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<p>Board 1 Love all Dealer North</p> <p>♠ AQ92 ♥ A105 ♦ 2 ♣ 97632</p> <p>♠ 1075 ♥ KJ2 ♦ J1043 ♣ QJ5</p> <p>♠ KJ6 ♥ 987 ♦ AQ875 ♣ A4</p> <p>♠ 843 ♥ Q643 ♦ K96 ♣ K108</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	2	-	1	1	-	S	1	-	1	1	-	E	-	2	-	-	1	W	-	2	-	-	1	<p>East has a normal weak 1NT and it is hard for anyone to bid over that. Indeed, at the club, 1NT was declared five times, making seven, eight or nine tricks.</p> <p>It's of interest to make two points here: Firstly, defenses to 1NT that enable you to bid on two suited hands are very effective. Had N/S been able to bid 2C showing clubs and a major, sav. North South would have scored very highly. Secondly, love all is the vulnerability to be intrepid. Even if you are two off in something, you beat pairs making 110, unless you are doubled, and if you can make something, taking the opponents off won't compensate. At any other vulnerability, or at teams bidding 2C on that North hand when 1NT comes round is horrible. At love all at pairs, competing is probably winning bridge.</p>
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<p>Board 2 NS Game Dealer East</p> <p>♠ J4 ♥ K83 ♦ QJ987 ♣ J86</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ 96542 ♦ A43 ♣ Q954</p> <p>♠ AK8765 ♥ Q7 ♦ 62 ♣ AK7</p> <p>♠ Q1092 ♥ AJ10 ♦ K105 ♣ 1032</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	-	1	-	-	-	S	-	1	-	-	-	E	2	-	2	3	1	W	2	-	2	3	1	<p>This was almost a flat board in 140 to East West, last night. The field was evenly split between bidding two and three spades.</p> <p>If it goes 1S 1NT, back to East, as opener, 2S is an underbid really. Normally, rebidding the suit you opens limits your hand to 15 or so.</p> <p>3S is the right rebid here, showing 16-18 or so with a good suit, typically an expectation of about 7 tricks opposite balanced nothing.</p>
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<p>Board 3 EW Game Dealer South</p> <p>♠ AQ732 ♥ K10 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ1032</p> <p>♠ K5 ♥ QJ6 ♦ AK872 ♣ 865</p> <p>♠ J104 ♥ 97543 ♦ 1095 ♣ Q7</p> <p>♠ 986 ♥ A82 ♦ QJ63 ♣ K94</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>5</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	5	1	1	5	4	S	5	2	1	5	4	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>West has a weak NT, and North should bid 2S over it. South now has a to decide whether to invite game. This hand is just shy to my mind, but not by much. If you had this honour structure and 4432 instead of 4333, it is worth 3S.</p> <p>If South does invite, clearly North should accept.</p> <p>Most of the field played a spade partial and everyone made 11 tricks. Perhaps, West switched to clubs or perhaps people are good at guessing queens.</p> <p>When declaring, when an opponent has opened 1NT, make sure you remember to count points that you see. I can well imagine on a diamond lead and a heart switch, West showing 13 points before declarer touches clubs. Then, the cQ would be marked with East.</p>
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<p>Board 4 Game all Dealer West</p> <p>♠ Q1076 ♥ K1094 ♦ QJ73 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ J85 ♥ 73 ♦ A4 ♣ A109842</p> <p>♠ A932 ♥ 85 ♦ 10652 ♣ KQ5</p> <p>♠ K4 ♥ AQJ62 ♦ K98 ♣ J76</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	-	2	4	1	-	S	-	2	4	1	-	E	2	-	-	-	2	W	2	-	-	-	2	<p>After 3 passes, South will open either 1H or 1NT. There are arguments either way, and you can decide for yourselves whether you allow good five card majors in your weak NT.</p> <p>North should bid stayman over 1NT, looking for a major fit, but prepared to pass 2D if South has no Major.</p> <p>When South shows a major, North is a minimum invite - 8 high card points and another 3 for the shortage, once the fit comes to light.</p> <p>If South opens 1H, North is a strong invite (or even a 4H bid) South should accept all invites and game should be reached. Last night only three pairs got to game, so it was well rewarded.</p>
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<p>Board 5 NS Game Dealer North</p> <p>♠ AKJ1084 ♥ ♦ 642 ♣ Q865</p> <p>♠ Q5 ♥ A975 ♦ KJ985 ♣ 103</p> <p>♠ 9632 ♥ J843 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ94</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ KQ1062 ♦ AQ103 ♣ A72</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	4	3	1	4	3	S	4	4	1	4	3	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>North is too strong for a weak 2. When you are 6340, you have a lot of potential if you can uncover a fit.</p> <p>So North should upgrade and open 1S.</p> <p>After North rebids spades three times, South should raise spades as they will be needed for tricks. A 3NT bid is more reasonable with double stops in the other three suits or with a source of tricks of your own.</p> <p>Tonight, the 3N bidders scored well as the spade lie was favourable and I expect those in 4S conceded a diamond ruff. Very unlucky for them as I feel they judged to play the better game contract.</p>
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<p>Board 6 EW Game Dealer East</p> <p>♠ A ♥ KQ863 ♦ J3 ♣ AK872</p> <p>♠ Q64 ♥ 10942 ♦ AQ1086 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ KJ10752 ♥ AJ7 ♦ 2 ♣ 543</p> <p>♠ 983 ♥ 5 ♦ K9754 ♣ QJ106</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>4</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>4</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	4	-	-	-	-	S	4	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	3	-	W	-	-	-	3	-	<p>Four pairs got to the club partial here, scoring well.</p> <p>After a weak two in spades, if West raises preemptively to 3S that is virtually impossible.</p> <p>When partner opens a weak two, remember to add one to the level if you have a fit and a little distribution. That isn't invitational, just getting in the opponents way. Invites start with a 2NT ask.</p>
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<p>Board 7 Game all Dealer South</p> <p>♠ 94 ♥ J854 ♦ K875 ♣ J85</p> <p>♠ QJ1072 ♥ AQ72 ♦ 32 ♣ 97</p> <p>♠ K863 ♥ 63 ♦ AQ6 ♣ KQ64</p> <p>♠ A5 ♥ K109 ♦ J1094 ♣ A1032</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	1	1	-	-	-	S	1	1	-	-	-	E	-	-	2	3	1	W	-	-	2	3	1	<p>5 tables just played a weak NT by South. It made a variety of numbers of tricks.</p> <p>At this vulnerability, East is too weak to bid over 1NT. Contrast the possibility of +200 that you have here with board one where you could only collect 50s. At love all, I would certainly bid 2S or, preferably, show the majors with West over 1NT form South.</p> <p>There is an important point to the play: on the spade queen lead, East can count his partner for 9 points or so if South opened a weak NT. So there is no need to cover the sQ with the Ace. If you play low, notice that declarer only has one spade stop, whereas if you overtake the spade declarer has two stops. You score well for ducking as you get the magic +200.</p>
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<p>Board 8 Love all Dealer West</p> <p>♠ 10875 ♥ K94 ♦ 73 ♣ QJ63</p> <p>♠ AQ96 ♥ J6 ♦ KQ2 ♣ 9854</p> <p>♠ KJ32 ♥ AQ752 ♦ 105 ♣ K2</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ 1083 ♦ AJ9864 ♣ A107</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	-	-	-	1	-	S	-	-	-	1	-	E	2	4	-	-	2	W	2	4	-	-	2	<p>Another weak NT, this time from West. East has a marginal choice about whether to sign off in 3D or do a bit more.</p> <p>If I could invite and get to 3D when partner rejected, I'd do that. 4 suit transfers lets you do so - anyone interested in learning those can ask me.</p> <p>Otherwise, I'd probably do different things on different days: signing off in 3D or 3NT or gambling a pass of 1NT and hoping to outscore diamond partials are all logical and I'm not sure which is best in the long run.</p> <p>Rather unusually, all seven tables played different contracts last night.</p>
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<p>Board 9 EW Game Dealer North</p> <p>♠ AK9 ♥ A32 ♦ AK4 ♣ 5432</p> <p>♠ 7642 ♥ K876 ♦ 873 ♣ 98</p> <p>♠ Q5 ♥ Q1054 ♦ QJ6 ♣ KQJ10</p> <p>♠ J1083 ♥ J9 ♦ 10952 ♣ A76</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	5	4	4	3	5	S	5	4	4	3	5	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>One pair got to 6NT.</p> <p>After 1C-1H-2NT showing 18-19 for most, South is really only a 3NT bid. In slam auctions queens and jacks without support should be downgraded a bit.</p>
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<p>Board 10 Game all Dealer East</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ AJ62 ♦ KQ106 ♣ AQ73</p> <p>♠ A54 ♥ Q97 ♦ A97 ♣ 8542</p> <p>♠ Q963 ♥ K54 ♦ J542 ♣ 96</p> <p>♠ KJ872 ♥ 1083 ♦ 83 ♣ KJ10</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	2	4	3	1	2	S	2	4	3	1	2	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Is that mouldy East hand a 1S overcall over a 4th in hand 1D? It would be clear NV. Vulnerable, it's just a bit too much for most people.</p> <p>If East does bid 1S, South is just worth 1NT (nominally about 7-9) but that s9 needs to be given a value as it promotes your side a second stop in spades a great deal of the time, including here.</p> <p>Over that, it is normal for West to raise to 2S and for North to compete with a T/O double. Over the double South could gamble a pass or bid 3D.</p> <p>If East passes, South bids 1S, and North is best off rebidding 1NT. Partner will bid hearts next if they have 4 (they'd be 5S4H). 1NT scores better than other partials here. One pair doubled 2S, but generally East West kept quiet last night.</p>
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<p>Board 11 Love all Dealer South</p> <p>♠ Q84 ♥ 4 ♦ Q109652 ♣ J84</p> <p>♠ J965 ♥ 8652 ♦ 87 ♣ 1032</p> <p>♠ 73 ♥ KJ109 ♦ 43 ♣ AKQ76</p> <p>♠ AK102 ♥ AQ73 ♦ AKJ ♣ 95</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	2	1	-	-	-	S	1	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	2	2	-	W	-	-	2	2	-	<p>After 1C from South, North will generally respond 1D and East has a clear x. South will rebid 1H and East is too weak to bid. North will bid 2C and East will double again.</p> <p>It will go 2S from partner and East has to decide whether to do more. The key point is that partner passed over 1H. With even 5 points and 4 spades, because it's only the one level, they should bid spades to help compete the partscore. That inference is why East should probably pass.</p> <p>In a similar auction, but with South rebidding spades and West bidding 2H opposite the second double, that inference wouldn't apply so East would have to invite with 3H.</p>
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