

Bridge Notes – 12th September 2021

Here are six interesting hands played on BBO this past week which will be instructive for beginner and intermediate players. The first hand is from Impala on 7th September. After you have ruffed the third diamond high and drawn trumps, do you play spades or clubs?

15 D	N cpax 1 2 ♠ J42 ♥ 102 ♦ AK954 ♣ Q93	
W papa bi 4+ ♠ 83 ♥ QJ853 ♦ J732 ♣ 86	W N E S Pass Pass 2NT Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass	E Tata Rob 4 ♠ AQ6 ♥ AK76 ♦ Q8 ♣ AJ107
	S Isobeljane 3 ♠ K10975 ♥ 94 ♦ 106 ♣ K542	4♥ East 0 0

If you finesse clubs, then South is end played and must give up a spade or a club.

This hand is from WCBU pairs on Wednesday 8th September. How do you bid the grand slam?

13 D	N Grobick iT 3 ♠ Q964 ♥ AK8762 ♦ 7 ♣ AK	
W Tan 18 10 ♠ 52 ♥ 109 ♦ QJ10965 ♣ Q103	W N E S 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 4NT Pass 5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass Pass Pass	E Jilly Rabz 5+ ♠ 7 ♥ QJ43 ♦ K84 ♣ J9872
	S papa bi 4+ ♠ AKJ1083 ♥ 5 ♦ A32 ♣ 654	6♠ South 0 0

North should rebid 3S and then South can cue bid 4D leaving North to ask for keycards.

Another Wednesday hand. How do you play it to make 12 tricks on KH lead?

20 D	N Grobick iT 3 ♠ Q10876 ♥ A8743 ♦ 42 ♣ 3	
W bryans 141 5+ ♠ 532 ♥ 52 ♦ AQJ875 ♣ 85	W N E S Pass Pass 1♥ Dbl 2♦ 2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass Pass Pass	E mary789 5 ♠ J ♥ KQJ109 ♦ 1063 ♣ Q764
	S papa bi 4+ ♠ AK94 ♥ 6 ♦ K9 ♣ AKJ1092	4♠ North 0 0

Win with AH, draw trumps and play AKJ of clubs discarding diamonds.

Finally, three hands from WCBU Thursday pairs:

Are Robots cleverer than human players who've mastered bridge statistics? On this hand every single real live player played for the drop in hearts; the Robot was the only one to finesse and earn an outright top.

This hand provides an opportunity for the human West to go astray when defending against 6H. After losing a spade, declarer draws trumps and leads JC. If West covers with KC, partner's 10C is promoted; if not declarer is home and dry with the slam.

What should North lead against 6S? Those that led AH got tops, while those who lead 10C, in the vain hope of getting a ruff, got bottoms when declarer discarded all her hearts on dummy's clubs and diamonds scoring an overtrick.