

## Yeats Country Bridge Congress 2017 Commentary on the Second Session Pairs - FOB

*Some food for thought – to help with the discussion in the bar, I am going to assume 4-card majors and weak No-Trump – and I will mention '5-card majors and Strong No-Trump' if it matters.*

| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A10<br/>♥ KQJ432<br/>♦ Q2<br/>♣ J82</p> <p>♠ K982            ♠ J6543<br/>♥ 965             ♥ -<br/>♦ J5                ♦ AK7643<br/>♣ KQ74           ♣ A3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q7<br/>♥ A1087<br/>♦ 1098<br/>♣ 10965</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">13</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">9</td><td style="text-align: center;">12</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |      | 13    |   | 9  | 12 | 6 |  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | S | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | E | - | 4 | - | 5 | - | W | - | 4 | - | 5 | - | <p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 15%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 15%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 15%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 15%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>A straightforward bidding battle to begin with. North-South can make 8 tricks in Hearts and East-West can make 11 tricks in a Spade contract.</p> <p>So if E/W can get to 4♠ they will score well and if N/S can get to play in a Heart contract undoubled they will score well.</p> <p>The 1♥ opening by North is routine but East's overcall will take different forms at different tables e.g. 1♠, 2♦ or even some form of two-suited gadget like 'Michaels' or 'Ghestem'. Then of course West has to decide how to show his support 2♠, 3♠, 4♠ or via an 'unassuming cue bid'.</p> <p>It's hard to imagine any E/W pair not getting to 4♠ either voluntarily or by being shovelled into it.</p> | West | North | East | South |  | 1♥ | 1♠ | 2♥ | 3♥ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |  |  |
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|  | 1♥       | 1♠   | 2♥    |   |    |    |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |    |    |    |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| 3♥   | Pass     | 4♦   | Pass  |   |    |    |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |    |    |    |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| 4♠   | All Pass |      |       |   |    |    |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |    |    |    |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10854<br/>♥ QJ965<br/>♦ AK8<br/>♣ Q</p> <p>♠ Q73                      ♠ 6<br/>♥ K7                         ♥ A1043<br/>♦ 752                        ♦ Q1094<br/>♣ J10742                 ♣ A985</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AKJ92<br/>♥ 82<br/>♦ J63<br/>♣ K63</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">12</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6      10</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">12</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 12    | 6      10 | 12 | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | 2 | 3 | - | S | - | - | 2 | 3 | - | E | 2 | - | - | - | - | W | 2 | - | - | - | - | <p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>It is hard to imagine any N/S pair staying out of this doomed 4♠. Declarer has 4 tricks to lose and indeed might even lose 5 tricks if he is not careful.</p> <p>A trump lead from West seems to be the only way to let declarer make 10 tricks.</p> | West | North | East | South |  |  | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |  |
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|  |       | Pass     | 1♠    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 2♥    | Pass     | 2♠    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 4♠    | All Pass |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |

| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ QJ53<br/>♥ KQ943<br/>♦ K1097<br/>♣ -</p> <p>♠ AK9                      ♠ 106<br/>♥ J                         ♥ A1065<br/>♦ J6532                 ♦ Q4<br/>♣ AK53                 ♣ J10876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8742<br/>♥ 872<br/>♦ A8<br/>♣ Q942</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">11</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">16      7</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>N T</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |      | 11    | 16      7 | 6   | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | N T | N | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | S | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | E | 3 | 2 | - | - | 1 | W | 3 | 2 | - | - | 1 | <p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♦</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dbl</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>This should be a partscore battle and as always in such battles, experience and partnership understanding will be key to avoiding a disaster.</p> <p>Some E/W pairs will force themselves into game – most probably 3NT. On a good day the Clubs would be kinder and 9 tricks would roll in – but today they don't and disciplined bidding is rewarded. A Club partial is the top spot for E/W but if N/S get into the auction the Club fit might not come to light.</p> | West | North | East | South |  |  |  | Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ | 1NT | 2♥ | Dbl | All Pass |  |  |
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| S  | -        | -    | 2     | 1         | -   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |  |  |      |    |    |     |    |     |          |  |  |
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| 1♦   | 1♥       | 1NT  | 2♥    |           |     |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |  |  |      |    |    |     |    |     |          |  |  |
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| S  | 1            | -           | -            | 1        | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |      |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| E  | -            | 3           | 1            | -        | 1  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |      |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |
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| Pass   | 2♠           | All Pass    |              |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |      |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |

| <p style="text-align: center;">             ♠ A1065<br/>             ♥ Q74<br/>             ♦ 87642<br/>             ♣ 2           </p> <p>             ♠ J983                      ♠ KQ<br/>             ♥ AK982                  ♥ J53<br/>             ♦ AQ109                  ♦ 5<br/>             ♣ -                          ♣ AQJ8765           </p> <p style="text-align: center;">             ♠ 742<br/>             ♥ 106<br/>             ♦ KJ3<br/>             ♣ K10943           </p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">14    13</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr> </table> | HCP          |             | 6            | 14    13 | 7  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | - | - | - | S | - | - | - | - | - | E | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | W | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | <p>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>West</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>North</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>East</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>South</b></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>E/W have 27 HCP and an 8-card fit so they should be able to get to 4♥ with ease....famous last words because anyone making the maximum 11 tricks will score really well.</p> <p>Those E/W's in 3NT might have an easier run because defending 3NT will not be easy.</p> | <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |  | Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |  |  |
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| E  | 4            | 3           | 5            | 4        | 4  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| W  | 4            | 3           | 5            | 4        | 4  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
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| 1♥   | Pass         | 2♣          | Pass         |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| 2♠   | Pass         | 3♥          | Pass         |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| 4♥   | All Pass     |             |              |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable

**West North East South**

Pass Pass 1NT

Pass 2♠ Pass 2NT

Pass 3♣ All Pass

A great hand for the brave – E/W can make 4♥ or 4♠ but yet they might not even get into the auction!

Any N/S's playing a Weak No-Trump might be able to steal this hand from E/W because West does not have an easy bid over South's 1NT opening. (North's 2♠ response is a 'two-way' bid showing either 11HCP or a 6-card minor).

If South does not open 1NT then West should be able to more easily enter the auction and find their major suit fit.

♠ J10  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ 86  
 ♣ J976532  
 ♠ A975 ♠ Q843  
 ♥ KQJ10 ♥ 98432  
 ♦ Q10973 ♦ A5  
 ♣ - ♣ A10  
 ♠ K62  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ KJ42  
 ♣ KQ84

| HCP |    |
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| 12  | 10 |
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| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
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|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | 3 | - | - | - | -  |
| S                  | 3 | - | - | - | -  |
| E                  | - | 2 | 4 | 4 | -  |
| W                  | - | 2 | 4 | 4 | -  |

Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable

**West North East South**

Pass Pass

1NT Pass 2♦ Pass

2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass

3♥ Pass 4NT Pass

5♣ Pass 5♦ Pass

5NT Pass 7♥ All Pass

When West opens the bidding, East could just blast 6NT – but that would be lazy bidding – because the East hand is such a strong hand with all its points in Aces and Kings and two nice 10's in its two long suit – the East hand is totally undervalued at 21 HCP.

Once East learns that his partner has 3 Hearts, the Ace of Clubs, the Queen of Hearts and no ♠K – he can almost certainly count 13 tricks.

♠ K109763  
 ♥ J86  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ Q10  
 ♠ Q84 ♠ A  
 ♥ Q53 ♥ AK1097  
 ♦ QJ87 ♦ AK104  
 ♣ AJ2 ♣ K54  
 ♠ J52  
 ♥ 42  
 ♦ 953  
 ♣ 98763

| HCP |    |
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| 12  | 21 |
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| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
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| N                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| S                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| E                  | 5 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 7  |
| W                  | 5 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 7  |

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| Pass  | 2♦    | Pass | 2♠    |   |    |   |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |  |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
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| 6♣   | All Pass |      |       |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

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| 4♥  | All Pass |      |       |   |    |    |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

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| <p>♠ 6<br/>♥ A75<br/>♦ KQ1064<br/>♣ QJ95</p> <p>♠ Q109432      ♠ AKJ87<br/>♥ J862            ♥ KQ943<br/>♦ A8                ♦ 2<br/>♣ 3                 ♣ K2</p> <p>♠ 5<br/>♥ 10<br/>♦ J9753<br/>♣ A108764</p> |    | Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable |              |             |              |  |  |   |    |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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