



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 Give Away Information

F2F at City – Tuesday Night 8th November 2022

10	♠ K85	Dir: E
	♥ AQJ54	Vul: All
	♦ A3	
	♣ KJ7	
♠ A64	♠ JT	18
♥ K92	♥ T8763	14 4
♦ KT75	♦ QJ84	4
♣ A32	♣ 54	
	♠ Q9732	
	♥ 962	
	♣ QT986	
		♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT
		N 4 - 1 4 2
		S 4 - 1 4 2
		E - 1 - - -
		W - 1 - - -

All too often in club bridge games, I see declarer give away information to the defenders that the defenders should not be allowed to get. The most common situation is winning with too low a card. If you are declarer and a small card is led from your right through your AK holding, you should play the Ace. Sure, it is meaningless to you which of the honours you play, but if you play the King and it wins, the defender who led the suit will instantly know you still have the Ace ... because his partner would have obviously played that card on your King if it were possible to do so. Armed with the knowledge that you have another stopper in that suit, the defender may choose a different place to attack next time; one in which you are more vulnerable.

An illustrative example occurred on Board 10 of the 08-November Tuesday night face-to-face game at the Sydney Bridge Centre. North-South bid to a precarious 4♠ contract by South, and the opening lead was a small trump (not best). Declarer attempted to make something of the hearts and wanted to cross to dummy in clubs to do so. This was again not a good plan, but the opponents are not all-seeing so when the club was led, West ducked, and the club was won in dummy. The ♥A was led, discarding a diamond, and the ♥Q followed, discarding another diamond, hoping that East held the ♥K. None of this was a good line, but when West won with ♥K (winning a heart trick but with South ridding himself of his diamond loser, that was "swings and roundabouts"), West immediately led the AC and another club, giving East a ruff to set the contract.

Why did West find this line? Because when South initially crossed to dummy with a club, he led the ♣6 and won with the SEVEN of clubs. When this card held, West knew his partner did not have the 8, the 9, the 10 or the Queen of clubs! So the club lead and ruff was 100% sure to work. The ♣7 play gave West a huge chunk of information.

In practice, as I have mentioned in previous columns, it is advisable to 'interlace' a suit when you have a lot of touching cards. Declarer should lead the 8 and play the King, as this leaves the two clubs in the short hand (the Jack and Seven) interlaced between the cards held in the South hand (the Queen, Ten, Nine and Six). That means that later, declarer will be able to play to access the North hand or the South hand as many times as needed (with the defenders of course having their Ace to take at some stage), allowing maximum flexibility.

Martin Clear (SBC Tuesday Night host)

UHMP Pairs Championship on Sunday 27th November 2022



A special event for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints! All are welcome. You don't need to have played in any club qualifying event. The only pre-requisite is the masterpoint limit, i.e. you and your partner MUST each have under 100 masterpoints. If you and your partner are in 2 different categories, you will qualify under the higher category.

- Sunday 27th November 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

\$18 member (\$15 concession member) / \$22 visitor. Entry fee includes delicious afternoon tea and drinks.

Prizes and Masterpoints are awarded within each division. RED masterpoints. Pre-dealt boards with hand records. Please [enter in advance](#) for board dealing purposes.

Sunday Funday on 27th November 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's each month, whenever the venue on Goulburn Street is available. The next few Sunday Funday's will be held on:

- Sunday 27th November 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm (run parallel with Under Hundred Masterpoints Pairs Final)

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, 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.