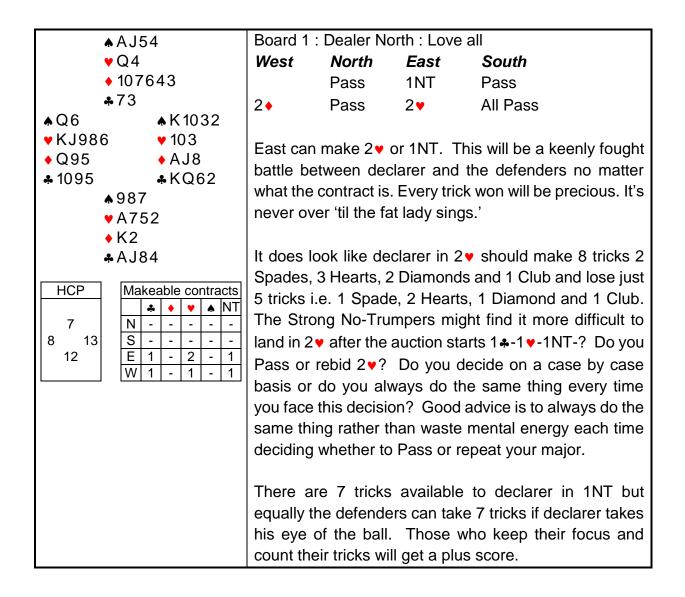
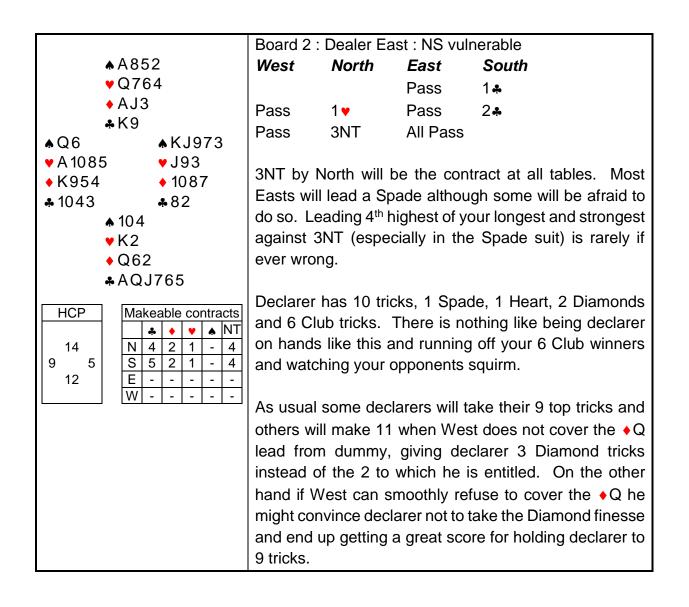
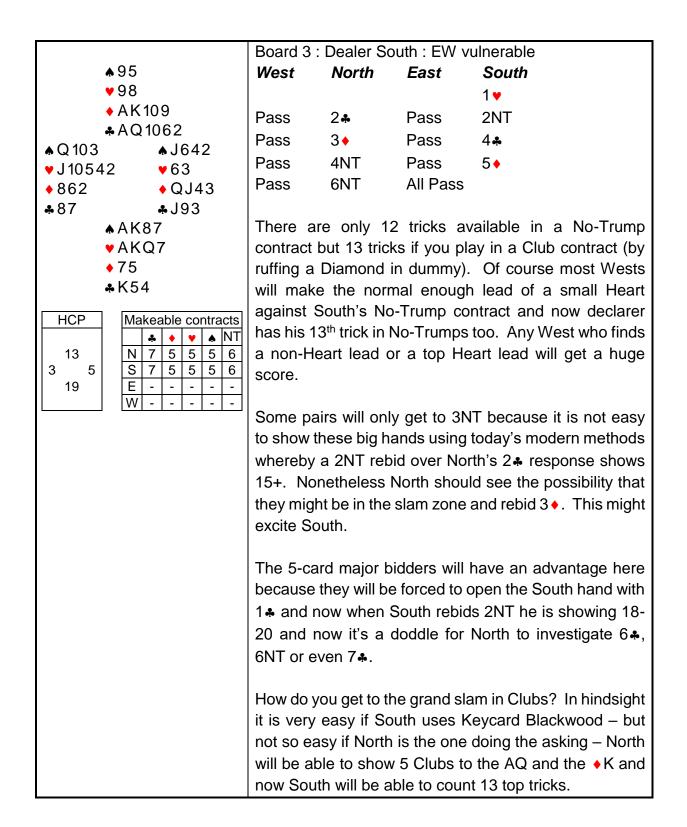
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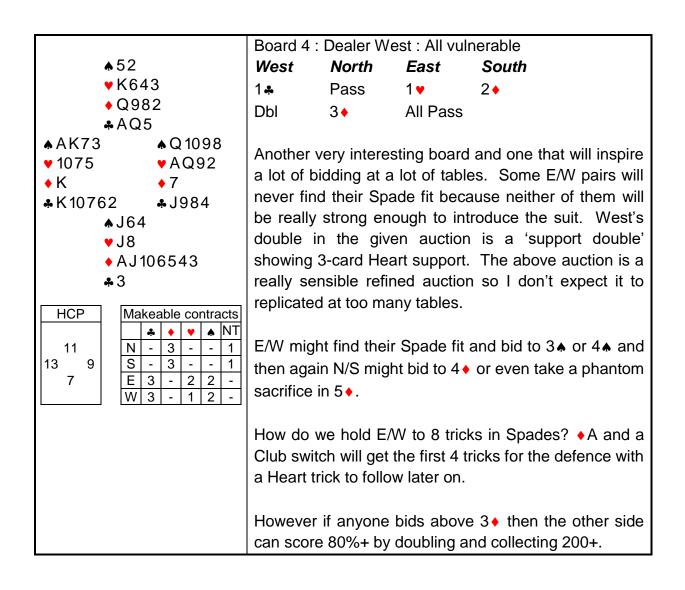
The month of May is usually our 'Revision' Month in Sligo – so we are inviting all our friends to join in the fun and take a fresh look at their game.

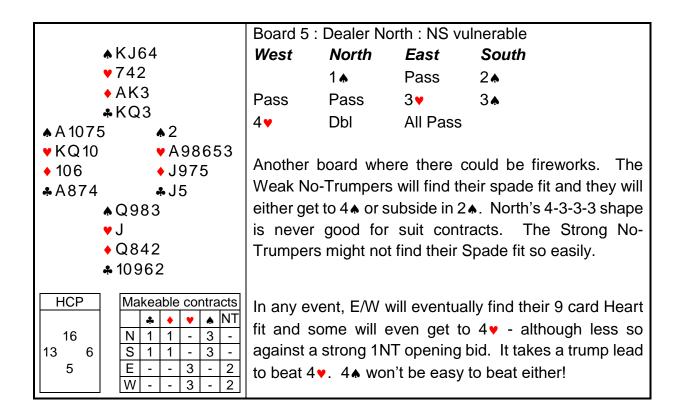
The comments below are based on a Weak No-Trump, 4-card major system but other systems will be mentioned if relevant. The idea here is just to give you a bit of food for thought when you are discussing the hands with your partner. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me anytime. Fearghal.

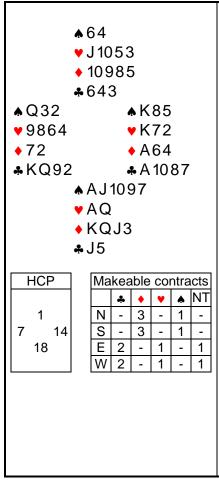










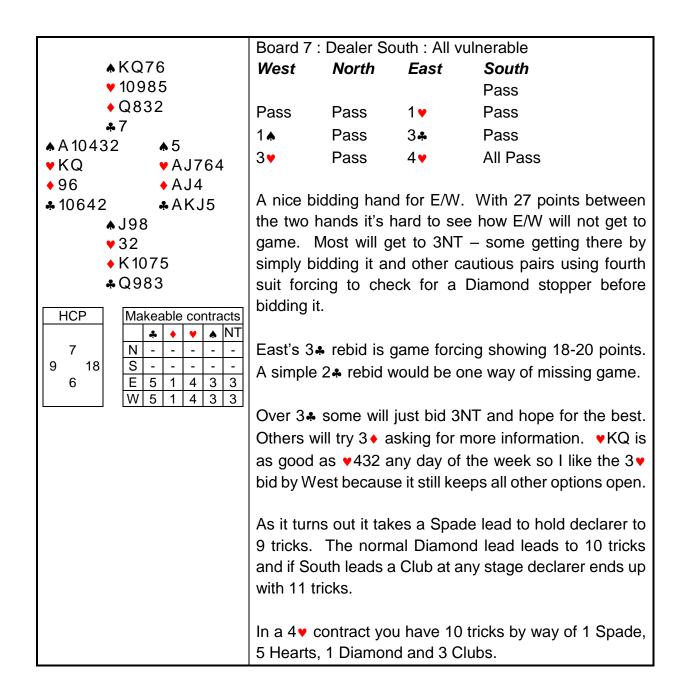


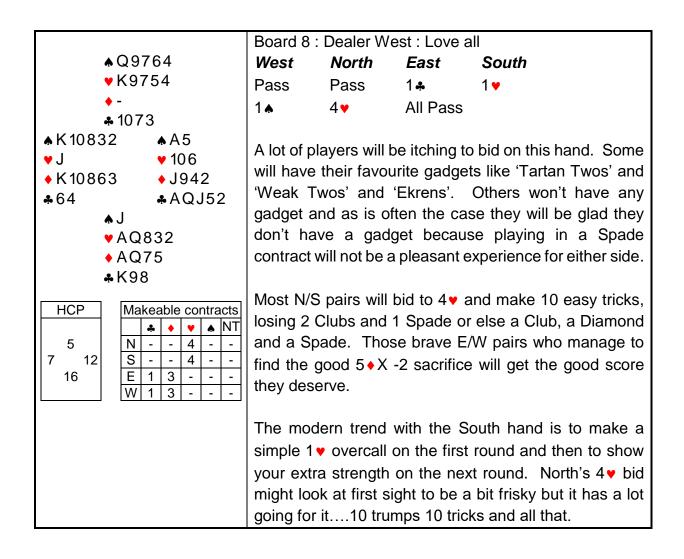
	Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable							
West North		East	South					
			1NT	Dbl				
	Pass	2♦	All Pass					

The weak No-Trumpers will open 1NT and South will double. When North runs to  $2 \diamond$ , a wise South will let it go. North's  $2 \diamond$  is saying she has 0-4 points which means there won't be too many entries to the North hand.

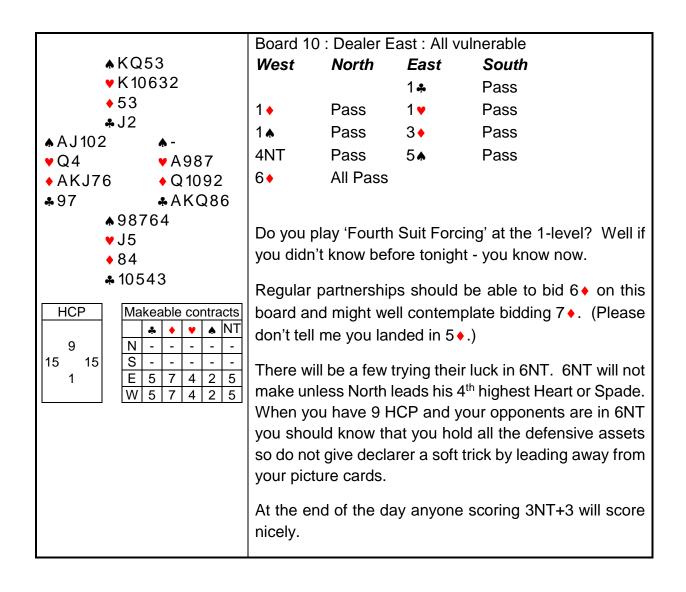
However most South's will be tempted by the extra points and reasonably good Spade suit into bidding  $2 \bigstar$ . It looks like West needs to organise a Diamond ruff for himself to beat it (and East has to duck the first Diamond) – otherwise declarer only loses 2 Spades, 1 Diamond and 2 Clubs – as long as he is careful with his  $\bigstar 3$  – he needs that card to get to dummy at some point to take a Heart finesse.

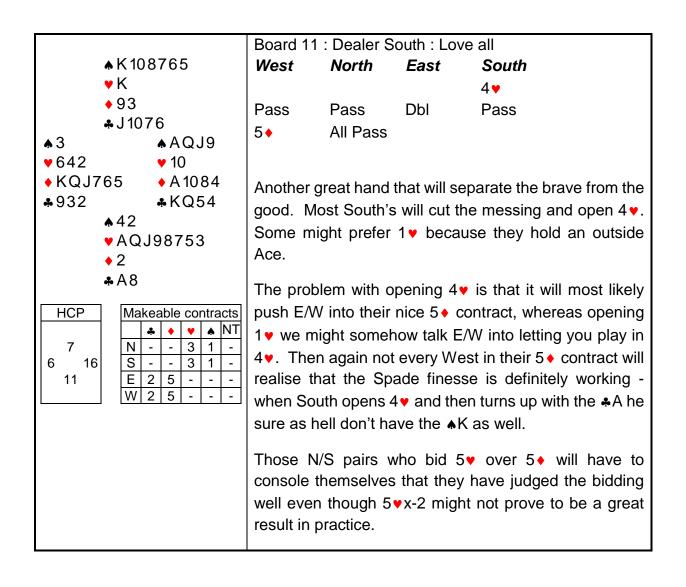
Life is much easier for declarer if he plays in a Diamond contract – making 9 tricks by finessing twice in Spades.

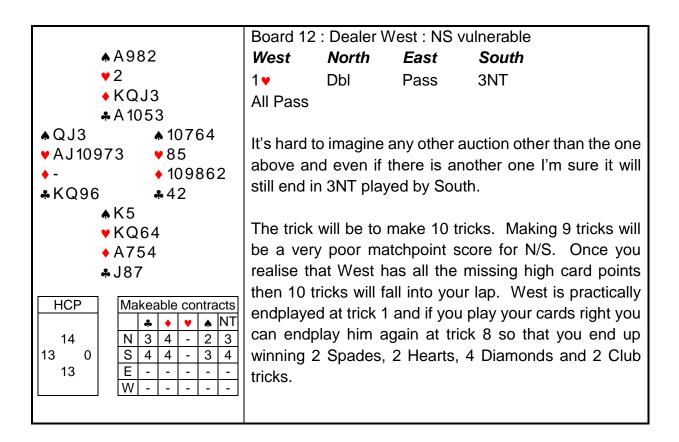


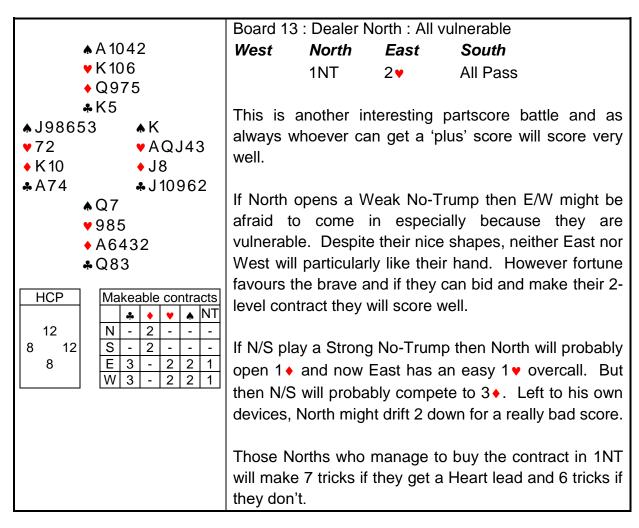


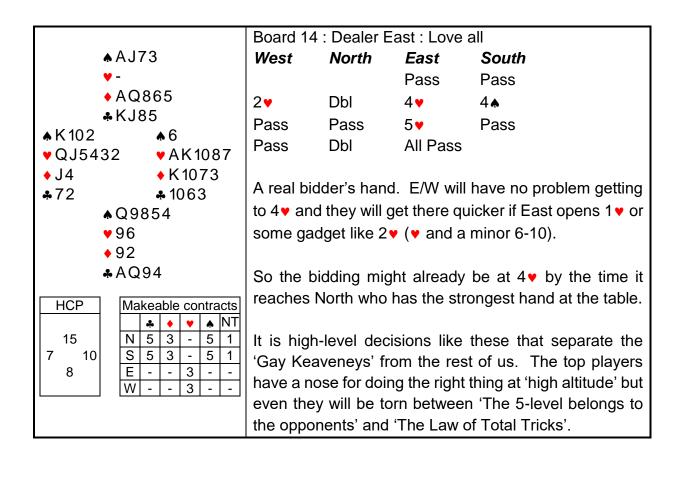
▲Q1054 ♥4 ♦KQ642	West	North	East	South	
•••			Laot	South	
▲KO642		Pass	Pass	Pass	
	1*	1 🔶	Pass	2*	
♣Q82	Dbl	2♦	Pass	3♦	
<pre>▲KJ3 ▲98762 ♥AKJ5 ♥Q1032</pre>	All Pass				
◆ 105 ◆ J3	The 'strong No-Trumpers' might be able to buy this				
*A965 *J3	hand in 2♥ (1NT-2♣-2♦-2♥-P). The Weak No-				
A A	Trumpers will probably open 1.4 giving North a chance				
<b>♥</b> 9876	to bid a cheap 1 • and now there will be no keeping N/S				
♦A987	out of the auction.				
<b>♣</b> K1074					
HCP Makeable contracts	South's 2	South's 2. bid in the given auction is the 'Unassuming			
	Cue Bid'	showing	a good ra	ise to 3♦. North doesn't	
9 N 2 5 - 1	have much to shout about so there won't be anyone in				
	1 5♦.				
11 <u>E 1 1 -</u> W 1 1 -		t the geo	d N/S coo	area will come from EM/	
	I suspect the good N/S scores will come from E/W				
	getting too high and losing 200+.				

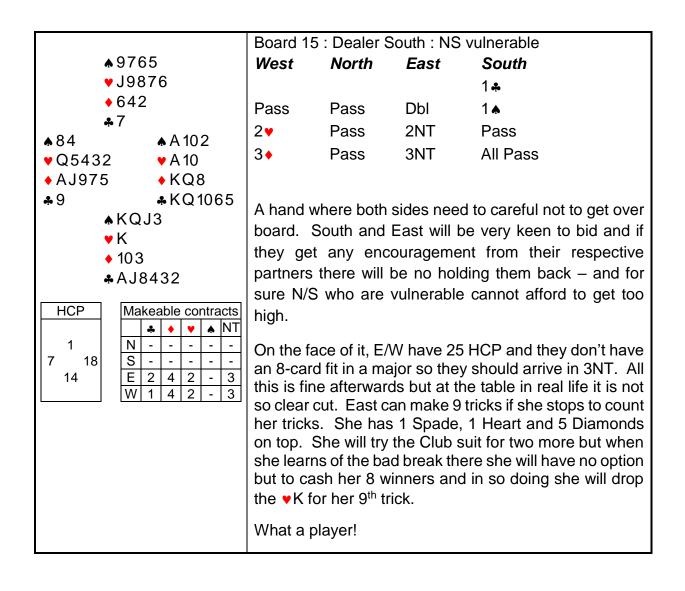


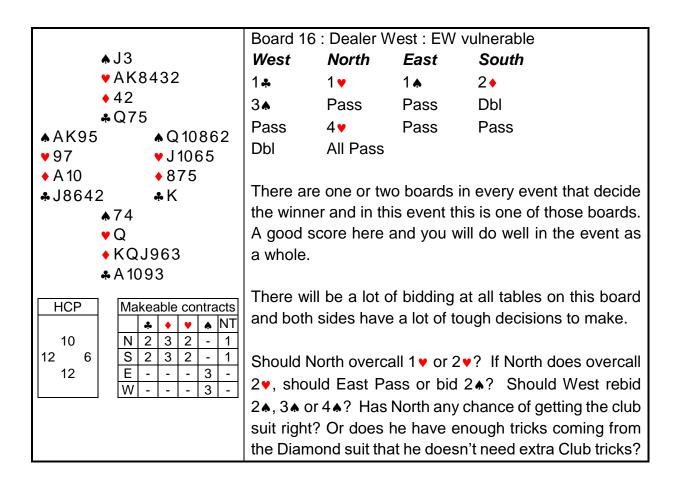


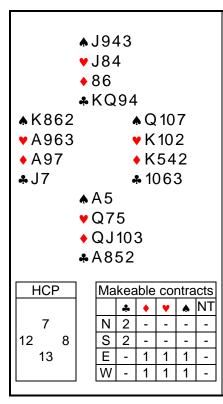












Board 17 : Dealer North : Love all									
West	North	East	South						
	Pass	Pass	1NT						
All Pass									

There is a wise adage that says that at Nil All you want to play your partscore contracts in 1NT. It looks like 1NT played by South will be the final contract no matter whether you play weak or strong No-Trump – although 2\* would be a lovely contract to get to.

Getting a plus score whether my making your own contract or by defeating theirs will earn your side a big matchpoint score. In 1NT South after a Heart lead has 6 top tricks. Although his Diamonds look like they should produce a seventh trick, the defence should be able to switch to Spades after they take their 3 Heart tricks to set up their own 7 tricks before declarer gets his.

