

Young Chelsea Bridge Club
U26 Pairs 29 Jan 2021 – **Michael Kennedy**

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Board 3

♠ K 5 4 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ K J 8
♣ A J 2

Kevin opened 1NT. You have 12+ points and four Spades so should start with 2C Stayman. Here Kevin would reply with 2D (no four card major) and you would settle for 3NT.

Board 4

♠ J 9
♥ 5 4
♦ A Q 5 2
♣ K Q J 9 4

You opened 1NT (12-14). When Kevin bid 2H that was a transfer. You should automatically bid 2S (not 3C).

Board 5

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 10 4 3
♦ A 9 3
♣ A K 5

You correctly opened 1 Spade (too strong for 1NT). Kevin replied 2 Spades, showing 6-9. Together you have at most 24 points so you should pass (or if feeling very optimistic bid 3S). 4S has almost no chance opposite partner's 6-9 points.

Board 7

♠ 9 8
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ A 3 2

Partner opened 1S. You had 6-9 points and no support so correctly bid 1NT. You don't plan to bid again unless you have to.

Board 10

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

Partner opened 1S. You only have eight points but recognised the power of the hand (lots of good trumps, void in Clubs) and correctly went straight to 4S

Board 12

♠ 2
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
♣ K 2

You were in defence. Declarer lead a Diamond and you played low, letting him win cheaply with the Ten.

Instead you must 'split your honours' when you have two touching high cards, and play the Jack.

Board 14

♠	10 2
♥	K 8
♦	10 9 4 3 2
♣	J 10 8 7

You were in defence. This time declarer played Clubs. Again you must 'split your honours' and play the Ten of Clubs. Otherwise declarer steals a trick with his Nine.

Board 17

♠	K
♥	A K 9 4 2
♦	Q 9 3 2
♣	J 8 5

W	NORTH	E
E	17	S
S	SOUTH	T

♠	A Q 7
♥	Q 10 8 6
♦	A K 6
♣	9 6 4

You were declarer in 4H. You have nine trumps, so the opponents have four. They split 3-1, but you carried on and played an unnecessary fourth round of trumps.

You don't need to draw any more trumps once the opponents are out. Instead, 'unblock' the King of Spades then take dummy's Ace and Queen of Spades.

Board 20

♠	9 7 2
♥	8 6 4
♦	10 6
♣	Q J 5 4 2

Kevin lead a Club and declarer took his Ace. You correctly encouraged with the 5 of Clubs.

QUIZ

- Partner opens 1NT. What should you bid in each case?
 - ♠764 ♥K8753 ♦4 ♣A542
 - ♠74 ♥AKT3 ♦AK54 ♣432
 - ♠74 ♥93 ♦754 ♣KQJ732
- Declarer leads a low Club. Which one do you play from the hand below?
♠74 ♥953 ♦AJ54 ♣QJ82
- In each case you open 1H. What do you do if partner raises to 2H?
 - ♠AJ2 ♥AJ32 ♦432 ♣KQ2
 - ♠Q4 ♥AJT52 ♦AQ2 ♣A32
 - ♠A4 ♥AJ753 ♦4 ♣AK542