

## The ECatsBridge Summer Pairs Wednesday 6th July 2022



Thank you so much for joining us for our Summer Charity Pairs in aid of Kidney Research UK and the British Heart Foundation both of which are charities that need as much funding as possible in order to continue their work.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Mike Mollart-Rogerson who founded this Simultaneous Pair. We are happy to be able to continue his work and raise funds for Kidney Research which we know was a charity very close to his heart..

We hope you enjoyed the hands and that they weren't too challenging – and whether or not you did well at least you can at least rest assured that you are helping to support two great charities.

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### Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A J 3 2 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A K 6 3</p> <p>♠ 10 5 ♥ K 6 ♦ A 6 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ 9 8 7 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 5 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ K Q ♥ 8 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ Q J 5 2</p>
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N will open either a ♣ or a ♠ depending on system. Over 1♣, S will probably find a bid of 1♠ which N will convert to 4♠.

If the opening bid is 1♠, S will raise to 2 and again N will raise to 4.

In the play declarer must assume the ♠'s break 2-2, and either the K of ♥'s or A of ♦'s is correctly placed.

### Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A 8 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 9 6 5 ♣ A K Q 9 8 3</p> <p>♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ A 8 7 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5</p> <p>♠ K Q 7 6 5 ♥ J 10 8 5 ♦ K J 2 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 3 ♥ K Q 9 7 6 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ J 4</p>
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After a weak 2 opening by E, can N/S find their way to a making game contract?

N will bid 3♣ at his first turn, and it will now be up to S to bid 3NT with his ♥ stop. Alternatively S may bid 3♠ which N will convert to 4♠.

The contracts of 4♠ and 5♣ are made because there is no entry to the E hand after Ace ♥ and a ♥ ruff.

### Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

<p>♠ K J 6 5 ♥ ♦ A Q J 7 ♣ K Q 8 7 2</p> <p>♠ A 8 7 3 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ 9 6 5 4 3 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ Q 4 ♥ A Q 5 4 3 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 10 6 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 ♦ K 10 ♣ A J 4 3</p>
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After a weak 2 opening by S, N has a problem, he can guess that S's suit is ♥'s and there may not be any entries. 2NT is a systemic bid and cannot be passed, so what can N do. Pass is probably the best option as any other bid is a pure gamble.

The outside strength of the N hand may garner enough tricks to make 2♥'s.

### Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ A J ♣ Q 9 8 6 5</p> <p>♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K 10 6 5 4 ♣ 10 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ Q J 9 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ A K 2</p> <p>♠ A K 10 9 6 ♥ A 10 8 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ J 7</p>
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After 2 passes E can open INT (weak), or 1 of a minor. S with both majors will double 1 of a minor, or use a systemic bid over INT to show both majors. After either bid by S, N will make a limit bid of 3♥'s, which should be passed by S as he has no more than he promised. Superficially it looks as if there are 4 losers but with the distribution as it is care must be taken.

### Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A J 5 ♥ J 9 ♦ 7 5 4 2 ♣ A 9 7 2</p> <p>♠ 7 3 ♥ A K 7 5 4 3 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ J 8</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 8 2 ♥ Q ♦ K 3 ♣ Q 10 6 4 3</p> <p>♠ K 6 4 ♥ 10 8 6 2 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ K 5</p>
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N will pass, and E has the option of opening a Lucas type weak 2 bid, (this hand however is not suitable as half the points are in the side suits) and he should pass. S will open INT (weak) or 1♦ and W will overcall either 1 or 2♥'s (dependant on system).

N now has a problem, as a double will be interpreted as him having 4♠'s and not as penalty. So 2♥'s will be the final contract, going a minimum of 2 off.

### Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ J 10 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ A K 10 3</p> <p>♠ Q 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A 3 ♥ A K 7 ♦ A 10 7 4 ♣ 8 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ 9 8 3 2 ♦ Q J 3 2 ♣ Q J</p>
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Playing a strong NT, E will open INT and W will transfer to ♠'s. This will keep N/S out of the bidding, even when W passes the forced transfer.

If however E opens a ♣ or a ♠, maybe W will pass, but even if he bids 1♠, N can X to show the other suits and at least they can compete to the 3 level. In 3♥, N/S will lose 1♠, 3♥, 1♠ and maybe a ♠ ruff.

In 3♠ E/W will lose 1♠ and 3♣'s for the only making contract.

### Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ K J 9 6</p> <p>♠ Q 7 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ Q 10 9 4 ♣</p>	<p>♠ A 5 4 3 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ K J 6 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ A Q 8 7</p>
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S will open either INT (strong) or 1♣, and W will make a pre-emptive jump to 3♥'s. N with a flat 8 count has no where to go and this will be the final contract.

In the play the best lead is probably a ♠, but there are still only 4 tricks for the defence, 1♥, 2♦ and 1♠.

**Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.**

	♠ 9 5 3	
	♥ K 9 8 6	
	♦ 8 5	
	♣ 10 9 8 7	
♠ 10 8		♠ J 7 6 2
♥ 7 5 4 3		♥ A 2
♦ J 7		♦ A 10 3 2
♣ Q J 4 3 2		♣ A 6 5
	♠ A K Q 4	
	♥ Q J 10	
	♦ K Q 9 6 4	
	♣ K	

After 2 passes E will open INT (weak) or 1♦.

S with his 20 count (17 not counting the singleton K) will double INT and W will escape to 2♣. As there are no entries to the table W will be forced to drop the singleton K and make 2♣.

Over 1♦ S would like to X and then bid NT's, showing 18+ points but the singleton K is a problem.

If N bids 1♥ over the double, S's best bid is to pass.

**Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.**

	♠ 10 4	
	♥ K 5	
	♦ Q 8	
	♣ K J 9 6 5 4 3	
♠ A 7 6 3		♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 9 2		♥ 8 6
♦ K 4		♦ A 10 9 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 8 2		♣ A 7
	♠ K J 9 8 5	
	♥ A 10 7 4 3	
	♦ J 3	
	♣ Q	

Most N's will open 3♣, although the suit is very poor, E with his own poor 7 card suit will probably bid 3♦. S with 2 five card majors knowing there is no fit for them will pass and hope to defeat 3♦.

As the cards lie, 3NT can be made by E/W, but there is no logical way to get to it.

If N does not open, then E will open 1♦ (too strong for 3♦) but 3NT will not be reached.

**Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.**

	♠ Q 10 8 7	
	♥ A K Q 9 3	
	♦ 10 6	
	♣ 10 4	
♠ K 5 3		♠ J
♥ J 2		♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ 5 4 3		♦ K Q 8 7
♣ 8 7 6 5 2		♣ A Q J 3
	♠ A 9 6 4 2	
	♥ 6 4	
	♦ A J 9 2	
	♣ K 9	

The hardest hands to bid are the 4441's, what should E open? It actually doesn't matter in this case because S will over call 1♠ and N will then either raise to game or, if part of the system, bid 3♥'s showing at least 5 good ♥'s and 4 card ♠ support.

Whatever happens now N/S will end up in 4♠'s.

As E is marked with all the high cards the play is relatively simple, losing 1♠, 1♣, and 1♦.

**Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.**

	♠ A Q 8	
	♥ 7 3 2	
	♦ K 7 6	
	♣ K Q 5 2	
♠ 5 3		♠ K J 10 9 6 4
♥ 8		♥ A 10 6 5
♦ A Q J 10 9 8 5 2		♦
♣ 8 7		♣ 10 6 3
	♠ 7 2	
	♥ K Q J 9 4	
	♦ 4 3	
	♣ A J 9 4	

After S opens 1♥, W should make a preemptive overcall of 4♦'s, this will make it difficult for N/S to find their 1 remaining making contract of 4NT. Even if doubled, 4♦ is only 1 off.

N with his 14 count will want to play in game, but is his one stop in ♦'s good enough for NT and will 4NT be taken as a sign off or Blackwood? He can support ♥'s with 3 small but this will suffer a one trick defeat.

### Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ 10 ♥ K Q 8 5 3 2 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ K J 8</p> <p>♠ Q 8 4 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ A 10 ♣ A Q 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ J ♦ K Q J 9 7 ♣ 10 9 7 4</p> <p>♠ K 9 6 5 3 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ 5</p>
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W has 2 bids dependant on system, INT or 1♣.

Over 1♣, N will overcall 1♥ (wrong vulnerability for a weak jump overcall). E will bid 2♦ (forcing), and W will rebid 3NT – this will make if W ducks 2 rounds of ♥'s after an honour lead and plays on ♠'s not ♣'s.

Over INT (strong) – N can bid 2♥'s, very risky at this vulnerability. E will now bid 3♦ natural and forcing and the final contract will again be 3NT.

### Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ K 6 2 ♥ 5 2 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ A K 5 3 2</p> <p>♠ A 8 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ A Q 8 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 7 4 3 ♥ Q 9 8 7 ♦ 6 2 ♣ J 9</p> <p>♠ J 10 ♥ A K 6 4 3 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ Q 10 4</p>
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If N opens a weak NT, S will transfer to ♥'s and then bid 2NT and N has to decide whether to bid one more. On a spade lead N will win the 3rd ♠ and then has 5♣ tricks, 2♥'s and even 2♦ tricks.

On a 1♣ opener and INT rebid (12-14 or 12-16 depending on system) N will still have decide whether to bid game when partner invites.

### Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ J 10 4 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ Q 10 5 2</p> <p>♠ 7 6 ♥ Q 8 7 4 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ J 7 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 3 ♥ K J 9 ♦ A 10 9 7 ♣ A K 8</p> <p>♠ A 9 8 5 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ J 6 5 2 ♣ 9 4</p>
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When E shows a 20-22 NT hand, W will show the 5 card ♥ suit and then give partner the choice of game – 3NT or 4♥. In 3NT declarer should suffer a one trick defeat especially on a ♠ lead. In 4♥ the ♦'s can be established for ♣ discards

### Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ K 7 6 2 ♣ K Q 4</p> <p>♠ A 7 5 3 2 ♥ A Q J 10 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ 7 4 2 ♥ J 9 8 5 ♣ A J 10 8 7 3</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 8 6 ♥ 9 8 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ 9 6 2</p>
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W will open 1♠ and N, with an opening hand, has nothing sensible to say. E must bid INT hoping partner will bid another suit. Partner obliges and E passes 2♥. The best lead from N is a ♥ (to cut down ♠ ruffs) but W should still make 10 tricks by playing on a crossruff.

### Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ Q 10 6 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ Q 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 9 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ Q J 9 5 ♣ K J 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 5 4 ♥ 6 ♦ A K 8 4 ♣ 10 9 6 2</p> <p>♠ 8 7 3 2 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A 8 7</p>
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When W opens a strong NT E will probably look for a ♠ fit and then bid 3NT, thankful that partner has 4 ♥'s. If W does open 1♠ and W decides the contract should be in that suit then they need to be in 6 to beat those in NT. It can be made – ruff 2 ♥'s in dummy (one with a ♠ honour) draw trumps ending in hand, take the ♠ finesse for a ♣ discard and then play ♣ to the K. Not for the faint-hearted.

### Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

♠ 8 ♥ A 8 7 3 2 ♦ K Q 9 7 4 2 ♣ 10 ♠ A Q 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 9 3	♠ J 7 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ A 10 ♣ A K J 8 7 6 ♠ K 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ Q 5 4 2
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N should pass, hoping to show this distribution later. E will open 1♣ and W will bid 1♠. Now N can bid 1NT (to show at least 5/5 in the red suits) this may take away one of E's possible rebids. E should now rebid 3♣ showing 6+ card suit and 15+ points and now W can safely bid 4♠. There are 11 tricks available, losing a ♥ and a ♦ but declarer must be careful how trumps are played after N leads his singleton ♣.

### Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

♠ 8 5 ♥ A K 4 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ K J 9 7 ♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ 8 6 4	♠ A K J ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ Q 10 5 2 ♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ 9 7 5 3 2 ♠ K 3 ♣ A 3
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If E opens a weak NT this may end the auction and declarer will do well to make 4 tricks. If N, in 4th seat, competes with a double (he does have top of range of the opponent's NT) then S should take the money as it is not guaranteed that they have game on.

+500 will gain most of the match points..

### Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A 10 3 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 2 ♣ A 7 ♠ A K Q 7 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ K J 3	♠ J 2 ♥ K Q 9 7 5 ♦ A K ♣ 9 8 6 4 ♠ 8 5 4 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ Q 10 5 2
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W will open 1♠, N will pass (2♦ would be an horrendous bid) and E will bid 2♥. W should now bid 3♠ (too strong for 2♠ after a two-level response). E may now cue bid the A♦ and W, having nothing to cue bid, will bid 4♠.

Correct defence will hold declarer to 11 tricks.

### Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

♠ A 5 3 ♥ 10 2 ♦ Q J 7 4 3 ♣ J 10 7 ♠ 6 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ 8 6 5 3 2	♠ K Q J 10 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ 9 4 ♠ 9 8 7 4 ♥ A K 5 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ A K Q
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After two passes E will open 1♠ and S's only sensible bid is 1NT. This is likely to be passed out as N has no reason to believe that 2♠ will play any better. S will make just 7 tricks on any defence.

In 2♦ N will make 9 tricks unless E starts with a ♣ and manages to get a ruff – take the first ♦ and play another ♣ for partner to return one when in with the K♦

### Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ J 10 5 3 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K 4 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ J 9 5</p>
<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ 9 8 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ A K 10 7 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 5 2 ♥ A Q 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 8 2</p>

If N opens a weak NT and is allowed to play there, he will make 9 tricks on a ♠ lead and continuation – a ♠, 5 ♣'s and 3 ♦'s. However, if W switches to J♥ (not likely) declarer is held to 8 tricks.

If E shows the majors over the INT, or a 1♦ opener, E/W can make 8 tricks in either major. N/S must now play in 3 of a minor to achieve any match points.

### Board 22. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 9 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ A Q 10 2</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 6 5 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K 8 4 2 ♣ 4 3</p>
<p>♠ J 8 ♥ K 5 3 2 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ K J 9 6</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 4 3 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ Q 9 3 ♣ 8 7 5</p>

After two passes W will open 1♥ and N should bid 1♠. Even though partner is a passed hand N should not be tempted to bid a 'weak' 2♠ as game could easily be missed. If playing 5 card majors E may find a 2♥ bid but N will get the chance to bid 2♠ and can make 8 tricks. Even one down is a better result than defending 2♥.

### Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ A K 6 4 ♥ A Q 8 7 2 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 7 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A 8 6 5 ♣ J 8 6</p>
<p>♠ J ♥ J 5 3 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ K Q 10 9 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ A 4 2</p>

Some S's may be tempted to open 3♣ which will give W a problem - double or bid 3♥. N will pass and E has to decide whether or not to bid a major game (which is one down).

Left to their own devices E/W will probably play in game after 1♥ – 1♠ – 2♠ (knowing about the ♥ fit, E will bid game or at least may a try).

The only making game is 3NT – which needs the ♣ lead to be ducked twice and the A♠ to be with N.

### Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ J 9 5 ♥ A K Q ♦ A 10 ♣ J 9 8 6 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 4 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K J 9 7 3 2 ♣ 10 5 3</p>
<p>♠ A 10 6 2 ♥ 10 8 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 6 5 ♣</p>	<p>♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 7 4</p>

If W can open a natural 1♣ on this hand it should improve E/W's chances of finding the 6♣ slam.

However, after a strong INT or what may be a 'prepared' 1♣, E must have appropriate methods to describe his hand if they are to reach the slam.

If W does open 1♣ N may bid a weak 2♦ to make life even more difficult.

3NT does make but for very few match points.

### Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A J 7 3 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q 9 3 ♣ K 7 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ J 8 ♦ A K 10 6 4 ♣ A 10 8 4</p>
<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ K 10 9 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ K 10 9 4 2</p>
<p>♥ 9 ♦ J 8 7 5 2 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♥ 9 ♦ J 8 7 5 2 ♣ Q 3</p>

When N opens 1♦ how many ♥'s will E bid when Vul against not? Will S know that the ♦ bid is natural (and not simply better minor) and be able to support? If W competes to 4♥ (making 7♥,s, 1♠, 1♣, and a ♣ ruff) then a sacrifice of 5♦ is required (one down) but may not be apparent at the table.

### Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 7 4 2 ♥ Q J 5 4 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ Q J 10</p>	<p>♠ A 8 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K Q J 3 ♣ K 7 4 3</p>
<p>♠ K 10 6 3 ♥ A K ♦ 7 2 ♣ A 9 6 5 2</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 5 ♥ 10 9 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ 8</p>

Some S's may open a weak NT on this hand, but with the distribution as it is they could miss a slam – if partner has A♦ and Q♣ instead of KQJ♦ (same points), the slam is cold.

A ♣ opening followed by a ♠ rebid is far more descriptive of the distribution of the hand.

However, on this particular hand with a ♥ lead there is the same +600 available whether played in 3NT or 5♣.

### Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 8 4 3 ♣ A J 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 6 5 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ 7 ♣ 8 6 3</p>
<p>♠ K 10 9 2 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ A K 10 9 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ Q 4 3 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♣ K Q 10 9 5 2</p>

Unless N/S have a gadget for this type of hand (e.g. 2♥ to show 4441, singleton ♣ and 11-16 HCP) S will open a major or 1♦ according to system. Fortunately N has both partner's majors and now it depends on how high they bid.

S can be held to 10 tricks in ♥'s – ♠ lead ruffed, ♣ return and another ♠ ruff.

The small slam in ♠'s can be made but requires well-judged play in both majors..

### Board 28. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 ♥ Q 9 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ K 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 4 3</p>
<p>♠ 4 ♥ K J 8 6 4 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ Q J 5</p>	<p>♠ A 9 5 2 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A 7</p>

A weak 2♠ from W should be raised to 3 by E making it much harder for N/S to compete. When S doubles N must bravely bid 5♣ to reach their making game.

If W opens a Multi then E needs to be able to show a raise for either major (e.g. 3♥ – pass or correct).

This again gives N/S the same problem, however S now knows that the ♥ suit will not break, and the part score/game must be played in a minor.

### Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

♠ K 10 9 2 ♥ A 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 9	♠ Q J 8 4 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ Q 4 3
♠ A ♥ J 8 6 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ K J 8 7 6 2	♠ 7 6 5 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 6 5 3 2 ♣ A 10 5

Will N open a weak 2♥ or Multi when holding 4 cards in the other major? It could work in this case as the opposition may not compete. If E bids 2♠ over 2♥ then W would need to be able to bid a non-forcing 3♣ or transfer to ♣'s (via a Lebensohl 2NT) for the best contract.

If E is allowed to open 1♠ then W must again insist on playing in ♣'s.

### Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

♠ K 9 8 7 5 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ 8 6 3	♠ A 6 3 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K Q J 2
♠ J 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K J 9 7 6 5 2 ♣ A 5	♠ Q 10 2 ♥ A K J 6 5 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 9 7 4

If E opens a weak NT, S would be foolish to bid ♥'s (but would get away with it this time).

When S passes will W take out to ♦'s? 10 tricks are available but only 7 in NT – S will cash a top ♥ and switch and N will get in quickly with A♦ to return a ♥..

If E opens 1♣ then S is entitled to bid 1♥. W must bid ♦'s and rebid them if necessary.

### Board 31. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

♠ Q 7 2 ♥ A 6 ♦ 10 9 8 3 2 ♣ K 7 5	♠ 6 5 3 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ A K J ♣ 8 6 4
♠ K 4 ♥ Q J 8 7 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A Q 10 9 3	♠ A J 10 9 8 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ J 2

W is likely to open 1♣ and partner will bid W's second suit and game should be reached. However, on the J♣ lead this will be one down when S gets a ♣ ruff.

If W opens a weak INT partner will bid Stayman and W will play the ♥ contract. The only defense now is for N to lead a ♠ and S to switch to J♣.

### Board 32. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

♠ 10 6 ♥ 7 6 5 4 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ K 10 7 2	♠ K Q 9 ♥ K 10 9 2 ♦ A Q J 10 8 ♣ 9
♠ A 8 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A Q J 8 5 4 3	♠ J 7 4 3 ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ K 9 7 2 ♣ 6

W will open 1♣ and rebid 1♠ when E responds 1♦ Now E should bid 2♥ - fourth suit forcing to find out more about partner's hand. When W now bids 3♣ E has to bid 3NT.

Not a nice hand to play but if E wins the likely ♥ honour lead and plays ♦'s from hand (pointless to try the finesse) there at least 9 tricks.