



## 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.

### In Pairs, Play Safe but Look for the Maximum

F2F at City – Tuesday Night 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

<b>22</b>	♠ J532	Dir: E
	♥ 65	Vul: E-W
	♦ 742	
	♣ QJT8	
♠ K6	♠ QT4	4
♥ AQ83	♥ KJ4	16 16
♦ KJ85	♦ AQT6	4
♣ K54	♣ A62	
	♠ A987	
	♥ T972	
	♦ 93	
	♣ 973	

The key to Pairs play is to always look for the maximum number of tricks, but that doesn't mean you have to take extreme risks. There is often a simple line that can make the extra trick if it is there but that doesn't jeopardise the number of tricks you have that are already certain.

On Board 22 of the 01-November Tuesday night face-to-face game at the Sydney Bridge Centre, most East-West players bid their pair of 16-point hands to some number of No Trump by East. Only one made their way to 6NT, but a number had a look at the slam, judging by the final contracts: one 6NT, two 5NT, three 4NT and two 3NT. The hand has a clear eight red winners - no more, no less - a club suit of two winners in Ace and King and then a third small card in each hand, and the suit of interest, spades, where

Kx sits opposite QTx.

Clearly eleven tricks are simple: knock out the Spade Ace with either the ♠K or ♠Q and you have an easy eleven. However, if you make 11 tricks, that is basically a minimum score, which is not much use in a Pairs game. You need to find a way to make 12. At our table the declarer, after a heart lead, led a spade toward the King. If South pops up the Ace, that is an easy 12 tricks, as the ♠K and ♠Q score separately, so the defender must allow the King to win. Declarer then ran off a number of red winners, cashed the ♣A and ♣K, then led a spade toward QT. By this time North had discarded down to a lone ♠J, so the ♠Q was put on top, losing to ♠A with South, and as South had a spade left instead of a club, declarer got 12.

This however is not the best way to play the hand. Given the heart lead, declarer has at least two stoppers in each suit, so there is a painless way to look for 12 - cross to the West hand and lead a spade to the 10 before knocking out the ♠A. If ♠T wins, or forces the ♠A, 12 tricks are easy. If it loses, any return still allows you to knock out ♠A for 11 tricks. This line would be too risky if there had been an opening club lead, as the finesse losing to ♠J would allow the clubs to be cleared before the ♠A is knocked out, and declarer would have to settle for 10 tricks. No South led a club: there were four heart leads, and four spade leads.

Martin Clear (SBC Tuesday Night host)

### Sunday Funday on 13<sup>th</sup> November AND 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Fundays each month, whenever the venue on Goulburn Street is available. The next few Sunday Fundays will be held on:

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 1.30pm - 4.30pm (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.

## Friday Workshop

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.