



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.

Don't Cash Winners, Generate Winners

F2F at City – Tuesday Night 11th October 2022

12	♠ AQT2	Dir: W
	♥ 72	Vul: N-S
	♦ AK64	
	♣ AJ9	
♠ K975	♠ 863	18
♥ QJT	♥ 843	8 6
♦ T2	♦ QJ98	8
♣ Q875	♣ K42	
♠ J4		
♥ AK965		
♦ 753		
♣ T63		

When you are playing in no-trump, the score you get is going to be based simply on the number of tricks you get compared to the other declarers, assuming there is no reason you should not be in No-Trump.

That means that you are not going to get a good score by simply cashing the winners you have, because all the other declarers have those winners as well. Good no-trump declarer play is all about setting up tricks to be won by cards that are NOT winners immediately. A simple example of this principle came up with Board 12 of the 11-October Tuesday night face-to-face game at the Sydney Bridge Centre.

Most declarers found themselves in some number of no-trumps, played from the North hand. With a comfortable number of stoppers in each

suit, declarer should not duck the opening lead, which was most commonly a diamond (the Queen is best from this holding, but with partner holding the Ten it happens not to matter much).

A number of declarers crossed to a top heart to take the spade finesse by running the ♠J, usually covered. This left declarer with 3 spade tricks, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, ♣A, and maybe a club in the 'wash' later.

However, the heart suit deserves far closer attention. Why not win the opening diamond lead and then DUCK a heart? Play small from both hands. The opponents win, you duck a diamond, and win the third round, then lead another heart. When the hearts break 3-3, you get two more bonus tricks in hearts, tricks which are denied to you if you win the first round of hearts. And you can still lead the JS after that, generating 3 spade tricks. And if the hearts DON'T break 3-3, just run the ♠J to generate the same 3 spade tricks, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, ♣A, and maybe a club in the 'wash' later. The opponents get only 4 tricks at best before your 8 or 9 so it costs you nothing to try the heart duck. And if it works, as it does here, you get 10 tricks, possibly 11 if the discarding is bad.

Martin Clear (SBC Tuesday Night host)

Melbourne Cup Day Bridge + Lunch on Tuesday 1st November

Melbourne Cup Day Bridge & Lunch

Bridging in style on Melbourne Cup Day! Put on your best tie / hat and join us for a Bridge Luncheon party on Tuesday 1st November 2022. We intend to run two separate fields for Open and Supervised players, lot of spot prizes to win! The SBC signature hor d'oeuvres for morning tea, roasted chicken and champagne lunch (vegetarian options available) and delicious desserts never disappoint you. Booking essential for catering purposes, please [book online](#) via the SBC website.

- Tuesday 1st November 2022, 10.00am – 2.00pm (with lunch break). Race on big screen at 3.00pm.
- \$50 for members, \$55 for visitors. You don't need a partner.

Sunday Funday on 30th October 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 30th October 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

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 Workshops for different levels of players!

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 18th November:** Improve Your Overcalls and Competitive Bidding

\$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, 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.