a tie, I will use my casting vote. I will use my discretion to award the other marks. If I like a bid, I will give it a high mark even though there are not many votes for it.

Here are the problems. Decide your answers first and read on...

West				
KQ9	Love all; pairs			
QJT965	W N E S			
♦ J95	1H P 1S P			
♣ A	?			

West				
♠ -	Love all ; imps			
♥ AKT973	W N E S			
♦ 7543	?			
♣ Q82				

West				
♠ A83	Game all; imps			
♥ Q72	W N E S			
♦ K94	- 1S X 3S			
♣ T873	?			

Problem 1.

Love all; pairs

Dealer West

West				
♠ KQ9	W N E S			
♥ QJT965	1H P 1S P			
♦ J95	?			
♣ A				

Marks: 2H 10; 2S/3H 6.

Gordon: Two hearts. I hold extra values for this rebid, especially in view of my spade holding, and I will be happy to co-operate with partner if he goes on over 2H. Partner would expect more in the way of high card strength if I made the only reasonable alternative rebid of 3H, and the form of scoring relegates 3H to second choice too.

Stewart: Two hearts. All that the hand is worth.

Janice: Two hearts. I cannot see an alternative to a 2H rebid here.

Brian: Two hearts. While I can see how 2S could work out better, my own suit is internally solid so will play fine opposite a void. Hence, I prefer not to risk a 4-3 spade fit. Turn the heart jack and nine into the two and three and I might prefer 2S.

If partner is strong there may be a later opportunity to admit to spade support.

Sandy: Two hearts. This suit is playable opposite a singleton, and I think it is the best bet rebid for a plus score. A spade raise is more likely to get us to game, and that might be a Moysian 4-3 spade fit game. But it is Pairs and after 2S, there is more likelihood of a minus score.

Sam: Two hearts. A good six card suit. With five hearts I would bid 2S or open 1NT.

Ian: Two hearts. The alternative would be 2S. With a hand worth only one more bid I would normally show support for partner's suit. Here the quality of the hearts leads me to decide on 2H. The hand does have considerable potential, but 3H would be an overbid.

Unanimous agreement. I was pleased that three of the panellists observed that there was potential in the hand and I wondered if anyone would be tempted to bid 2S or 3H. But specific cards are required from East and a disciplined 2H is undoubtedly correct. Rarely game might be

missed. A gentle introductory hand for everyone.

Problem 2

Love all; imps ; Dealer West

West				
♠ -	W N E S			
♥ AKT973	?			
♦ 7543				
♣ Q82				

Marks: 1H 10; 2H/3H 8; 4H (if you are under the age of 21) 7; 4H (if over 21) 4.

Gordon: Two hearts. A maximum, true, but I think it's better to try to get the message across with 2H than to open 1H (the latter being in line with the Rule of 19).*

**Rule of 19 – A guideline for players to prevent them making one-level openings with hands with low point counts where it would be unusual to open and thereby attracting possible scrutiny from the TD. If the number of high card points added to the total of the two longest suits totals 19, the bid is acceptable. I don't think club players should be too concerned.*

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I have never witnessed first hand a situation where a TD used this guideline to give a ruling. This "Rule" is of doubtful value as a hand evaluation tool. If you think you have an opener, then open. If you are not sure and think you must use a hand evaluation tool, then there is a range to choose from (see below) – but not the Rule of 19. Incidentally the EBU apply the Rule of 19 and the SBU apply the Rule of 18. So in Scotland you are permitted to open lighter.

Brian: Three hearts. Pre-empting is a personal thing and I could not say that it was wrong to open 2H. My own preference is 3H – the hand has greater playing strength than if, say, two of the diamonds were turned into spades, when 2H would be automatic. I would not even consider a one-level opening.

Stewart: One heart. I choose 1H because of the void. If I had a singleton spade, I would have opened 2H. But here I like 1H.

Janice: One heart. This is a real problem hand (well it is supposed to be!!). Openings of 1H, 2H and even 3H all seem possible. Using the Rule of 19, 1H is okay (and there are 2 quick tricks). The hand seems too strong for a 2H opening (13-3 on the Kaplan/Rubens evaluator**). A bid of 3H...well, going on the basis of the latter, it is too strong apart from the fact of the 6-card suit. If the opponents hold the spades, so be it...partner might do some damage there... I choose to open 1H...I have a perfectly good rebid of 2H.

***Kaplan/Rubens evaluator – This is an example of a hand evaluation tool (obviously a favourite with Janice as she has mentioned it previously) and with this hand it arrives at the answer of 1H. Other examples range from Milton Work Point Count (the one we all learned when we were beginners) - to Losing Trick Count - to Quick Tricks - to Zar Points. Using Zar points the hand also comfortably qualifies for a 1H opener. Useful or a waste of energy? Readers can do their own research and decide.*

Of course you don't have to open 1H. There are other factors to be considered not least that the opponents may well be competing strongly in spades.

Sandy: Three hearts. Too strong for a weak two (only 7 losers) and 1H isn't pre-emptive enough. Most junior girls would open 4H, but I am past the junior stage. I will chicken out with 3H. *Sandy a chicken? I think not. A spring chicken? Definitely not! I must ask Yvonne if she would open 4H. I rather like 3H. Because the system includes weak twos in the majors, that doesn't mean that 3H must promise a seven card suit. The heart suit is good and 3H is more pre-emptive.*

Sam: One heart. Two good for a weak 2H. Pass would be my second choice. *I don't think Pass is an option. Speak now or you may have to remain forever silent. Although in practice it would have worked.*

This hand from the Tourney Final was contributed by our editor. Jim opened 1H and this led Alison Tudor to bid to an unmakeable 6S. If he had opened 2H they probably would have stopped in a safe 4S. This of course proves nothing in the larger scheme of things.

Ian: Two hearts. Weak 6-9 points and a six card suit. *My own view is that there is not much to choose between 1H, 2H and 3H. I would probably pick 2H four or five days of the week and 1H the remainder. And I like Sandy's 3H. I am happy to go along with the majority view.*

Problem 3.

Game all;imps; dealer North.

		West	W	N	E	S
	♠	A83	-	1S	X	3S
N	♥	Q72	10;	Double	8;	
3	♦	K94	: 4H	5.		
	♣	T873				

Gordon. Pass. If partner holds a

minimum-type take-out double, I think that we should take our chances defending 3S, while if partner bids on I will be happy too. The alternative of double is attractive in terms of high cards but not in terms of distribution. If partner doubles again, it looks like I'll have to try 3NT.

That seems sensible. You are somewhat stuck by South's pre-emptive 3S, and in these situations it is often correct to remain stuck. Occasionally you may miss a game, but any other action appears fraught with danger. If partner makes a second double you still have an awkward decision, but at least then you know that partner has extra values.

Brian: Pass. Unless partner has a five-card suit, we will probably have more chance to go plus on defence than offence. If I double, the only alternative, partner will often respond in a four-card suit and, even if that is clubs, we are not guaranteed to make ten tricks. If partner is genuinely three-suited and has extra values, which is what we require for game our way to be even playable, he will double again. Mind you, we may pass that as well.

Stewart: Four hearts. 3NT – No: Double – No. No redeeming features for either of these two bids. 4H is my bid.

I agree with Stewart that 3NT and Double are not bids of any beauty. But I have to disagree with 4H. Partner with an average opening take-out double and four hearts is not going to be pleased when you play in a 4-3 heart fit with no ruffing values in your hand. And it could be worse as his double does not promise four hearts. He could have a 2-3-4-4 distribution.

Janice: Pass. This hand is worth less than the 9 HCPs it shows. It is always difficult to pass in this situation after the opponents have pre-empted up to the three level in the "boss" suit, but both 3NT and 4C appear unedifying. 3NT seems fated to go down and where are we going with 4C? Best outcome is for us to put them down.

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Sandy: Double. Pass the buck with a responsive double. I don't like 3NT with the single spade stop, as the partnership will now require eight quick tricks for that contract - unlikely. However it looks likely that he has twelve cards in the other three suits and there will be a fit somewhere for us. I am not optimistic about any contract with my 3-3-3-4 shape.

It is not certain that partner has a singleton spade. Opponents may have only eight spades between them.

There may be a minor suit fit, but the worst case scenario is that our best fit is a 4-3 fit, as Sam points out. The double nevertheless gets across the message that the hand may be playable in a minor.

Sam: Three no-trump. Anything could be right. A

double could land you in a 4-3 fit. I always take an optimistic view. That's why I get so many poor results.

Ian: Double. I don't know the final denomination, so I ask my partner's opinion. 3NT seems a bit unilateral and 4C doesn't show where my values lie.

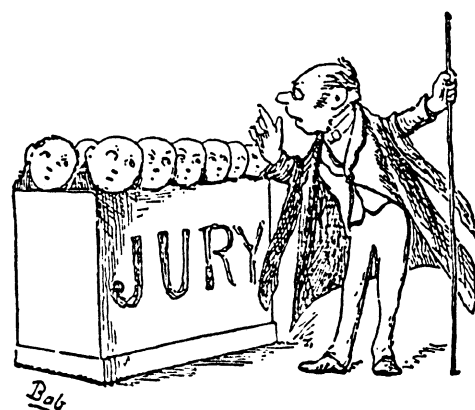
Double would be more attractive if there were one fewer spade and one more diamond.

I strongly favour Pass. It is just possible that we might miss a game. But where? As Janice points out, this is a poor 9-point count hand. And partner is still there. All the other bids seem too flawed and risky.

Congratulations to Janice Thomson on a perfect score.

Scores

1, Janice Thomson	30
2, Gordon Smith	28
3, Sam Malkani	27
4= Sandy Anderson	26
4= Ian Dick	26
6, Stewart Duguid	25

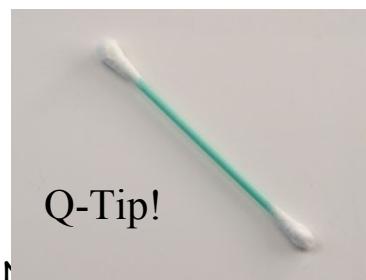


Quick Tip 4 By Liz McGowan

In No-trump auctions, 4NT is quantitative .

The other night in the Club West opened 1NT (14-16) and East raised to 4NT. This carries the message that if partner is maximum there may be a slam. They say that you need 33 points for 6NT, perhaps fewer for 6 in a 4-4 fit, so West should bid on with 15+ if she has two four-card suits. Here West knew better than to show how many aces she held - what good could that do? - but she did bid on to 6NT rather than look for a red suit fit, which you do by bidding suits upwards naturally.

♠Q3	♠AKJ
♥AQ986	♥KJ105
♦Q982	♦J10
♣AJ	♣K1032



As you can see, this is not a great spot. But North led a spade. Now if South has a queen you can make slam by finessing the jack of clubs. In theory you cannot make by playing ♣A then running the jack, because North can cover with the queen and you make only three club tricks. But North did not cover and the contract made.

There is a secondary tip for NS: don't be bitter, it won't work next time!

DecemberNovember's Council Minutes



Castlehill Club

A new club aimed at Novices starts on Tuesday evening, 4th Oct. at Castlehill church hall.
Contact the Ed for more info

Diamond

There will be 2 heats of the Diamond trophy (Senior National pairs), one will be in the Ayrshire Bridge Centre and the other will be in Stirling. The Diamond will be held on Sunday 23rd October, 1pm start.

Open Day

This was held on Saturday 11th September. Not as many new faces as last year but the new people that did come were keen to start playing.

BridgeMates

If any clubs are thinking about using Bridgmates, Maureen Rennie has offered to help them get started.

Contact me or Maureen if you're interested....Ed

300 Club, £25 Winners

May E. Munro 55, K. Allan 98, N. Brow 79
June S. Duguid 124, R. Scott 37, S. Collins 7
July L. Phillips 66, A. Braid 3, D. Sands 78
Aug. C. Wright 9, Ardeer BC 103, M. McClure 24
Sep F. Abbott 70, D. Wiseman 41, A. Anderson 126

Conratulations to Steve Gray and Hans Halstvedt on winning the Kenny MacKay Hospice pairs in May. They played at the Savoy club and scored 68.40%

+ News

Wham bam, thank you Sam

The chairman thanked Sam Malkani for all the hard work he'd put in at the bridge centre saving the ABU a considerable sum of money.

Ian Stewart cup

.....for the person who has achieved the most in National competitions over the past year, was awarded to Sam Malkani, Ian Burn, Stewart Duguid and Sandy Anderson for their excellent win in the Rayne teams final.

Winter Sundays

Sunday bridge begins again on Sunday 2nd October, 2pm start, no partner required.

Breene and Buchanan

This year will be a one session qualifier, about 37 boards. There'll be a short break half way through.

Age after Beauty

Following Ayrshire's successful running of the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer earlier this year we've been asked to run the Senior Camrose in 2012

BGB

There will be a heat of the BGB simultaneous pairs held at the bridge centre on Wednesday 12th Oct. The cost will be £4.50 a head. Master points to top third up to 1000. Small red point award to top 10%. Please pre-entert using the form on the ABC board or contact David Wiseman on 01292 445131

Ann Galt

This year's Ann Galt will raise money to help Gillian's Saltire Appeal which is based in Largs; providing respite for cancer sufferers and their carers / families. This is a small charity and any help would be greatly appreciated.



Apologies to the Bruce and Doon clubs; their club days have been published incorrectly in the new Ayrshire syllabus. The correct days are:

Bruce – Monday evenings

Doon – Tuesday afternoons

Quirky Quotes

"Bidding...If you have something to say, say it as soon as possible..."

Results



Rayne Teams

The first session of the Rayne teams was played on Wednesday 21st September.

The concluding session is on Sunday 8th October, 2pm
The 2 teams to catch at present are :

1st David Wiseman – Gordon Smith – Stuart McCreadie
– Ian Dick.

2nd Stewart Duguid – Sandy Anderson – Sam Malkani –
Ian Burn

Pollok Williamson competition prize winners

Championship

	Average, 12 best scores.	
1 st = Ian Burn, Bobby Moore	63.16%	£70 each
3= Kate Malkani	59.02%	£45
3= Sam Malkani	59.02%	£45
5 Sandy Anderson	58.38%	£30
6 David Wiseman	58.13%	£20
7 Stewart Duguid	57.75%	£15
8= Frances Murphy	57.11%	£5
8= John Stevenson	57.11%	£5
10 Gordon Smith	56.51%	



Handicap

1 st Jim McClymont	68.89%	£50
2 Stewart Pinkerton	67.07%	£40
3= Irene Sword	66.14%	£27.50
3= Nancy Morgan	66.14%	£27.50
5 Frances Duck	65.87%	£20
6 John Haslehurst	65.58%	£15
7 Ralph Wiseman	65.28%	£10
8= Thomson Kerr	64.22%	£5
8= John Kerr	64.22%	£5
10= Ann Graham	63.86%	
10= Donnie Graham	63.86%	



Results - Continued

Viking Pairs 7th September

1	David Wiseman & Yvonne Wiseman	61.54
2	Stewart Pinkerton & Stuart McCreadie	60.77
3	Fiona Abbott & Pauline Phillips	59.42
4	Steve Gray & Shirley Moore	57.50
5	Sandy Anderson & Stewart Duguid	57.29
6	Frances Murphy & John Stevenson	56.92
7	Bryan McGuire & Roy Henderson	54.62
8	Sandra Wiseman & Ralph Wiseman	53.75
9	Jim & Alison Tudor	51.73
10	Sam & Kate Malkani	50.58
11	David & Ira Clement	50.21
12	Donnie & Ann Graham	49.17
13	Stephen Cole & Henry Crone	48.08
14	Andy Raeburn & Stoian Kableskov	47.92
15	Jean Cunningham & Angela Knox	47.71
16	Nicé McKell & Ann Fraser	47.08
17	Nancy Morgan & Irene Sword	45.58
18	Pat Smith & Janice Thomson	45.00
19	Jim McClymont & Ian Adamson	43.27
20	Ronnie & Jean Alexander	41.88
21	Sharon Lindsay & Maureen Rennie	41.46
22	Frances Duck & John Haslehurst	39.58
23	Tom & Margaret Bonnes	36.25

Viking Teams -

Wednesday 14th September

VPs

1, Ian Burn – Bobby Moore – Alison Tudor – Jim Tudor	156
2, Jim McClymont – Ian Adamson – Jim Wilcox – Jack Cleland	129
3, Lyn Drummond – Barbara Gaw – Russell McClymont – Chris Laraway	125
4, Sandy Anderson – Stewart Duguid – Kate Malkani – Sam Malkani	116
5, John Haslehurst – Frances Duck – Irene Sword – Nancy Morgan	113
6=, Pat Smith – Janice Thomson – Stoian Kableskov – Andy Raeburn	110
6=, Donnie Graham – Ann Graham – Jean Alexander – Ronnie Alexander	110
8, Frances Murphy – Rita Stuart – Nicé McKell – Anne Fraser	108
9, Stuart McCreadie – Stewart Pinkerton – Sandra Wiseman – Ralph Wiseman	107
10, Fiona Abbott – Pauline Phillips – Jean Cunningham – Angela Knox	106
11, Andrew Pelling – Jim Hendry – Tom Morgan – Jack Cree	71
12, Roderick McLennan – Bill Ramsay – Henry Crone – Stephen Cole	69

