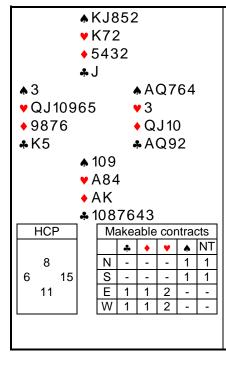
FOB Comments on the 152nd Intermediate Game 19^h January 2023

These were interesting and instructive hands so you should discuss them with your partner – it's good to talk – that's how we improve.

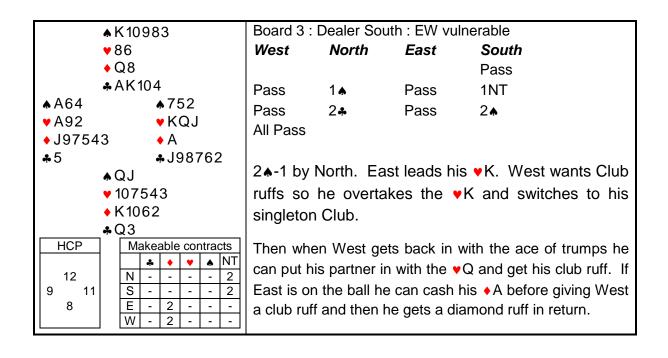
▲ A7		Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all			
♥A8632		West	North	East	South
♦ 97	♦ 97432		Pass	1 🛦	Pass
* 10	4 10		Pass	3*	Pass
▲ K964	▲ K964 ▲ QJ532		All Pass	•	
v 104	♥J7	4♠	/ 11 1 455		
 AQ A9852 ▲ 108 ♥ KQ ♦ 108 ▲ 764 	3 195 365	4▲-1 by East. Yes N/S can defeat this 4▲ contract. South leads ♥K. North should be able to see 4 tricks for the defense, 2 Hearts, 1 Spade and a Club ruff. So North should win trick one trick 1 and switch to his singleton Club			ble to see 4 tricks for the nd a Club ruff. So North
HCP M 8 N	Akeable contracts * * * NT - 3 3 - -	North then South in or			ps and returns a Heart to iff.
13 14 <u>S</u> 5 <u>E</u> W	4 3 1	In fact Sou after E/W s		-	the Club lead on his own n Clubs.

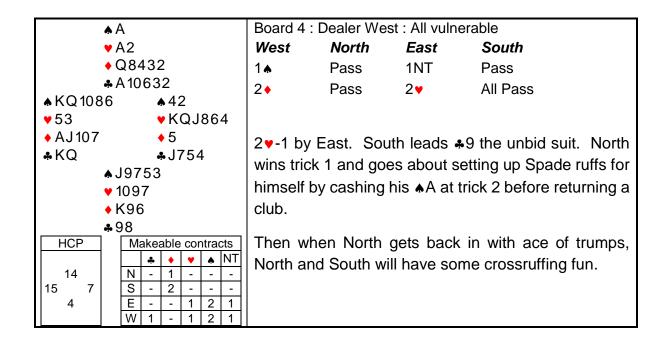


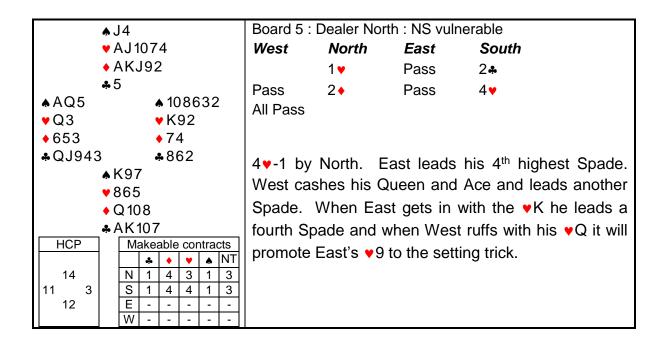
Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable				
West	North	East	South	
		1♠	Pass	
1NT	Pass	2*	Pass	
2♥	All Pass			

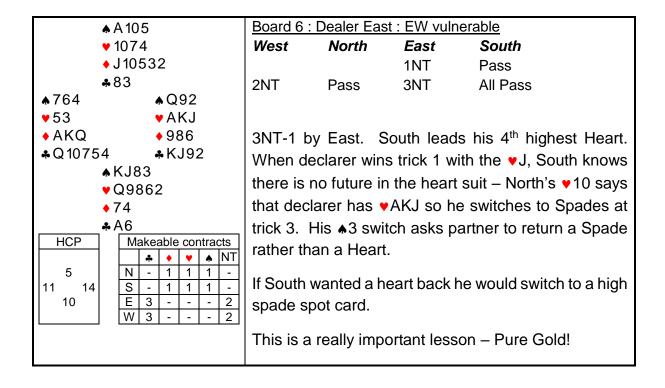
Some E/W pairs might get too high and for sure they will get too high if West responds $2 \checkmark$ - a response that usually shows 10+ points.

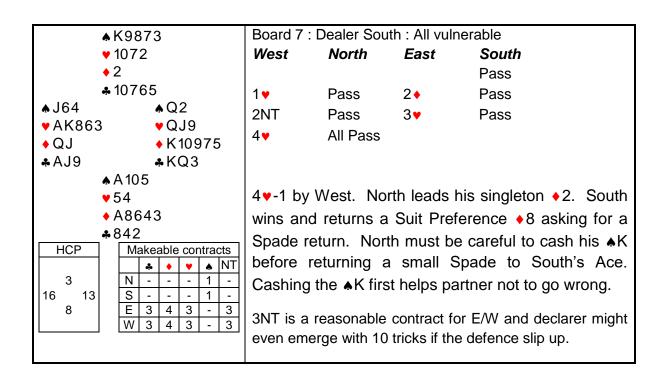
2♥-2 by West. North leads his singleton ♣J. South wins the first trump and sets up Diamond ruffs for himself by cashing his King and Ace of Diamonds – in that order – to show a doubleton. Now he gives North his Club ruff and gets a Diamond ruff in return to defeat the contract by 2 tricks.

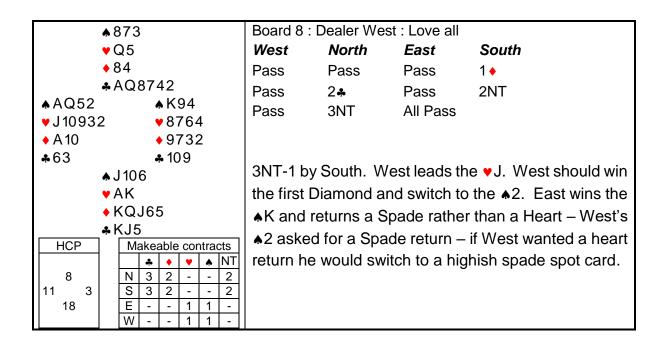


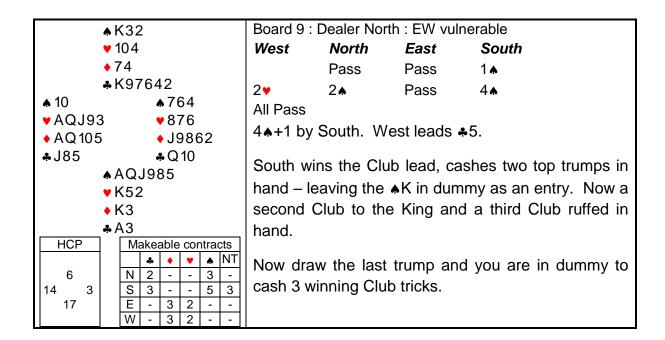


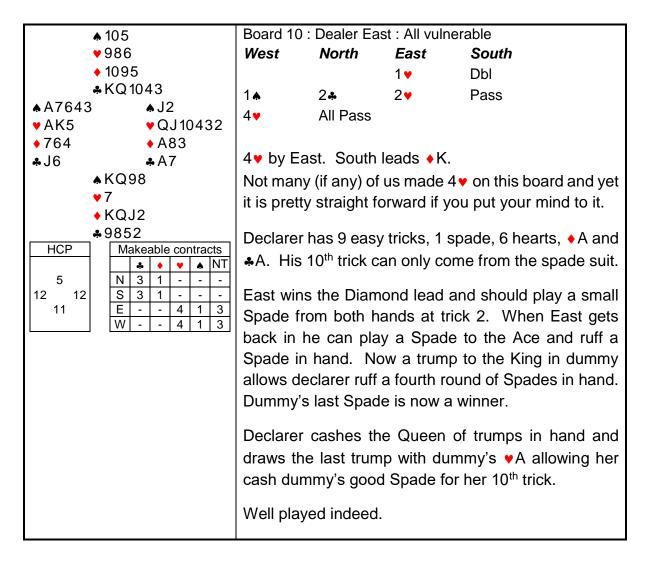


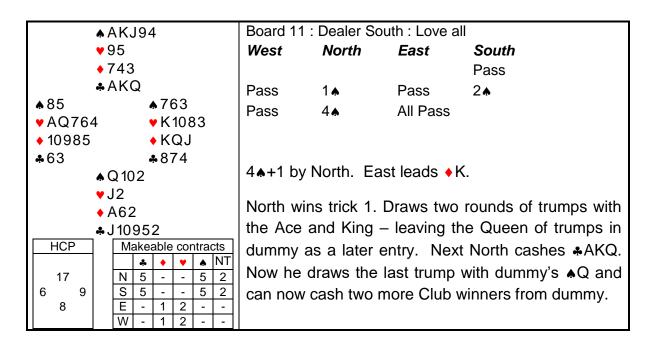


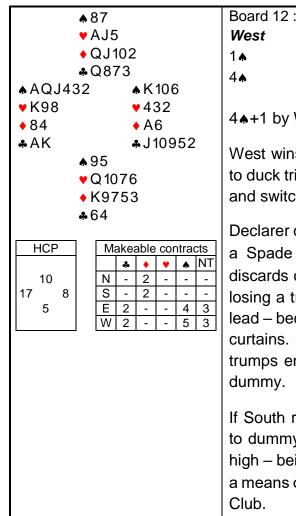












Board 12 :	erable		
		East	South
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4 ▲	All Pass		

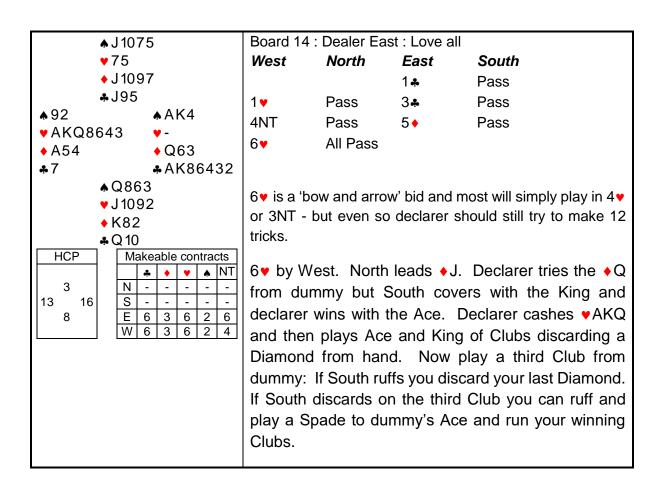
4 + 1 by West. North leads $\bullet Q$.

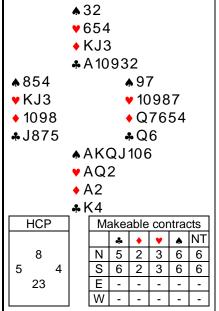
West wins the •A in dummy (if would be dangerous to duck trick 1 because a clever South might overtake and switch to a killing heart).

Declarer cashes Ace and King of Clubs in hand, leads a Spade to dummy's 10 and leads &J. If South discards on the J so does declarer. We don't mind losing a trick to North but we have to keep South off lead – because a high heart switch from him would be curtains. Later declarer can draw the remaining trumps ending in dummy to cash the good Clubs in dummy.

If South ruffs the AJ, West over-ruffs, leads a trump to dummy's King and ruffs the fourth round of Clubs high – being careful to keep the 4,3 or 2 of Spades as a means of getting to dummy's A6 to cash the winning Club.

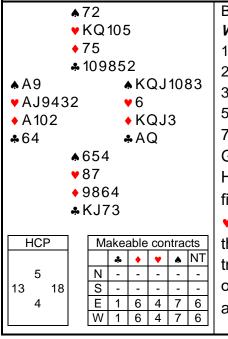
♠7		Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable			
∀ AK10964		West	North	East	South
♦ KQJ	♦ KQJ		1 🗸	Pass	1 🛦
-	♣ K62		3♥	Pass	4 🗸
 ▲AK109 ◆865 ◆753 ◆82 ◆875 ◆10962 	2	All Pass			
<pre>*975 *QJ104</pre>		6♥ by North or more likely 4♥+2. East leads ♣Q. (Well done East if you found the killing trump lead to hold declarer to 11 tricks).			
HCP Makeable contracts 16 N 3 4 5 3 5 7 3 4 5 3 5 14 E - - - - W - - - - -		goes about a Spade a dummy at the Jack in a Heart to in hand.	ut setting u at trick 2. nd ruffs a n dummy to o the Quee	up dummy Declarer Spade in o ruff anot en in dumi aw trumps	he King in hand – and y 's 5 th Spade by leading wins the Club return in hand. Then a trump to ther Spade in hand, then my to ruff the 4 th Spade s and get to dummy's h the \diamond A.



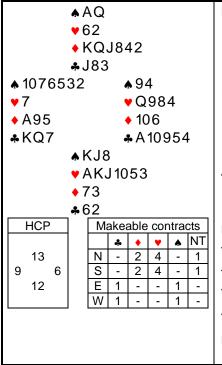


Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
			2*		
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠		
Pass	4*	Pass	6♠		
All Pass					
6♠ by South. West leads ♦ 10. Declarer tries the free					
finesse of the \bullet J but then wins with \bullet A when East					
covers with the \diamond Q. Three rounds of trumps are					

covers with the \diamond Q. Three rounds of trumps are drawn. Now \bigstar K and \bigstar A. When the \bigstar Q falls, declarer can lead the \bigstar 10 discarding a Heart from hand to force out the \bigstar J. Dummy's Clubs are now winners and the \diamond K is there as an entry.



Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass			
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass			
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass			
5•	Pass	7♠	All Pass			
7♠ by East. South leads ♠4. (a trump lead against a						
Grand Slam is routine). Declarer plans to establish the						
Heart suit (90%) rather than take the 50% Club						
finesse. Declarer wins trick 1 with dummy's ▲9. Now						
♥A, ruff a Heart in hand, Spade to dummy's Ace, ruff						
the third round of Hearts in hand. Now draw the last						
trump, Diamond to dummy's 10, ruff the fourth round						
of Hearts setting up dummy's remaining two Hearts						
as two winners with • A as an entry to them.						







Declarer ruffs the third round of Clubs. Declarer needs to avoid a trump loser and with 8 trumps we finesse rather than play for the drop. So declarer gets to dummy with the AQ and plays a Heart to his 10. Then back up to dummy's A to repeat the trump finesse. Trumps are drawn and declarer loses one more trick to the A.

