



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.

Long is Better Than Short

F2F at City – Tuesday Night 26th July 2022

18	♠ AJ2	Dir: E
	♥ T764	Vul: N-S
	♣ AQJ864	
♠ 97	♠ T8	12
♥ Q82	♥ AJ953	9 9
♦ KJ643	♦ AT972	10
♣ K72	♣ T	
	♠ KQ6543	
	♥ K	
	♦ Q85	
	♣ 953	

When you have a long side suit in dummy and some trumps, it makes sense that the hand also has shortages in the other suits. This means that with such hands, you often have a pleasant choice of ways to make tricks. You could use dummy's trumps to ruff losers in your own hand, and then make the trumps in your own hand; or alternatively, you could try to establish dummy's long suit to discard the losers from your own hand.

Declarers often see the opportunity the first method offers but sometimes fail to see the opportunity the second method offers. In practice, I generally find that there are a lot better results by setting up

a suit than by trying to ruff losers. The trouble with ruffing losers is that the total amount of winners becomes quite limited: you can make tricks from the trumps in dummy, and you can make tricks from the trumps in your hand, but apart from some aces, there is nothing else to develop. I see a lot more hands where declarer tried the ruffing method and would have done better trying to establish the long suit, than hands where declarer tried to establish the long suit but the ruffing method would have proved superior.

Board 18 of the 26-July Tuesday night face-to-face game at the Sydney Bridge Centre saw a juicy dummy turn up after most pairs opened a Weak 2♠ bid from South in second seat, and North raised to 4♠. Some did not raise all the way to game, and two pairs played in 3♠ to their detriment. The North hand is too good to allow the contract to languish below game, and since your tricks are coming from shape rather than just high cards, it is generally best to simply bid 4♠ rather than go exploring and have to compete against diamond bids from the opponents.

In the 4♠ contract, a heart was led, and East's Ace dropped the King from declarer. East now shifted to a club, which is highly dubious defence. There is no chance of obtaining a ruff given that the clubs are winning, and the trump Ace is in dummy so your trumps can be easily drawn. West played small on the ♣10 (there is no point in giving up the whole suit without even requiring effort from declarer), and the ♣J won.

Declarer now commenced ruffing hearts in hand and diamonds in dummy, ignoring the club winners. Failing to unblock in trumps, declarer suddenly found himself in a dummy that had only ♠A and a slew of clubs. The situation was dire, but leading ♣A was probably the worst choice of all the bad choices. It was ruffed, and a trump was led back to the dummy's ♠A. Now a club to the King also saw a diamond lose for an ignominious 9 tricks.

Martin Clear (SBC Tuesday Night host)

Australia Wide Open Pairs on Monday 29th 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.

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 9th 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.

Sunday Funday on 14th August 2022



Our first Sunday afternoon game went well with 10.5 tables! 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 two Sunday Fundays each month, whenever the venue on Goulburn Street is available. The next few Sunday Fundays will be held on:

- Sunday 14th August 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.

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.