

Young Chelsea Bridge Club
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Board 5

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 10 4 3
♦ A 9 3
♣ A K 5

This hand has 15 points. Too strong top open 1NT (12-14). Instead open 1S

Board 8

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ Q J 10 8 4
♦ A 7 3
♣ 5

You lead a Heart, correctly choosing the Queen (top of a sequence)

Board 11

♠ J 8 7 6 4
♥ - -
♦ 4 3
♣ A 9 6 5 3 2

You have only 5 points, but good distribution. You are worth a 1S response, but should then not bid again unless your partner forces you (on the actual hand you tried to bid Spades then Clubs and got overboard)

Board 12

♠ 2
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
♣ K 2

You have only 7 points. When the opponents open 1S you could make a weak jump overcall of 3D (showing 5-9 points and six Diamonds). But you are not strong enough to double (that takes the partnership overboard).

Board 16

♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ K 7
♣ 9 8

You have only 6 points but stuck in a 1S overcall. A bit light (8+ for one level overcall), but always good to bid Spades if you can!

Board 17

♠ AQ65
♥ K
♦ KJ76
♣ AQ65

You were declarer in 4S. You played Diamonds before drawing trumps and they got ruffed.

You have ten trumps, so are only missing three. You should draw trumps straight away. You'll still have trumps left in dummy to ruff a couple of Hearts.

♠ KJ10842
♥ 1092
♦ A842
♣ —

Board 19

♠ A 10 4
♥ A K 10 8 3
♦ 10 2
♣ 10 4 2

You were on defence against 6S. You cashed your Ace of Hearts, then sat back and waited for your trump Ace. Well defended!

QUIZ

1. What should you open with this hand?

♠Q64 ♥AT53 ♦A54 ♣Q32

2. You are declarer in 4 Spades. The defence lead a Heart.

♠Q64 ♥3 ♦6532 ♣Q32

♠AK873 ♥AT3 ♦AKQJ ♣2

- (a) How many trumps do you have in total?
(b) How many trumps do the defence have?
(c) What could go wrong if you play Diamonds before drawing trumps?
(d) What should you do before drawing trumps?
3. The opponents open 1S. For each hand, what is your bid?
Choose from Pass, Double, 1NT, 2H, 3C

- (a) ♠764 ♥AK753 ♦4 ♣A542
(b) ♠74 ♥AKT3 ♦A754 ♣A32
(c) ♠AQ4 ♥Q3 ♦A54 ♣KQ32
(d) ♠AQ4 ♥Q3 ♦754 ♣KQ32
(e) ♠4 ♥32 ♦543 ♣KQJT732