

Sligo and Friends - Tuesday 17th May 2022

Board	Contract	By	Lead	Topic of the hand
1	3NT	S	S10	Win trick one to avoid heart switch. If East switches to hearts and West sticks with hearts 3NT will go down.
2	3NT	E	SQ	Keep SK as entry to dummy. Win trick one in hand and start playing on diamonds.
3	3NT	S	S7	Declarer has 9 easy tricks.
4	3NT	W	SJ	Declarer can establish diamond tricks by ducking 2 rounds of the suit.
5	3NT	N	C5	declarer should run the D9 at trick 2 and now he has 9 tricks.
6	3NT	S	HK	Find the DQ. East was unable to open the bidding and yet ahs shown up with HKQ, SK and CK so cannot have DQ.
7	3NT	W	D10	Declarer needs to duck the diamond lead in both hands.
8	4S	S	HA	Easy 10 tricks.
9	3NT	S	SK	don't block the diamond suit - 'high card from the short hand' first.
10	3NT	W	SK	The club suit is blocked but declarer can unblock it by holding up the SA until the third round and dumping his 4th club from his hand on this thirs trick.
11	3NT	N	DK	Count East's Hand. You will find out that he has 6 diamonds, 4 hearts and 1 club so he has only 2 spades. So we can guarantee 4 spade tricks by cashing the SA and then playing a spade to dummy's queen and then finessing the S10 on the third round.
12	3NT	N	HJ	West must have DK for his opening bid so there is no point in taking the diamond finesse - instead play DA and a small diamond hoping the DK appears on thin air. In fact you know West has HK and also CQ.
13	7NT	E	S10	Leave the club suit until the end and you will discover that South has 4 clubs. So declarer starts by playing CK and then running C10.
14	3NT-1	W	S4	Defence - North wins the spade lead and return a spade.
15	3NT-1	W	H7	North Leads partner's suit (H7) and South plays hearts at every opportunity.
16	3NT-1	N	CJ	West needs to rise with DA on first round of diamonds so as to protest partner's entry.
17	3NT-1	E	HJ	The defence should win trick 1 with HA and return partner's suit.
18	3NT-1	W	DK	Encourage partner to continue diamonds by encouraging his lead or better still unblocking your DJ.