

Sligo and Friends – Intermediate Championship

Thursday 18th May 2023

<p>♠ AJ98 ♥ KJ5 ♦ AJ75 ♣ 93</p> <p>♠ 105 ♠ 62 ♥ 108743 ♥ Q96 ♦ 1082 ♦ KQ943 ♣ Q102 ♣ J54</p> <p>♠ KQ743 ♥ A2 ♦ 6 ♣ AK876</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>16</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>6</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>7</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>6</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>7</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	HCP		14		2	8	16		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	6	3	3	7	5	S	6	3	3	7	4	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>7♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>3♣ is a 'Transfer Break' showing 14 HCP, 4 spades and a doubleton club.</p> <p>The key to bidding this excellent Grand Slam is hearing that North has 4 card spade support. North shows her 4-card spade support by 'breaking the transfer' and bidding the suit where she has a doubleton.</p> <p>When South then learns that North has the ♠A and ♦A she can practically count 13 tricks.</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>		1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass			
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N	1	4	1	1	2
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Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East leads ♠4. West wins with the ace and returns the jack covered by the queen.

This should tell East that declarer has the ♠97 remaining and that in order to win 4 spade tricks, East needs to get West in to lead a third round of spades through declarer. So East wins trick 2 with ♠K and then leads ♦6 to West's ace and West returns his last spade – the defence win the first 5 tricks.

If West had 4 spades AJ97 then he would have won the ace and returned his original 4th best (the 7).

Well done if you got this defence right....top of the class!

♠ 7
♥ AQ102
♦ K9832
♣ 942

♠ Q109 ♠ AJ8642
♥ K83 ♥ 654
♦ AJ4 ♦ 7
♣ KQJ10 ♣ A86

♠ K53
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Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all

West	North	East	South
		2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South leads ♦5 but when he gets back in with the ♠K he knows to switch to the ♥J or ♥9 – the only chance of tricks for the defence is in the heart suit and now 4♠-1.

<p style="margin: 0;">♠ 76 ♥ KQ95 ♦ J104 ♣ A954</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ KJ842 ♠ Q105 ♥ 83 ♥ 10762 ♦ K72 ♦ 9853 ♣ Q86 ♣ J2</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ A93 ♥ AJ4 ♦ AQ6 ♣ K1073</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <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>4</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	HCP		10		9	3	18		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	4	3	4	1	3	S	4	4	4	2	3	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p style="margin: 0;">Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="0" style="margin: 10px 0;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">West</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding-right: 20px;">North</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding-right: 20px;">East</td> <td style="text-align: center;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Dbl</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3NT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">South holds up the ♠A until the third round and then arranges to set up his 9th trick in clubs by keeping West off lead – i.e. he concedes the first round of clubs to East. There’s no point taking the diamond finesse because if that loses you are losing to West who has all the remaining spades to cash – we have to keep West off lead.</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Win ♠A and lead a club towards dummy and cover whatever card West plays – losing the trick to East. East has no more spades and even if he had it would mean the spades were 4-4.</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Now he makes 1 spade, 4 hearts, 1 diamond and 3 clubs. 3NT made.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♣	1♠	Dbl	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
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