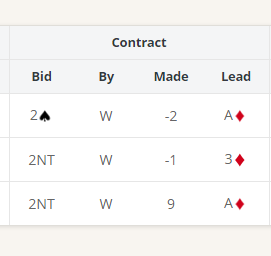
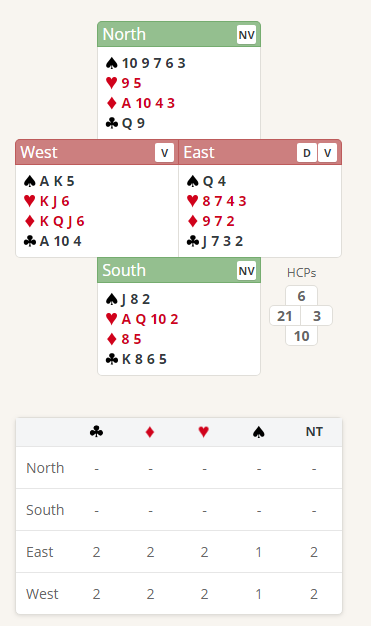
**Thursday Bidding Tips 7 Board 6 played on 7/6/2018 Junior Championships**



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| **Suggested Bidding 1** | | | |
| N | **E Dealer** | S | W |
|  | Pass | Pass | 2NT |
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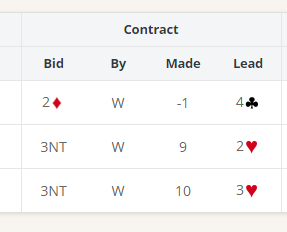
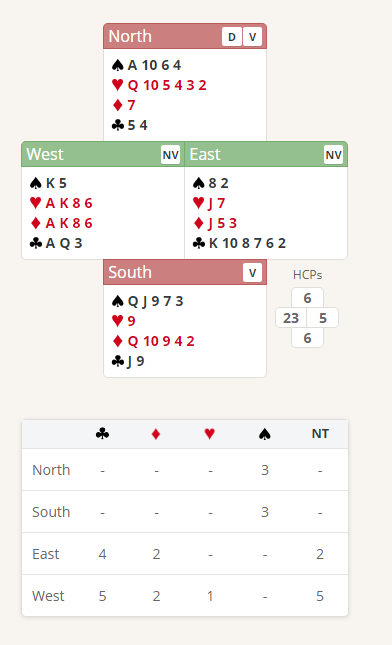
* Wests bid of 2NTshows 20-22 points and a Balanced Hand. *You must bid this as it defines exactly the hand. A bid of 2 Clubs says 20 plus points and unbalanced*
* Easts reply of **Pass** shows 0-4 points. *This is the one strong 2 bid you can pass*

Suggested Lead from North 3 Diamonds (signal to south to return the lead) You can lead away from an Ace in No Trumps ( Leading the Ace sets up 3 diamond tricks for EW)

EW should lose the 2 Aces and the K or Q Clubs and the Q Hearts Declarer needs to finesse the hearts from east to ensure they make at least 1 heart trick

Further notes about Strong opening Bids http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/user/inline/1649/NZB%20Beginner%2010%20-%20Student%20Notes.pdf

**Thursday Bidding Tips 7 Board 21 played on 7/6/2018 Junior Championships**



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| **Suggested Bidding 1** | | | |
| N Dealer | **E** | S | W |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 2C |
| Pass | 2D | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |

* Wests bid of **2 Clubs** shows ether 20+ distributional hand, game force Or 23+ Balanced hand, game force – *Open 2NT with balanced 20-22*
* Easts bid of **2 Diamonds** with 5 points is an artificial bid. It has nothing to do with diamonds. *The message is that responder is not interested in bidding slam (ie. bidding to the 6 or 7 level). This is called a relay bid.* ***West must reply.***
* Wests reply of **2 No Trumps** shows a 23-24 point balanced hand
* East with 5 points now knows that there is at least 28 points, so game is on so bids **3 No trumps**
* West knows From Easts 2D bid that slam is not on so passes

Suggested Lead from North 4 Spades or 4 Heart (4th card of a strong suit and requests to be lead back). West needs to cover a spade lead with the K or you loose the first 5 tricks. A heart lead is nicer for EW and Declarer should put up the Jack H in dummy. This is a finesse for a King.

NS should make at least 3NT the 5 Clubs and the A K of both Diamond and hearts

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Notes about Finessing

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