

The ECatsBridge Summer Pairs Friday 8th 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.

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

A likely auction for N/S:- 1♣ – 1♦ – 1♠ – 2NT – 3♣ or 3NT . Unfortunately, only 8 tricks are available in NT. However, 10 tricks are available in ♣'s or, even better, in ♠'s when played on a cross ruff .

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

When S opens 1♣ W can bid 2♣ (Ghestem – showing 5/5 in ♦'s and ♠'s). N should X to show values, thus allowing S to bid 3♥ to show the strength and N will bid the game.

If W bids a suit, N can X (over 1♦) or bid INT (over 1♠). S will now bid ♥'s as above with the same result.

A ♦ sacrifice by E/W is likely to be 3 off, a good save against vulnerable opponents.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

This hand may be passed out at some tables but W, with both majors, should open 1♠. N will compete in ♦'s and be supported by S, regardless of whether E competes with a X or 2♠. E/W can make 9 tricks in ♠'s but 10 are available in ♥'s unless N leads the singleton ♠ and then under leads the A♦ for a ruff.

If W passes and N can open a weak 2♦, supported by S, then N/S may steal the contract – making just 8 tricks for a good score.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

A weak INT from S and, after Stayman from N, the final contract will be 3NT making 9 tricks (or even 10 if W leads a ♠). Playing a strong NT, S will open 1♣ and should also play 3NT (after N has looked for a major fit). There are 11 tricks available in ♣'s but this is not usually the winning bid in pairs.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

When N opens 1♠, E will probably bid 2♣ (would prefer a 6 card suit). S should pass and W, with an 11 count, must enquire with 2♠. E, with insufficient help in ♠'s for NT, must bid 3♣ and play there making 9 tricks. Strangely enough there are 10 tricks available in ♥'s, but who will find that contract?

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

1♦ from E, 1♥ from W and N will X to show the black suits.

If E can XX (to show 3 card support for ♥'s) they will reach the best spot with 10 tricks available (although it is unlikely that game will be reached). Otherwise E has to bid 1♠ (N's suit) or rebid ♦'s. Over 1♠ W can bid INT and make 8 tricks – a better score than 9 tricks in ♦'s. However, E is unlikely to pass this – bidding 2♦ or, better still, 2♥.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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

If N/S play a 19/20 2NT opener, S will transfer to ♠'s to end the auction and 9 tricks will be made. However, a 1♦ opener from N gives E the chance to bid 1♥. S is too weak for a take out X, so how many ♥'s will W bid. N will X any bid up to 3♥'s (showing extra values and implying ♠'s).

A double of 4♥ may also be take out, forcing S to 4♠'s which is always at least 1 off.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Will W open when the singleton K♠ may be of no value? If not, the most likely contract will be 4♥. However, after 1♠ – 2♥ – 4♥, W will now realise the value of the K♠ and may make an effort by bidding 5♦. Declarer can make 12 tricks (due to the fortunate layout of the ♠ suit), losing just 1 ♥ trick.

Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

N must open an appropriate game forcing bid and consult partner about which major will be the trump suit. Then, when N cue bids the ♦ control, S must be brave enough to show A♣ for slam to be reached. In the play, N can afford one round of trumps (finding out the bad news) and must then play on ♥'s. When E ruffs in front of dummy, N just discards the losing ♣ and is still in control of the hand to make 12 tricks.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

W will open 1♠ and E will respond INT. W may be entitled to rebid 3♠ to show 6 ♠'s and 16+ HCP. However, this is one too high with 2 trump losers and one in each side suit. If W decides that the ♠ suit is not good enough to stand alone opposite a singleton, he will rebid 2NT to show the 16 points and E will make 8 tricks for most of the match points.

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

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

W is not strong enough to open 1♣ and then show ♥'s (a reverse bid), so should open 1♥. N will X and E will bid INT (short of points for a XX). S will pass and W will bid 2♣. N now bids 2♦ (showing a big hand), S should bid 2♠ as it is normally better to play in the weaker hand's long suit. W can bid ♣'s again to show his extreme distribution and should secure the contract in either 3 or 4 ♣.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ A K Q 9 8 3 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ 4</p> <p>♠ 6 4 ♥ K Q J 5 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ A 6 5 2</p>	<p>♠ J 7 5 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ K Q 10 9 3</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ J 8 7</p>
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E/W can make 3♥ (or 3♣), but N/S can make 4♠.

N will have to make the decision on this one as there will be no encouragement from S. After 1♥ from W, will N double, bid 2♠ (a good opening hand and 6+ ♠'s) or even 4♠? Over a X, E can XX, support ♥'s or bid 2♣. Over 2♠, E has the same suit bid options or a X to show values. Over 4♠ what can E do? A penalty X (partner has opened) will not be a wise choice.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ K 7 5 3 ♣ K 8 4 3</p> <p>♠ A K Q J 9 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 10 5</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ K J 8 6 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A 6</p> <p>♠ 6 5 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ Q 9 7 2</p>
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Whether S opens a minor or a weak NT, W will show ♠'s and with a good fit E will compete to the 3 level and should win the contract – making 9 tricks. If a minor is opened by S then N can compete as well, but not to the 3 level as one down doubled is too costly.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ A J 5 ♦ A K Q 10 6 5 4 ♣ 7 6</p> <p>♠ A K Q 9 8 4 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ 7 ♣ J 3</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 5 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ A 9 4 2</p> <p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ Q 9 8 2 ♦ J ♣ K Q 10 8 5</p>
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W will open 1♠ and N will compete in ♦'s, it will have to be 2♦ or 4♦ as normally a jump overcall at this vulnerability is weak. 2♦ will allow E to bid 2♠'s the limit for E/W. With a singleton ♦, S will probably pass and N will bid 3♠'s asking for a ♠ stop for 3NT. When S bids 4♣ denying a ♠ stop N has the option of 4 or 5♦'s, Over a 4♦ overcall both E and S will pass, now W has the problem, and if he bids 4♠, S will double for all the match points.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q J 10 9 7 6 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ 5 4</p> <p>♠ A K 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ K Q 10 9 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 3 ♥ A Q J 8 3 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ J 7 3</p> <p>♠ 5 4 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ A Q J 9 3 ♣ A 8 6</p>
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Whether S opens 1♦ or not, E/W should play this hand in ♣'s or ♥'s. If S opens 1♦ does W bid 1NT (shows the points but has no ♦ stop) or bid 2♣? If the bid is 1NT, E will transfer to ♥'s and if 2♣ that is likely to be the contract (unless E tries 2♥). Against 2♥, N/S need to play 3 rounds of ♦'s (N discarding a ♣) followed by A♣ and ♣ ruff to hold declarer to 8 tricks. An easy 9 tricks in ♣'s.

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ A 3 ♥ A K 9 7 4 3 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ 10 5</p> <p>♠ J 10 9 5 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ A 10 7 3 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ K Q 8 4 ♥ 10 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A K Q 9 7 2</p> <p>♠ 7 6 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ J 4 3</p>
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When N opens 1♥, the E hand is good enough to X and then bid ♣'s if necessary. Will S bid 3H or 2NT (to show a better raise in ♥'s)?

Over 3♥'s W will bid 3♠'s and E 4♠'s. However, N will now bid 5♥'s which is a good sacrifice.

Over 2NT, W may pass and N will bid 4♥'s. If E doubles again W will bid 4♠'s. Whether the sacrifice is bid this time is doubtful as N/S must think they can beat 4♠'s

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A 10 ♥ Q J ♦ K J 10 9 8 ♣ 10 7 6 4</p> <p>♠ K Q J 6 ♥ 10 8 7 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 9 8 5</p>	<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ A K 9 5 4 ♦ Q 6 5 3 ♣ K Q</p> <p>♠ 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ A J 3 2</p>
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N should not open 1♦ on this hand, (the QJ of ♥'s are worthless unless S has an honour).

E will open 1♥, and W will bid 2♥ (or 3♥ if playing 5 card majors). E must now believe his partner and pass (especially the 3♥'s).

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ K 10 7 6 ♣ Q J 8 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 ♥ K 10 4 3 ♦ A J 5 3 ♣ K 5</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 6 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ A 9 2</p> <p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ J 6 5 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 10 7 6 3</p>
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After 2 passes W will open a strong NT or a red suit.

Over 1NT E will transfer to ♠'s and then bid 3NT, W will now bid 4♠'s.

Over a suit opener E will bid 1♠, and W has a choice of 1NT or 2NT. As it happens which ever he bids E will bid 3♣ offering either 3NT or 4♠'s, W will bid 4♠'s making an easy 11 tricks

Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ Q J 5 4 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ A J 9 2</p> <p>♠ K 8 7 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 6 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 7 5</p>	<p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A K 9 8 7 5 ♣ 10 8</p> <p>♠ A 9 4 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ K Q 6 4 3</p>
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A weak 1NT from S, a 2♦ transfer bid from N (X from E to show ♦'s) followed by 2NT to show the 11 count. Pointwise S must bid 3NT but this is 2 down on a ♦ lead – after the initial ♦ lead is ducked.

If S opens 1♣, N will bid 1♥. If E risks a 2♦ bid this should pass round to N who must X for +200 to N/S. If E passes, then N/S will probably reach 3NT and make on a non ♦ lead.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ K 8 7 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ A Q J 10 9 7 ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ 10 6 5 ♥ Q J 10 9 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ K J 4</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 7 6 5 2</p> <p>♠ A 4 ♥ A 8 7 6 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 10 9 8 3</p>
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N will open and the likely auction will be 1♦ – 1♥ – 1♠ – INT with E/W silent. N may decide that his ♦ suit is worth a raise to 2NT and S may raise to 3. W has a natural ♥ lead against this contract and declarer will make 9 tricks even if E switches to a ♣ when in with the K♦.

If N rebids 2♦ there will be 11 tricks (by ruffing ♠'s in dummy) unless E starts off with a small ♣ for W to put a ♦ through stopping ♠ ruffs.

Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ 10 9 7 4 2</p> <p>♠ J 6 ♥ K 10 7 6 4 ♦ Q 9 7 3 ♣ K J</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 4 ♥ 9 ♦ J 10 8 6 ♣ A 8 6 3</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 3 2 ♥ Q J 3 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ Q 5</p>
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E is likely to open 1♦ and S has to decide whether to join in – 1♠ is awful on this holding and a X could bring 2♣ from N. A pass from S will allow W to bid 1♥. E now has a choice now according to style – 1♠, 2♣ or a wide-ranging INT (12-16 HCP). Over a suit bid, W will support ♦'s and over INT will enquire about a ♥ fit and then support ♦'s for +110.

The winning score is 120 in NT's.

Board 22. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ 9 6 4 3 ♦ Q 4 2 ♣ 8 6 4 3</p> <p>♠ A 5 2 ♥ Q J ♦ K 9 5 ♣ A J 10 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 8 3 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ Q 9 5</p> <p>♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ K 8 7 2 ♦ J 8 7 3 ♣ K</p>
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Playing weak NT, E will open INT and W may have options according to the system played.

e.g. 2♠ – a range probe – E will bid 3♠'s (14pts + 4♠'s), and, feeling lucky, W can bid 4♣ – a slam try which E can accept with a cue of 4♦ (4NT would be a sign off) and the making slam may be reached.

Or W bids 3NT – this is where he should play.

If E has to open 1♣ then W is likely to bid 3NT (13-15 HCP with ♣'s) to end the auction.

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ 9 6 5 2 ♦ K 9 5 3 ♣ K J 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 8 5 3 ♥ J 10 4 ♦ A Q 8 6 ♣ A 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ ♦ J 10 7 4 ♣ Q 8 7</p> <p>♠ J 9 ♥ A K Q 8 7 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 9 3 2</p>
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Whether S opens a weak 2♥, a Multi 2♦ or even 1H, W must double. Over 1♥ or 2♥'s N will raise to 3♥'s. Over the Multi, N can only bid 2♥'s. What ever happens E will immediately bid 4♠'s.

S knowing of the ♥ fit may decide to bid 5♥'s, dangerous as 3 off will be a complete bottom.

Anything less than 650 will score badly for E/W and if 5♥'s is bid, E should bid 5♠'s as he has no defensive tricks in his hand.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

If W opens a Lucas 2♠ (5 ♠'s and another 4 card suit, 5-9 points) then N should bid 4♥'s. E now has a decision to make, pass or 4♠'s. It looks like he has 3 sure tricks, A♠, K♥ and A♣'s, but can he depend on partner for one? No, he should bid 4♠'s.

If W passes, N will open 1♥ and E will double to show 4♠'s, S will bid INT, and W 2♠'s. N will now bid 4♥'s and we are in the same position, however N, with 3 sure tricks, can X 4♠'s knowing S has values.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

There is not much to say about this hand, for if E opens a weak 2♠ or a Multi 2♦ (the suit is too poor for a 3♠ opener when vulnerable) it will be passed out in 2 ♠'s. Whether W will make any effort is doubtful and N/S have no way to balance. 8 tricks are all that are available after N/S get a ♦ ruff.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

After 2 passes, W will open 1♠. N will not bid ♣'s with such a bad suit, so E will bid INT (playing 4 card majors), or 2♠'s (5 card majors).

Over 2 ♠'s, W will make a trial bid of 3♥'s (asking E to bid 4♠'s if he can keep the ♥'s to 2 losers) . E cannot guarantee this and should bid 3♠'s.

Over the INT rebid, W will bid 3♦ and E will bid 3♠'s, W can now bid 3NT, but on a non-♥ lead from S there are only 8 tricks.

Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

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

With a 4 loser hand, S will start with a game forcing bid. N will show a flat 7/8 count , and S will play in 4♥. Eleven tricks will be made at most tables as there is a choice of 2 entries to dummy for a ♣ discard. The only way E/W can take 3 tricks is for W to underlead the A♣ and then give partner a ruff – very cunning.

Board 28. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

♠ K 9 8 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 10 8 6 3 ♣ K 10 6 2 ♠ Q J 10 6 5 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ J 5 ♣ 5 3	♠ 7 4 2 ♥ A 9 7 3 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ A J 8 ♠ A 3 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ A K 9 2 ♣ Q 9 7 4
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W has a perfect hand for the Lucas fans and E should raise to keep N/S out of the auction. This will be 2 down for -100. However, this may not be a good result. If S is allowed to open a weak NT and W has a bid to show the majors then E/W can play in their ♥ fit for +110.

If S opens 1♦ at least N can support when W bids.

Whilst N/S can make 9 tricks either minor, they may not compete that high.

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

♠ A J 10 2 ♥ K 9 5 4 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ 6 2 ♠ Q 5 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 10 9 6 3 ♣ A K 10 9 3	♠ 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ A J 7 3 2 ♦ K ♣ J 8 ♠ K 8 ♥ Q 10 ♦ A 7 5 4 2 ♣ Q 7 5 4
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N should pass and E does not have a good Lucas bid (poor ♠'s and a singleton K in an outside suit). S will probably open 1♦ (there is a 2♣ rebid) and 2♦ is the limit for this hand. However, after bidding 1♥, N will try 2NT and this will go one down when W asks for a ♣ switch.

If W wanders in with a 2♣ bid, this should get the punishment it deserves, -500.

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

♠ K J 5 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 8 4 3 ♠ A Q 10 7 6 ♥ Q J ♦ K Q 7 4 ♣ A 2	♠ 8 4 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ K J 7 6 5 ♠ 9 3 ♥ A 10 9 7 5 2 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ 10 9
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S will open a weak 2♥ or Multi 2♦ and give W a problem. Over 2♥, will it be 2NT to show points but with no sure ♥ stop or 2♠ (either contract makes 8 tricks) or X? The options are probably the same for most people over the Multi. Over a X, E needs to be able to bid a Lebensohl 2NT (asks partner to bid 3♣) and they will make 9 tricks in ♣'s. Otherwise E has to bid 3♣ and W will have no idea how many points there are and have to guess what to do next.

Board 31. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

♠ 10 5 4 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ A K Q J 7 4 ♣ 9 ♠ A Q J 9 8 7 ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K Q 6	♠ 2 ♥ K 10 8 6 2 ♦ 3 ♣ A J 8 7 4 3 ♠ K 6 3 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ 10 5 2
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W will open 1♠ and N will bid 2♦. Will E make a T.O. X with no support for partner's suit? This would encourage W to bid 3♠ (one down) after S supports ♦'s. If E passes will W compete over 3♦ (also one down)?

The best contract for E/W is ♣'s, making 10 tricks, but not easy to find.

Board 32. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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

When N opens a weak NT, S will transfer to ♥'s and end the auction. If E starts off with a ♣ lead this will give declarer the 9th trick whereas any other lead holds it to 8.

If N opens a minor before rebidding 1NT, S has to decide whether to pass or take out to 2♥. N should make 8 tricks especially if E again leads a helpful ♣.