



## Tuesday Night Tips

### The Sydney Bridge Centre mini lesson

The Tuesday Night at City has developed its own vibe – a group of bridge enthusiasts playing a friendly competitive game with Phil Halloran and Martin Clear as the hosts. Phil organises the session to make sure there is no sit-out, and Martin continues to lead the group for bridge discussion after the session. He will pick an interesting hand from the face-to-face session for the Tuesday Tips column.

### Exit Safely

F2F at City – Tuesday Night 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022

<b>16</b>	♠ KJ	Dir: W
	♥ JT763	Vul: E-W
	♦ QT4	
	♣ T64	
♠ Q4	♠ AT9753	7
♥ K954	♥	7 11
♦ 8532	♦ K6	15
♣ Q72	♣ KJ953	
	♠ 862	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT
	♥ AQ82	N - 3 4 - 1
	♦ AJ97	S - 3 4 - 1
	♣ A8	E 3 - - 2 -
		W 2 - - 2 -

One of the key points of good Pairs defence is the ability to know when you need to grab your tricks and run, and when you can afford to sit back and wait, making declarer play suits to your advantage. One of the most useful tools in being able to tell the difference between these two situations is to picture the shape of declarer's hand so you can work out what cards he had remaining.

The best way to find out declarer's shape is to keep careful count of the cards played. An interesting example occurred on Board 16 of the 09-August Tuesday night face-to-face game at the Sydney Bridge Centre. East opened 1♠ and various tables went distinctly different directions

after that. At one table, a fairly conservative South felt Pass was the best option, not having tolerance for ALL suits nor the 16-count needed to ignore the tolerance requirement for a takeout double. I suspect many players would stretch a point (literally, with this 15-count) and make a takeout double all the same. North in the passout seat, decided not to compete with his poor heart suit, so 1♠ was the final contract. As is usual in Pairs, though, making the contract was less important than making as many tricks as possible.

South decided to get a ruff, and led the ♣A and another club, to North's Ten and declarer's King. Declarer, aware of the ruff threat, simply played ♠A and then to the ♠K. North gave South a club ruff, and South, with his 8 red cards left, now paused to think.

Declarer is marked with 6 spades, as North would not have thrown ♠J under ♠A with anything other than KJ doubleton. The carding on the clubs shows East to have club length as well: the 9 has not been seen and North would have played that rather than the Ten, so East has that. Thus declarer started with K9xx or KJ9xx in clubs. So declarer has 2 red cards and 2 club winners, or 3 red cards and a club loser.

Oddly, South's exit card only matters if East has a void. If East does not have a void, the hands he can have are: 2 winning clubs and two red singletons, OR a losing club, 2 hearts and a diamond, OR a losing club, a heart and 2 diamonds. In all of these cases, South just cashes both red Aces and exits with a diamond to make the maximum tricks possible.

The hands where East has a void are more interesting. They are: 2 winning clubs and two hearts, OR 2 winning clubs and two diamonds, OR a club loser and three diamonds, OR a club loser and three hearts. Playing the ♥A works well when East has a heart void, and there is no danger in setting up the ♥K because declarer can never reach it. So the only time when playing ♥A first is wrong is the one where declarer has three hearts including the ♥Q. This is less likely than declarer having Kx in diamonds and a heart void, or K-tripleton and a heart void, so South should exit with ♥A.

This level of thinking is not easy. However it is an example of the type of analysis a defender needs to do to work out what is the safest way to continue. In this position, South led the ♦A, and declarer claimed the rest for 9 tricks and a good score.

Martin Clear (SBC Tuesday Night host)

### Australia Wide Open Pairs on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022



Our players really enjoyed the Australia Wide Novice Pairs held earlier this year. Here comes the Open Pairs version! The **SBC Australia Wide Open Pairs** will be held on **Monday 29th August** at **both City and Canada Bay**. Double masterpoints – **GREEN** for sessional results and **RED** for the nation-wide ranking.

\$18 for members (\$15 for concession members) / \$22 for visitors. A souvenir booklet of hand commentaries included.

No need to book in. Walk-ins and visitors are welcome. If you are looking for a partner, please contact office for match making.

### Stroke Awareness Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022



An annual SBC fund-raising session for the Stroke Recovery Association. The Stroke Recovery Association is founded by one of our bridge players and provides a range of support and information services for people affected by Stroke and their families / carers. This year, we will run this fun event on Wednesday 7th September 2022, 10am – 1.15pm.

Snack and refreshment throughout the session, great raffle prizes and lots of spot prizes for everyone. **RED** masterpoints.

You don't need a partner. No need to book in, visitors and walk-ins are welcome. \$18 member (\$15 concession member) / \$22 visitor. Come join us for a game of meaning!

### Sunday Funday on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Sleep in on a Sunday and enjoy a relaxed game in the afternoon! We hope you enjoyed the classic cucumber sandwiches, cheese platter and everything makes a Sunday great. As requested by players the club will now run one, and hopefully two Sunday Funday each month, whenever the venue on Goulburn Street is available. The next few Sunday Funday will be held on:

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- More are being scheduled! Please keep an eye on the SBC website

You don't need a partner. No need to book in, visitors and walk-ins are welcome. \$18 member (\$15 concession member) / \$22 visitor. Refreshment throughout play and join us for a glass at the end of the session.

## F2F Friday Workshop is back!

We are as pleased as you are that Will is running his Workshops again. The Friday Workshops are filling up! Please book in early to avoid disappointment. The next workshop will be held in the City on:

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** No-Trumps Systems and Bidding
- **More are being scheduled:** please keep an eye on the Sydney Bridge Centre website.

\$50 for member (both Sydney Bridge Centre and Strathfield Bridge Club members can enjoy the special rate) / \$55 for visitors. Please find the [details](#) on our website. [Booking](#) essential for catering purpose.

## Regular F2F and Online sessions at 3 venues

### - F2F @ CITY -

- Monday morning 10.00am – 1.15pm, Open Inclusive
- Tuesday morning 10.00am – 1.15pm, Two Tiers Open Inclusive
- Tuesday night 7.15pm – 10.00am, Open Inclusive (booking in advance required, please contact office)
- Wednesday morning, 2 separate sessions – Intermediate/Open (9.45am – 1.15pm with a 15mins pre-game talk) and Beginners Supervised (10.00am – 12.30pm)
- Wednesday night 6.30pm – 9.30pm, Beginners Supervised
- Thursday morning 10.00am – 1.15pm, Open Inclusive

### - F2F @ CANADA BAY -

- Monday morning 10.00am for 10.15am start – 1.30pm, Open Inclusive
- Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Intermediate Supervised (1-hour lesson plus 2-hours game)
- Thursday morning 10.00am for 10.15am start – 1.30pm, Open Inclusive

Please find the details of [the session timetables](#) and find out [more about our venues](#) on our website.

### - ONLINE @ BBO -

If you prefer to play online, there are regular club sessions on Thursday afternoon (1.45pm) and Saturday afternoon (1.45pm) on BBO. To join our online game, please follow this [step by step guidelines](#). BB\$4 for 24 boards.