

Young Chelsea Bridge Club
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Board 1

♠ Q J
♥ 9 7
♦ A 10 8 5 3
♣ Q 10 6 4

Partner opened a Weak Two in Spades. You were right to pass. The hand is weak but with some Spade support, so you could raise to 3S (and would do in a competitive auction)

Board 2

♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ J 10 6
♦ J 9 7 6
♣ A K

Partner showed a very strong hand with Spades. You were right to bid Blackwood and then 6S. Your Clubs were actually worth four tricks – the AK then two ruffs.

Board 5

♠ K Q 9 4
♥ Q 9 7
♦ Q 8 6
♣ 9 4 3

Partner opened 1S. You made a simple raise to 2S. You have a full 9 points and four good trumps but not quite enough to raise 1S to 3S (your hand is very flat, no ruffing potential)

Board 7

♠ A K 10 7 6 4
♥ A 10 6
♦ A J
♣ Q 9

You have 18 points and six good Spades. After opening 1S your rebid should be 3S (not just 2S). This a strong opening hand (16-19) so needs to make a bigger bid on the second round

Board 9

♠ J 7
♥ A J 4 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 3 2
♣ 4

Partner opens 1NT. You only have 8 points, so are too weak for Stayman. You have to pass (He'll be fine playing 1NT).

Board 10

♠ K J 10 8 4 2
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A 8 4 2
♣ - -

WEST	NORTH	EAST
	10	
	SOUTH	

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ K
♦ K J 7 6
♣ A Q 6 5

You've done really well to get to 6S. There are six Spade tricks, two Heart ruffs, two Diamonds and one Club. Only 11 tricks!

The Diamond suit has a great chance for the 12th trick. You should take the finesse. This means *leading up to* the Jack. You instead lead the Jack. This is a 'no-win play', as you don't have the Ten. Even if West had the Queen of Diamonds they would cover your Jack and you still only win your Ace-King of Diamonds.

Another option (which would have worked here) is to play Ace of Clubs, then ruff two Clubs in hand, hoping that the King of Clubs falls. Then the Queen is your 12th trick. For the best chance of 6S you should try for the Clubs first, then if it fails fall back on the Diamond finesse.

Board 11

♠ Q 10 9
♥ A 10 9 7 3
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ K

You were on lead against 3NT. If you choose to lead a Diamond lead the *King* (not the Queen). You always start tricks with the top of any sequence, but follow suit with the lowest of a sequence.

Board 12

♠ 10 4 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 5 2
♣ Q J 9 7 6

You were defending. Michael made a great switch to the King of Clubs. You correctly encouraged by throwing the 9 of Clubs. It didn't matter here, but on another hand that would be the key to letting him know to continue Clubs later.

Board 15

♠ Q 7 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ Q 9 5 4 2
♣ 6 2

You lead a Diamond choosing the Four. It was correct to lead a low one when you have an honour in the suit.

Board 16



Michael opened 1S. With only 8 points you resisted the temptation to bid 2C (showing 10+) and correctly bid 1NT.

Board 17



Michael opened 1H. You bid 4NT then didn't know what to do when Michael showed one Ace. You shouldn't bid Blackwood if three out of four Aces isn't enough. This hand should just settle for 4H.

Board 20



You were in defence to 3NT. With a big Diamond suit in dummy you correctly ducked your Ace of Diamonds twice to make life hard for declarer

QUIZ

1. What do you plan to open and rebid with the hand below?

♠74 ♥AKQT53 ♦A54 ♣A2

2. You are on lead against 3NT. What do you lead?

♠A4 ♥543 ♦KQJ54 ♣J2

3. Partner opens 1NT. What should you bid?

♠64 ♥QJ54 ♦7 ♣A76432

4. How do you play the suit below for the maximum number of tricks?

♠K654

♠AJ32

5. Your partner opens 1 Heart. Which hands have enough to check for Aces then bid 6 Hearts?

(a) ♠K2 ♥KQ32 ♦AKQJ32 ♣5

(b) ♠AKQ ♥KQ32 ♦QJ2 ♣J32

(c) ♠KQJT2 ♥KQ32 ♦A2 ♣K2