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Please send any contributions to the Monthly News to the Editor: liz.mcgowan@blueyonder.co.uk

We have experts ready to answer any queries you may have about bidding, play, table etiquette or how to interpret the Laws of Bridge. Please send them in.

We particularly encourage your letters to the Editor. Please keep them coming!

What's on Offer in August

International events

The **World Bridge Federation World Bridge Series in Wroclaw, Poland, 19 August - 3 September**

This event is open to players in good standing with their home NBO. There are Open, Senior, Women & Mixed competitions for Teams and Pairs. It is not necessary to attend for the whole two weeks!

More information and the schedule can be found on the WBF website: worldbridge.org

[16TH WORLD BRIDGE SERIES | WBF Championships](#)

It is a rare opportunity to test your skills against some of the best players in the world - a great experience for any would-be international players.

(Participation in this event will be entirely self-funded)

Weekly Events

The SBU runs these events **on BBO through July and August**

Tuesdays at 7 pm:	Match Pointed Pairs
Saturdays at 7 pm:	Swiss Pairs
Saturdays at 11.45 am:	Bronze Brunch
Sundays at 3 pm:	Teatime Individual

To enter, go to www.bridgebase.com. Next, click on **Play or Watch Bridge**, then select **Competitive** from the menu.

Under **Tournaments**, click on **All Tournaments**. Then enter **SBU** in the search box (top right).

Select your tournament and when your partner is online, invite them to play using their BBO nickname.

Payment is made in BBO\$. You can purchase those by clicking on the shopping cart next to your name.

Summer is traditionally a quiet period, but this might be a good time to catch up with your bridge-playing friends by organising a get-together or venturing out to play face-to-face at your local club. Information about what is on offer in your locality can be found on the SBU website: [Scottish Bridge Union \(SBU\) Home Page](#).

Click on a District name for details of what is available

Scottish Bridge Players Fantasy Football League 2022/23

There were sixteen teams last time, and the prize of £100 was won by Jim Mason.

There were also cash prizes for the runner-up (Fiona McQuaker) and Cup winner (Iain Sime).

The new season starts on **Friday 5 August**.

Entries will be accepted until the end of August, but you will need to join the online game before scoring any points. To do that, visit fantasy.premierleague.com

Look under the "Help" button for the rules and FAQs.

Look under "The Scout" for tips and strategies.

More teams would be welcome.

If you would like to join us for the 2022/23 season, please email iain.sime63@gmail.com

It is **FREE** to play and to be included in our league and cup.

We ask for a £10 entry fee if you want to be eligible for a prize.

Volunteering with the SBU

Volunteers run the SBU. Trustees, chairs of committees, and those looking after the member systems, masterpoints and financing are all volunteers. Currently, the SBU has no employees. This is likely to change, but we plan to continue running the SBU primarily with volunteers.

The recent members survey asked if members would be interested in volunteering with the SBU. The response was fantastic! We were taken aback. More than 150 people said they wanted to help.

We were taken aback by such a great response.

Volunteering is a two-way street. It should be positive for both the volunteer and the organisation. The benefit to the SBU is easy to see; a job is getting done. What's in it for the volunteer? Supporting bridge playing, having fun, making friends, being part of a team, feeling valued, and developing skills. It varies for each volunteer.

The SBU has developed the [approach to volunteering](#) that is shown on the website so that we ensure that volunteers are getting what they are looking for. We will provide training, support, and encouragement so that volunteers are confident in their roles. Very importantly, we will listen to and respect the requirements of the potential volunteers, especially about the time the volunteer can give.

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers within the SBU. Some roles, such as organising or directing tournaments, will require some time a few times a year, other roles, such as supporting members or clubs, involve more regular activity each week or month. Other roles are individual tasks that may simply take a few days over a period of weeks.

As we establish the SBU in its new charitable status and we adapt to the removal of restrictions that were imposed during the pandemic, there are opportunities to help influence and design the changes that are to be implemented.

The current list of opportunities is on the website in the [volunteering section](#). If you are interested in volunteering with the SBU, do look at the website: sbu.org.uk

Or contact me at generalmanager@sbu.org.uk.

Janet Unsworth

Bridge gives us a unique opportunity to meet and make friends with many interesting people of all ages and backgrounds. By taking on a volunteer role, you will enhance that experience.

Please go on, give it a try!

One way to help is to train as a Tournament Director

A **Club Directors' Course** will be held at

St Andrew Club, Glasgow Sat/Sun 30th & 31st July

New Melville Club, Edinburgh Sat/Sun 20th & 21st August

Anyone interested in attending either course should contact chieftd@sbu.org.uk

Letters to the Editor

The F2F v Online Debate Continues

Some things cannot happen on BBO, like insufficient bids, revokes, and leads out of turn. This removes one of the big negatives of F2F – the arrival of an inexperienced TD with a big book of rules that we never read and serves only to make it difficult to find the three or four rules we most often need.

It would be helpful if we could print a summary of the most frequent issues on a card which could be attached to the rule book. This quick reference card would speed up play and reduce one of the main frustrations of playing F2F.

A huge plus of online bridge is missing from this debate because less-experienced players don't use it, and top players have no need for it. I refer, of course, to the facility midway through the play of the hand to click on the contract and see the bidding again. Players can then attempt to deduce what clues (if any) are in the bidding and use this information to guide them to a winning line. If more players were aware of this tool, the standard of declarer play would surely improve.

Weening players off online and back to F2F is a big challenge for our bridge clubs, so the way forward for the game must be to understand and emulate the superior online experience, and it will not be easy!

On a winter's night, I have a choice between joining a top-class game in New York whilst sitting in my front room in pyjamas, wine glass in hand, or heading off to drive to the Club and finding a parking space to play in a slow, frustrating third division game. So let me think about it.

Hamish Galloway

The sub-Editor replies:

While Hamish is thinking, I am asking the SBU Chief TD to answer in our next edition.

In the meantime, let me point to the training courses for Club TD advertised just above.

Troon Bridge Club

Dear Liz,

I have read the articles on F2F bridge in both May and June's Newsletters and would like to comment on the description of Troon BC as being in a "moribund" state.

It is true to say that Troon BC has not yet returned to F2F bridge. However, the club continues to operate, and following the cessation of lockdown, members met to celebrate lunch together with 32 persons in attendance. At present, the club has over 50 members.

So, it is true that the Club's online presence has been limited, particularly over the last year when SBU events on Monday nights have affected the Club's numbers. This could be interpreted as "moribund". However, I would expect this to change back to being "vibrant" once we open our doors to F2F bridge in August. It may not happen overnight, but I shall be surprised and disappointed if it doesn't happen as the weeks progress.

Findlay MacDonald

The Editor replies:

Our apologies to Troon! We wish the club every success in the future.

A social get-together seems an excellent way of getting things restarted.

Danny's Page

Danny reports on the activities of his Juniors

Scottish Schools 2022



This year's tournament was very kindly hosted by the Buchanan Bridge Club. I travelled there with some pupils by train, and the rest drove. It is the final year in which the current S6 is eligible to play, and our strongest team were expected to retain the trophy they won in 2019, the last time the event took place.

The pupils were duly impressed with the magnificent setting of the Club, and I think it led to seriousness and focus rarely seen at our lunchtime club, held in my classroom at The High School of Glasgow. I had also allowed pupils 'cheat sheets' to look at to help with the bidding, which I think helped them reach sensible contracts much of the time.

The pace of play was noticeably faster than usual so that we even had time for a bonus round at the end where team-mates could play each other. At this point, there was something of a relaxation of formalities, and one longstanding Buchanan member told me that although bridge was normally played in a hushed silence, it was nice to hear all the young people enjoying themselves.

Given the lockdown restrictions, all of the teams were from the same school, so we were guaranteed success. Here are the final results:

1st	+14 IMPs	S6A	Kevin & Michael, Al & Harry
2nd	-1 IMPs	S6B	Louis & Xavi, John & Jonny
3rd	-13 IMPs	S3	Rachel & Niamh, Isla J & Caroline
4th	-33 IMPs	S2	Parveen & Claire, Imogen & Isla S

The reason the IMPs column doesn't add up is that there was a 5th team, who actually got the top score. However, they contained a rolling cast of adult substitutes including myself (thank you Bobby, Susan, Neil, and John). Apart from us all being considerably overage some of us had played the hands before on Monday night. I'm pleased to say on several boards the pupils did better than John and me.

The two pupils in the 5th team, *Landi & Alex*, did very well, and I think they knew it. On being told they'd finished top but were ruled out, they claimed that they'd won the event but had been disqualified; though I think they actually knew all along they weren't eligible.

Here are a few of the boards we played:

Board 6	♠ T53 ♥ KT86 ♦ AT9 ♣ A62	EW Vul Dir E									
♠ KQ9 ♥ 2 ♦ KQ74 ♣ KQ874	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A86 ♥ J73 ♦ 653 ♣ JT53
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	♠ J742 ♥ AQ954 ♦ J82 ♣ 9	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N N - - 3 2 1 S - - 3 2 1 E 3 1 - - - W 3 1 - - -									

This board produced remarkably solid bidding and play throughout. Three E/W pairs bid and made 3♣. Winning the board for their team were the occasional overbidders *John & Jonny*, who played 3♥ as N/S, just made.

I confess that when I played that hand on Monday, using artificial methods, we did not cope well. I missed the club fit and played 2♦-1 as East, so a victory for the pupils.

Board 7	♠ AK85 ♥ AQ974 ♦ 6 ♣ 972	All Vul Dir S									
♠ QJT ♥ T ♦ KJ98754 ♣ 84	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9632 ♥ 6 ♦ AQT3 ♣ AQ65
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	♠ 74 ♥ KJ8532 ♦ 2 ♣ KJT3	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N N 3 - 5 1 - S 3 - 5 1 - E - 3 - - - W - 3 - - -									

In the match between S2 and S3, this board produced some big scores. At one table, *Claire & Parveen* made 5♥ as N/S for +650. On the other table, the N/S pair of *Niamh & Rachel* also got to 5♥, this time doubled by East. This also made 11 tricks for +850 and a victory for the S3 team.

In the other match the pre-tournament favourites faltered as N/S in 5♠-2. So, were they in trouble this year?

Board 9	♠QT9832 ♥2 ♦QT65 ♣K7	EW Vul Dir N									
♠A74 ♥Q73 ♦J973 ♣AT6	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠J6 ♥AT86 ♦82 ♣QJ985
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	♠K5 ♥KJ954 ♦AK4 ♣432	♣♦♥♠ N N - 3 1 4 1 S - 3 1 4 1 E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -									

Not for long.

Kevin & Michael were the only pair to reach 4♠ here. As Kevin said afterwards, "it just needed lots of guesses." He got them right for +420 against +140 on the other table.

Board 14	♠AK6 ♥AKT62 ♦T4 ♣Q84	None Vul Dir E									
♠T987543 ♥Q4 ♦93 ♣AK.	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠Q2 ♥98753 ♦K72 ♣J52
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W		E									
	S										
	♠J ♥J ♦AQJ865 ♣T9763	♣♦♥♠ N N 4 5 3 - 5 S 4 5 3 - 5 E - - - - - W - - - - -									

With a five-table team match, the results weren't clear until the end.

However, Xavi & Louis must have known they had a good score when N/S bid and made 5♦.

With the diamond finesse working and the hearts and clubs behaving well, there are always 11 tricks, but it's not a comfortable contract.

Board 12	♠T752 ♥943 ♦T864 ♣98	NS. Vul Dir W									
♠Q6 ♥AT8 ♦KJ95 ♣AQT4	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠KJ43 ♥QJ52 ♦73 ♣J32
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	♠A98 ♥K76 ♦AQ2 ♣K765	♣♦♥♠ N N - - - - - S - - - - - E 4 3 4 4 W 4 2 4 3 3									

Finally, this board produced a range of results. 3NT is there for E/W, but it's a complicated hand. Well done, Imogen & Isla S, for bidding and making it.

At my table, West miscounted and opened a weak NT. This bid went round to South, who doubled for penalties. East (Landi) made a good decision to leave it in, so 1NTx became the final contract.

As North, I tried a Club, hoping to hit my partner's long suit (which I suppose I did). Declarer (Alex) was merciless. She took three Clubs, two Diamonds, three Hearts and two Spades for ten tricks and an unusual 1NTx + 3.



Overall, I think the pupils had a good day out. The packed lunch I'd prepared was generally well received, particularly the entire tray of brownies (I didn't get one) and the pretzels (no chance).

The quality of bridge was generally very good, which is encouraging for the younger pupils (who next year will be the older ones). The only team who played poorly were the outgoing S6A team, who should have won by more, but still scraped by. Spokesman Michael said he was "happy with the result but not the performance."

I hope next year there'll be more schools competing, though if not, we'll still have a fun day out.

Thanks again to the Buchanan Bridge Club for providing the venue, the catering, the boards, the bridge players and all the support.

On Covering Honours (2)

Last month we looked at whether to cover when the declarer leads an unsupported honour.

What happens when declarer leads from 2 honours?

a)	♠ QJ9 ♠ T732 ♠ K54 ♠ A86
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If East covers ♠Q declarer wins the Ace.
A finesse of the nine brings 3 tricks.

If East does not cover the ♠Q scores.
Declarer later wins the Ace, but only 2 tricks.

We must amend the adage: **do NOT cover the first of touching honours: save your honour to cover the second.**

Are there exceptions to this rule?

c)	♠ QJ9 ♠ 76532 ♠ KT ♠ A84
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When there is no good alternative, you should cover.
Declarer may work out that you had no choice – but giving a guess is better than giving in.

When declarer leads towards dummy, you may not know how many honours he has:

e)	♠ AQ54 ♠ K73 ♠ T986 ♠ J2
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West cannot tell who holds the ♠T
But covering does not cost even when South has it
It would be more of a dilemma if West had 4 spades

Top Tip: when declarer leads an honour towards two honours in dummy – cover unless you have 4 cards
when declarer leads an honour towards a single honour in dummy – do not cover
(unless you too have 2 honours)

This instructive example comes from the classic “Why You Lose at Bridge” by S J Simon:

None Vul	♠ JT4 ♥ A52 ♦ 64 ♣ A6542	Dealer West								
♠ KQ32 ♥ QT873 ♦ AJT5 ♣ –	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">W</td> <td style="width: 33%;">N</td> <td style="width: 33%;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">S</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> </table> </td> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> ♠ A95 ♥ K ♦ QT73 ♣ KJT98 </td> </tr> </table>	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">W</td> <td style="width: 33%;">N</td> <td style="width: 33%;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">S</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S			♠ A95 ♥ K ♦ QT73 ♣ KJT98	
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	♠ 876 ♥ J964 ♦ K82 ♣ Q73									

Simon's legendary characters, Mr Smug and Futile Willie overbid to 6♦ by West.
The Unlucky Expert found a brilliant lead – a low club.
Mr Smug naturally played low (who underleads an Ace against a slam?) and ruffed Mrs Guggenheim's Queen.
He then led a heart. The Unlucky Expert took his Ace and triumphantly led the ♣A.
When Mr Smug reluctantly ruffed, he was reduced to just two trump cards.
He crossed to dummy with a heart ruff and led the ♦Q.
Mrs Guggenheim covered an honour with an honour....

b)	♠ JT6 ♠ Q953 ♠ K82 ♠ A74
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If East covers ♠J declarer wins the Ace.
Now a lead towards the Ten brings a second trick.

If East does not cover, West wins the ♠Q.
Declarer makes only 1 trick with the Ace.

d)	♠ JT6 ♠ 953 ♠ KQ82 ♠ A74
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When you also have 2 honours, you must cover.
If you do not, declarer makes 2 tricks instead of one.

f)	♠ A762 ♠ K85 ♠ Q94 ♠ JT3
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When dummy has only one honour, it is likely that
South has either QJ or JT.
No one leads an unsupported J towards this holding.

Return to Aviemore

Ann Wickens



The Highland District Congress at Aviemore

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/sbuhighland>

is back Face-to-Face this year (Covid willing) but with a few differences:

1. We are in a **new venue**
2. We are running the usual Congress Pairs and Congress teams
3. We are also running a **full program for Bronze 1 and 2 only**.

(We are aware that many players who have learned online have never met or played face to face, so this is a gentle introduction for them and players who started learning bridge just before Covid)

Program and Booking Form for Bronze 1 and 2

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/sbuhighland/Bronze%201%20and%202%20Information%20and%20Program.pdf>

For Bronze 3 and 4 and Silver, prizes will be awarded to the best pair and best team in the main congress.

The new venue is **The MacDonald Hotel** in Aviemore.

There is ample parking on the hotel grounds.

There are nice walks from the hotel and a bus at the foot of the driveway into Glenmore.

Facilities include

- Indoor Pool (with flume and wave machine) & Gym
- Choice of Restaurants & Bars on-site
- Golf (5 min drive away)
- Beauty Treatments
- Spey Valley Shopping.

65 rooms have been reserved next to the playing venue (about 60 m away), and there is plenty of accommodation elsewhere in the grounds and in the rest of Aviemore.

For rates that have been negotiated and accommodation booking, see website:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?pid=display_page51&wd=1&club=sbuhighland

Note: the special rate includes dinner, bed and breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (if booking 3 nights), and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

There are also self-catering chalets on the grounds for those who prefer self-catering.

Please book accommodation directly with the hotel and book the bridge separately.

If you wish to have a quiet room, tell the hotel when you book.

Bridge booking form for main congress

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?pid=display_page50&wd=1&club=sbuhighland

There are special rates for Highland players playing in single events: see our website

The Hospice Christmas cards are coming back on Saturday and Sunday from 12.00-2.00 pm, and we hope to have some tasting of local gin and beer.

We hope to welcome many old and new friends of all game levels.

Quick Quiz

Mike Gallacher



1) Putting it all together: Defence

Lead: ♦K	♠K4 ♥K63 ♦JT7 ♣KJT53	
	N W E S	♠T9 ♥QJ5 ♦A94 ♣Q9842

Auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	End	

You are East. Partner leads the ♦K.
For each of the hidden hands, work out ...
a) the distribution of the suits
b) the high card points

How are you going to defeat the contract?

2) Putting it all together: Declarer

West	East
♠KQ5 ♥AT63 ♦J953 ♣J4	♠AJ732 ♥KJ52 ♦K ♣842

Auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	1NT	2♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	End

*2♣ shows 5/4+ in the Majors

North leads the ♣A and continues with the ♣K and ♣Q.

How many tricks can you see?
Plan the play to make your contract.

Answers are at the end of the News.

It's a Funny Old Game

European and World Championships traditionally feature a Daily Bulletin with team rosters, results, the daily programme of matches and reports on matches held on previous days.

The Daily Bulletin in Madeira also featured a Bridge Trivia question produced by Jan van Cleef of the Netherlands.

This was the question from Bulletin 12

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♥854										
♦A2										
♣AKQJT3										

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	Dbl
?			

What is your call? A. Pass B. Rdbl C. 7NT (there are indeed only three options)

This was the full deal:

	♠-	None Vul									
	♥KQJ732	Dealer N									
	♦QJT										
	♣8654										
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♥854	♥-										
♦A2	♦K87653										
♣AKQJT3	♣-										
	♠J852										
	♥AT96										
	♦94										
	♣972										

It was Board 1 of the last segment of the Final of the 1956 European Championships between Italy and France.

Poor West, Siniscalco of Italy decided to trust his RHO, Trezel of France.

Surely, he must have a trump trick for this double?

He chose option C, removing the contract to 7NT.

This was also doubled, and the defenders cashed the first six tricks in hearts -1100 in those days.

As you can see, pass, and redouble are better choices.

Partner, warned of the bad trump break by the double, can finesse the ♠9 on the first round and wrap up all the tricks, scoring +1870 or + 2190.

Even if partner fails to pick up the trumps with no loser, he is only one down... but this particular partner would surely win the slam. East was one of the all-time greats, Pietro Forquet.

He said not a word of reproach and Italy went on to win the Championship.

A lesson for us all.

Master Point Promotions

June 2022

Scottish Master

Alastair White E

Senior Master

Arwyn Birchall W

District Master

Nancy Galloway E

Club Master

Liz Chambers S

5 Star Master

Helen Todd E

Edan Gardner C

David Marcus E

James Ross N

Elizabeth Watson H

Ron Gill C

Carole Ann Malcolm E

Pamela Roberts C

1 Star Master

Jill Connor E

Local Master

Margaret Forrest E

Helen Abel W

Robin MacPherson E

David Cunningham W

Master

Margaret Clark E

Janis Hughes C

Jenny Morrison H

Jay Leggat A

Alison Mutch E

Christine Maxwell E

Alistair Smillie H

Polly Purvis E

Answers to Quiz:

1a) Distribution:-South has shown 5 spades and 5 hearts.

You have 2 spades; North has 2 spades; therefore partner has 4

You have 3 hearts; North has 3 hearts; therefore partner has 2

Declarer has room for only 3 other cards, divided 3-0 or 2-1

You can see 10 clubs between yourself and dummy.

If partner had a singleton club, she would almost certainly lead it.

Give partner 2 clubs; therefore, declarer has a singleton.

If declarer has one club, he must have 2 diamonds and diamonds around the table are 2-5-3-3.

1b) High card points: -you have 9 points, and the dummy has 11.

Declarer did not show more than a minimum opener, so likely has less than 16 points.

Declarer has 11-15, partner 5-9

We know partner has the \heartsuit KQ.

How to defeat the contract?

You have 2 diamond tricks and a certain trump trick.

Your only hope of a fourth trick is to play partner for the \clubsuit A.

2) After ruffing the third club you hope to make 5 tricks in spades and 4 more in hearts.

If you can locate the \heartsuit Q dummy will provide the 9 tricks you need.

Count HCP: You have 23HCP between your hand and dummy.

North's 1NT opener shows 12-14.

So, South has 3-5 HCP, and could have the \heartsuit Q

North has already shown 9 of his 12-14 HCP

If he has the \heartsuit A, he cannot also have the \heartsuit Q (unless he has miscounted!)

If South has the \heartsuit A, she cannot also have the \heartsuit Q.

To decide how to play hearts, you must find out who has the \heartsuit A.

Lead a low diamond at trick 4. If North wins finesse hearts into North

If South wins finesse hearts into South

You have successfully performed a Discovery Play!