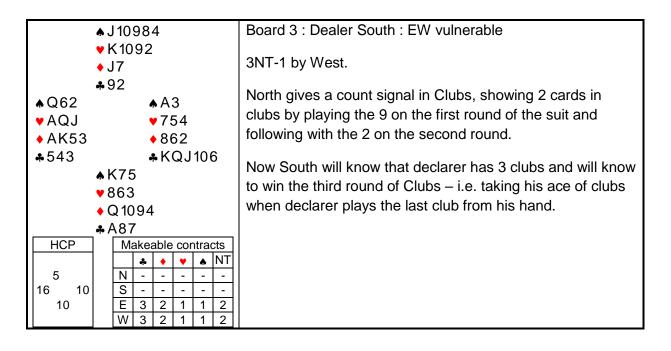
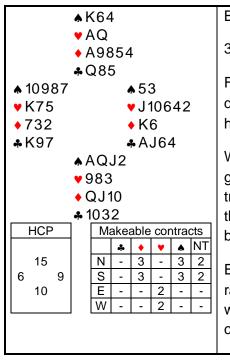
## 100th Intermediate Pairs Championship - Thursday 13th January 2022 - FOB

♠2						Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all
♥KQJ10						
♦7652						4 <b>▲</b> -1 by South.
<b>*</b> 7542						The colden rule in defense is that we take our easy when
♠976						The golden rule in defence is that we take our ace when
♥A65						declarer plays the last card from his shortest hand. There
) ◆J84						are 4 hearts in dummy and 2 in declarer's hand – so East
<b>&amp;</b> QJ108				)8		must take his ace of hearts on the second round (not the
AKQJ108 ∧						first round and not the third round).
<b>v</b> 43						Dut East sen't see declarer's hand , so how doos he know
						But East can't see declarer's hand – so how does he know
						that declarer has exactly 2 hearts?
Ma						He knows how many declarer has because his partner West
N	-	• 2	2	<b>♠</b> 3		
S	2	2	2	3	2	tells him how hearts West has! West gives a hi-lo count
E	-	-	-	-	-	signal in Hearts (showing 2 or 4 hearts) and now East knows
W	-	-	-	-	-	that declarer also holds 2 or 4 hearts – so he holds up his •A
						until the second round.
	<ul> <li>KQ.</li> <li>765</li> <li>754</li> <li>AK0</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>N</li> <li>S</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>AKQJ</li> <li>AKQJ</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> <li>Makea</li> <li>N 2</li> <li>S 2</li> <li>E -</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>97</li> <li>A</li> <li>43</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> <li>Makeable</li> <li>4</li> <li>N 2 2</li> <li>S 2 2</li> <li>E</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>976</li> <li>A65</li> <li>J84</li> <li>QJ10</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> <li>Makeable cor</li> <li>1</li> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>4</li> <li>4<td><ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>976</li> <li>A65</li> <li>J84</li> <li>QJ108</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> <li>Makeable contraction</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3</li> <li>E</li> </ul></td><td><ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>976</li> <li>A65</li> <li>J84</li> <li>QJ108</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> </ul> Makeable contracts <ul> <li>* • • • • • NT</li> <li>N 2 2 2 3 2</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3 2</li> <li>E</li> </ul></td></li></ul>	<ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>976</li> <li>A65</li> <li>J84</li> <li>QJ108</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> <li>Makeable contraction</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3</li> <li>E</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KQJ10</li> <li>7652</li> <li>7542</li> <li>976</li> <li>A65</li> <li>J84</li> <li>QJ108</li> <li>AKQJ108</li> <li>43</li> <li>AK3</li> <li>63</li> </ul> Makeable contracts <ul> <li>* • • • • • NT</li> <li>N 2 2 2 3 2</li> <li>S 2 2 2 3 2</li> <li>E</li> </ul>

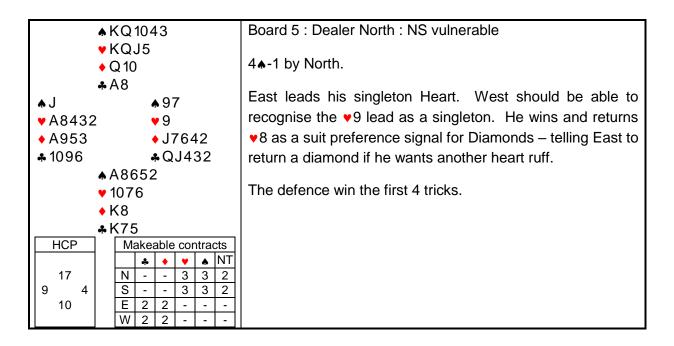
♠42				Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable
♥A1098 ♦Q986				3NT-1 by East.
	AKQ (J42			North takes his aces in clubs when declarer plays his last club from the short hand i.e. on the second round.
<ul> <li>◆743</li> <li>◆743</li> <li>◆743</li> <li>◆743</li> <li>◆73</li> </ul>	\K52 (5	2		South tells North how many cards he himself holds in clubs by giving a count signal. South shows 4 clubs by playing hi- lo when following suit i.e. 9 followed by the 3.
◆ J 10 ◆ 9843				Now North knows to win the second round of Clubs and North also knows not to allow declarer's queen of hearts become
HCP Makeab	le con			•
10 N	• •	٨	NT	an entry to the clubs i.e. North must keep his ace of clubs to
	-	-	-	beat dummy's queen of hearts and must not release his VA
2 E 2 3	3	2	3	when declarer tempts him with his $\mathbf{v}$ K or $\mathbf{v}$ J.
W 2 3	3	2	3	

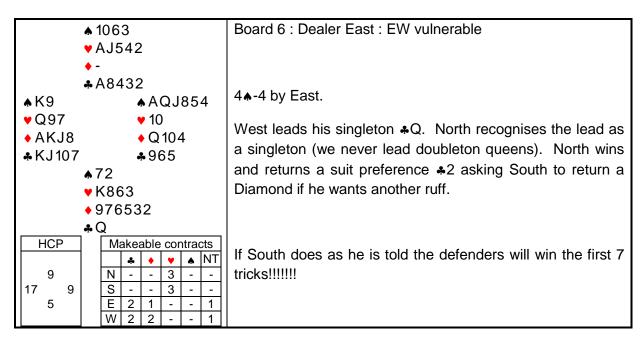


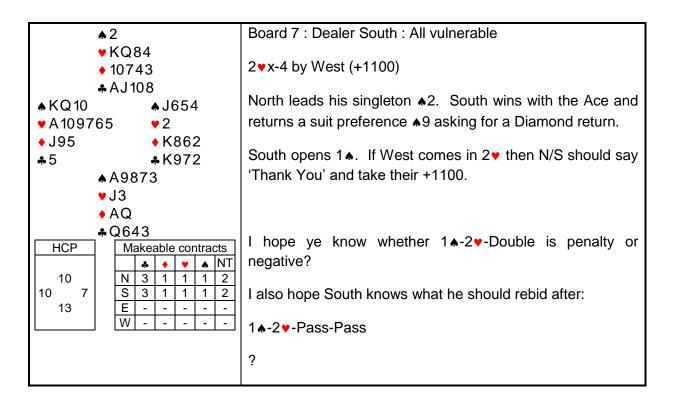


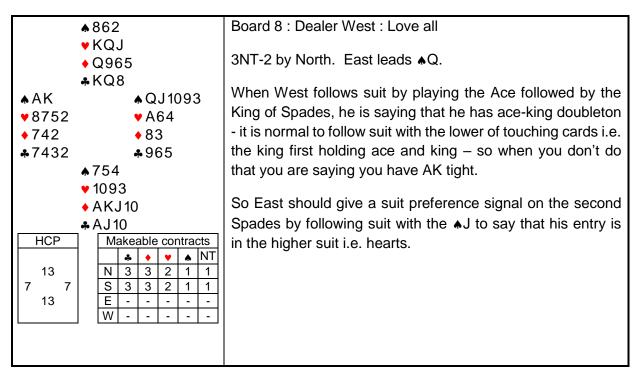
	Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable
	3NT-1 by North.
642 64	From West's play of the $\mathbf{v}$ K at trick one, East knows that declarer has $\mathbf{v}$ AQ (West would follow suit with the $\mathbf{v}$ Q if he held $\mathbf{v}$ KQ).
)4	West gives a count signal in Diamonds so that when East gets in with the $\bullet$ K, he should be able to count declarer's tricks as being 4 Spades, 2 Hearts and 4 Diamonds and therefore know to switch to Clubs to have any chance of
ontracts	beating the contract.
32 32	East switches to the \$4 to let West know to return a Club

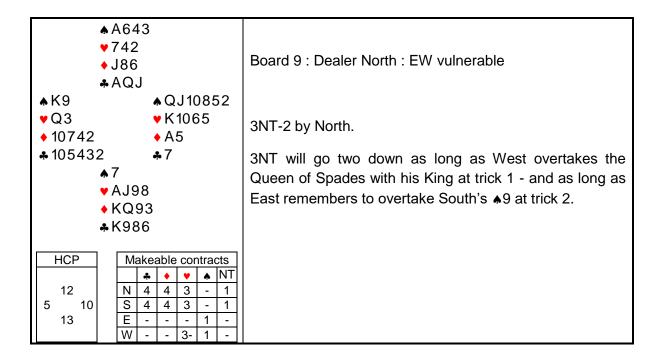
East switches to the 44 to let West know to return a Club rather than a Heart when West wins with the 4K. If East wanted West to return a heart he would switch to a higher club.

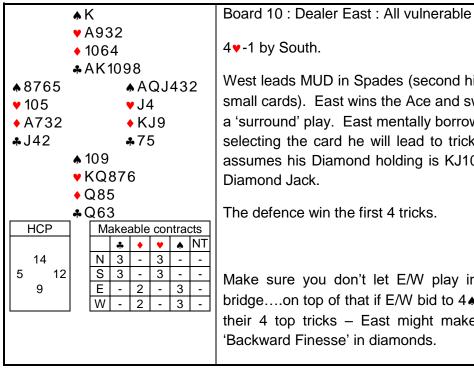








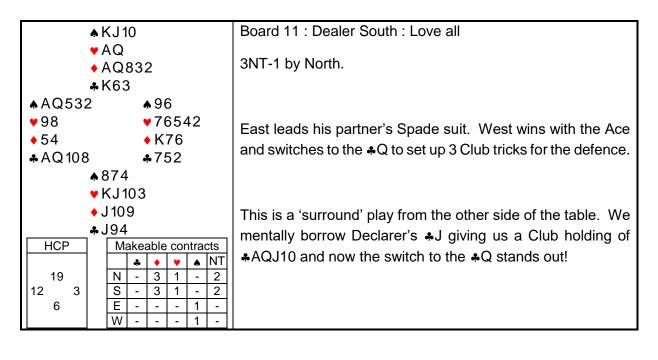


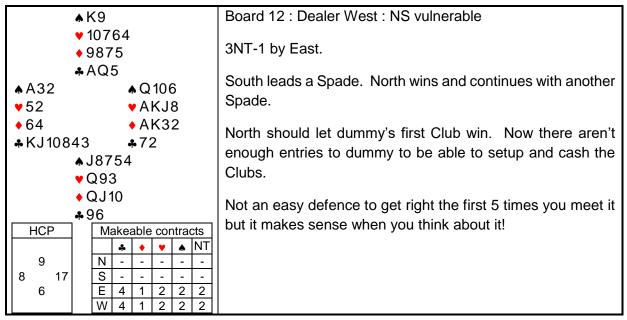


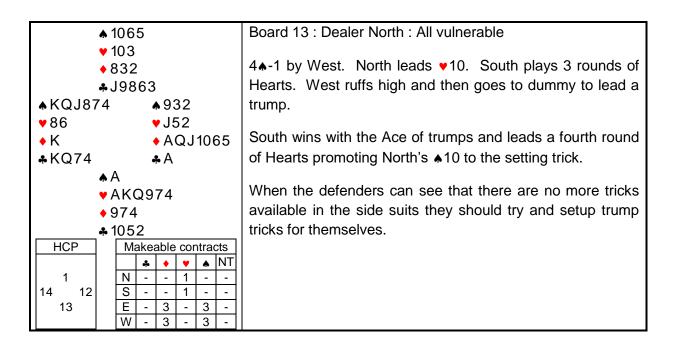
## 4**v**-1 by South. West leads MUD in Spades (second highest from 3 or more small cards). East wins the Ace and switches to + J - called a 'surround' play. East mentally borrow dummy's +10 when selecting the card he will lead to trick two i.e. he mentally assumes his Diamond holding is KJ10 and switches to the Diamond Jack.

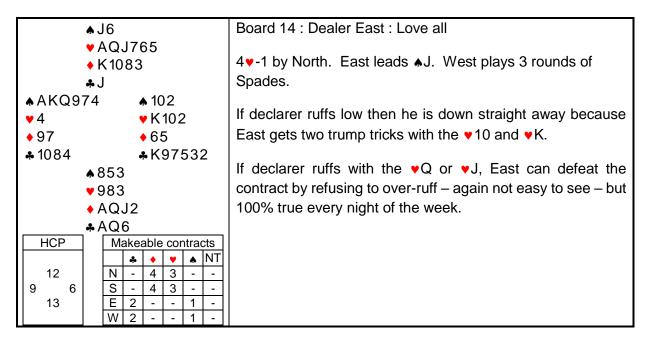
The defence win the first 4 tricks.

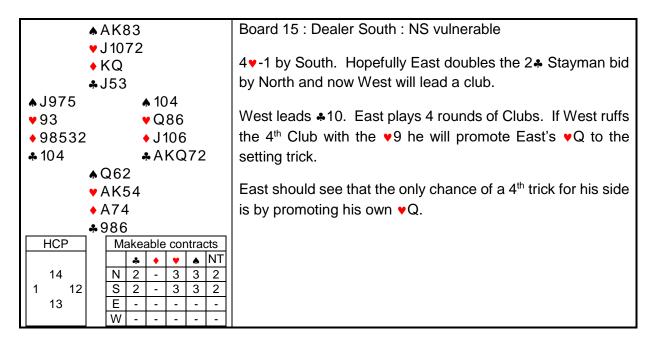
Make sure you don't let E/W play in 2 . that is losing bridge....on top of that if E/W bid to 4 and N/S do not take their 4 top tricks - East might make 4 if he takes the 'Backward Finesse' in diamonds.











<b>▲</b> 10			Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable
♥QJ1076	43		
<b>♦</b> 9			6▲-1 by East. South leads ♦A and continues with a small
<b>&amp;</b> 8743			Diamond. North ruffs and now South's AJ becomes the
▲Q53 ▲/	AK876	4	setting trick.
▼A5 ♥I	<b>K</b> 8		
♦QJ1074 ♦	6		South should see that the only chance of one more trick is to
*AQ5 *I	(J92		hope that North has the 10 and that he can be made ruff in
<b>▲</b> J92			with it. If South continues with the $\blacklozenge K$ at trick 2 then North
♥92			won't know to ruff in.
♦ AK8532			
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