



Trumps Update

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Double dummy by Nick Hughes

This is not an insult but a type of card play puzzle, popular last century. You were presented a hand – contract and opening lead - with all 52 cards in view. Your task was to decide whether the contract could be made and how. Take this:

NORTH (<i>dummy</i>)	
♠ 10 8 7	
♥ Q 9 8	
♦ J 8 7 5 4	
♣ 8 7	
WEST	EAST
♠ K J 6 5	♠ A Q 9 4 3 2
♥ 4 3 2	♥ 7
♦ 9 2	♦ 10 6 3
♣ K J 10 9	♣ 5 4 3
SOUTH (<i>you</i>)	
♠ -	
♥ A K J 10 6 5	
♦ A K Q	
♣ A Q 6 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♣
pass	2♦	2♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	pass	6♥
All pass			

If West had led a spade, you could have made 12 tricks by playing ♣A-another. That allows you to ruff your two small clubs in dummy.

However, West led a trump. Now you have a problem. If you play on club, West will lead another trump, restricting you to one club ruff.

Can you make something of dummy's diamonds?
(Double dummy answer)

NORTH (*dummy*)

♠ 10 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 8
 ♦ J 8 7 5 4
 ♣ 8 7

WEST

♠ K J 6 5
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ 9 2
 ♣ K J 10 9

EAST

♠ A Q 9 4 3 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 10 6 3
 ♣ 5 4 3

SOUTH (*you*)

♠ -
 ♥ A K J 10 6 5
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ A Q 6 2

6♥ by South. West leads the ♥2.

This is very tough. Playing clubs doesn't work, nor is it any good to play of the ♦AKQ straight away. West would ruff and you would lose to the ♣K in the end.

The blockage in diamonds is the problem. (If the ♦Q and ♦J were swapped, you would have 12 top tricks).

The answer is to win the opening trump lead in dummy, then lead a spade!

What good does that do? Instead of ruffing the spade, you discard a diamond!

East will win the ♠A and switch to a club. You win the ace, play off the ♦AK as West has to follow, then draw trumps ending in dummy. You make six hearts, five diamonds and the ♣A.

Isn't that fancy?



Bidding Forum moderated by Alex Kemeny

You are South with the hand shown. Choose your call then compare with the experts. Standard and Pairs scoring.

On our panel, Derrick Browne and leading world bridge authorities Barry Rigal and Ron Klinger are joined by Nick Fahrer from The Bridge Shop and NSW representatives Tina Zines, Nick Hughes and Nicoleta Giura.

South Deals, Nil Vulnerable

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

?

♠ 6
♥ Q107
♦ 10
♣ A Q J 10 9 8 4 3

Votes by our panellists	
CALL	VOTES
5♣	4
4♣	2
3♣	1

A fistful of clubs. We aren't going to pass, but what's the right level to open?

Giura: 5♣. Someone will step in it; it might be good to watch.

Hughes: 5♣. Give the other three players a problem.

That reminds me of an old joke: if left hand opponent is LHO, and right hand opponent is RHO, what is partner? Answer: CHO = centre hand opponent. (But I don't think 5♣ will worry partner.)

Fahrer: 5♣. First seat and non-vulnerable is the perfect time to act.

Browne: 5♣. Being dealer, an aggressive preempt may make life tough on either or both of your opponents, and you are not vulnerable with a great eight-card suit. Your spade holding suggests the opponents may wish to bid/play 4♠, and you don't want that. On the downside, the opponents are also non-vulnerable so you can afford to go only two down doubled if you are to show a profit against their likely game. I would feel a lot better about opening 5♣ if the opponents were vulnerable.

Yes, it's a 6 loser hand, or 5½ if you take a rosy view of Q107. Give partner one trick and you may be three off in 5♣ for -500, that's no good against their presumed +420 or 450 in 4♠.

Rigal: 4♣. Too extreme to open 3♣, so the choice is between 4♣ and 5♣. I could go either way.

Klinger: 4♣. A bit strong for that action, but 1♣ gives the opposition too much room to find their best spot and 5♣ leaves them no room to find the wrong spot. 5♣ will usually just be doubled. After 4♣, partner might be able to double their choice. If 5♣ is right partner can bid it.

I remember reading similar advice somewhere, a long time ago. It may have even been from Ron. The argument is that when you open 5-minor, it doesn't usually give your opponent holding a good hand a problem, as it's rarely right to bid 5 over 5 and especially not on the first round. So over a 5♣ or 5♦ opening, good players generally just double and "take whatever penalty is on offer".

Zines: 3♣. Increasingly, modern style suggests 1♣ on this 5-loser hand. I'm a dinosaur and underbid one trick by opening 3♣. Might try 1♣ at favourable vulnerability, and 4♣ at unfavourable.

The deal was played online. Partner had a 1-7-4-1 hand shape with only ♥KJ of hearts and ♦J as honour cards. South opened 4♣, passed around to east holding a 7-1-4-1 pattern, who bid 4♠. West checked for key-cards and bid the cold 6♠ contract. Partner being that weak was unlikely, so maybe opening 5♣ would have worked better. Even after 5♣, I think they would still find 6♠. ♠♥♦♣

Player of the Month

Each month, we take the average of your best **SIX** scores in **Open** matchpoint sessions to decide the month's top achiever

Gill Chambers 66%

Congratulations!



Expires 30 June 2022

Lessons & events

Beginner Lessons

10am Wednesdays from 3 Aug or
7.30pm Wednesdays from 3 Aug.

Improvers Lessons

10am Fridays till 24 June.

Open lesson, relaxed duplicate

9.45am Mondays (with 30min
lesson)

Learn 2-over1 then duplicate

7pm Thursdays from 12 May

Winter teams

10am Sunday 7 August

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Month winners

To work this out, we take the best three scores by member pairs from the 4 or 5 matchpoint sessions that make up each monthly event. (**Seven pairs** need to have played three or more times for meaningful results)

Monday afternoon

- Angela Jones & William Walker **60.10%**

Tuesday bridge @ The Manly club

- Graham Blackman & Leif Rasmussen **57.73%**

Tuesday morning

- Heather Hyde & Nettie Tallentire **63.60%**

Tuesday afternoon

- Anthony Smuts & Heather Olsen **58.70%**

Tuesday night

- Judith McPhee & Suzie Wall **58.20%**

Wednesday afternoon Int

- Graham Blackman & Usha Modi **66.53%**

Wednesday night

- Anne Amos & Linda Haughton **52.13%**

Thursday morning

- Gill Chambers & Yvonne Bartels **62.47%**

Thursday @ Warringah bowling

- Angela Mullighan & Carole Vildzius **55.90%**

Saturday afternoon

- Sanae Kambara & Barbara Millhouse **56.87%**

Most improved Rating

	Name	Old	New	Gain
1	Graham Blackman	55.06	56.03	0.97
2	Gloria Picker	43.80	44.67	0.87
3	Jan Bloom	43.37	44.22	0.85
4	Deirdre Manning	44.86	45.69	0.83
5	Diana Price	51.65	52.39	0.74
6	Rosemary Smart	57.26	57.96	0.70
7	Suzie Mandelberg	42.98	43.67	0.69
8	Leif Rasmussen	50.36	51.05	0.69
9	Yvonne Bartels	55.45	56.04	0.59
10	Heather Condon	46.90	47.46	0.56

Bridge at other venues:

Did you know beside our regular games at Trumps (66 Spit Rd) we also run weekly games at following venues:

Social duplicate at RAC, Circular Quay

10.30am Tuesdays

Bridge @ The Manly Club

11am Tuesdays

Duplicate at Monash, Ingleside

9.30am Thursdays

Bridge @ Warringah bowling

1pm Thursdays

Balmoral (members only)

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Funbridge

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Canberra Mercure

Sun 11 to Wed 14 Sep from \$699pp



Top Rated

	Name	Ratings
1	Derrick Browne	68.26
2	Eric Lippey	67.43
3	Kerry Boytell	67.34
4	Alessandro Gado	66.79
5	Alex Kemeny	65.57
6	Neil Williams	63.35
7	Fay Cooney	63.2
8	Kevin Murray	63.17
9	Rob Holgate	63.17
10	Tim Trahair	63.07

(Members with ABF number who have played 13 times in the last six months are rated).



Masterpoint Promotions

Kevin Murray	Life
Delores Graves	National
Anthony Pearce	Regional
Toni Zaniboni	Bronze Local
Jan Murray	Bronze Local
Len Sharpe	Graduate
Linda Brooke	Graduate

What to bid?

Choose your call then compare with the experts (published in next month's edition). Standard bidding and Pairs scoring.

South Deals, Both Vulnerable

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

			1♣
2♠	3♠*	Pass	?

*3♠ = asking for a spade stopper for 3NT

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ A K Q 10 6 5

Timetable

Open Duplicates

	Morning	Afternoon	Night
Mon	9.50* (New format)	1.20*	
Tues	<i>join other game</i>	1.20*	7pm*
Wed		1.15*	7pm*
Thurs	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Fri	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Sat		1.30	

*These games start with a short talk.

Red/gold points 1.20pm Fridays.

Supervised

Mon		1.20*	7pm*
Tues	9.50*		
Wed	(lessons)		
Thurs			7pm
Fri	<i>see p5 lessons</i>		
Sat	10am*		

*Supervised games start with a talk.

(Check bridge at other venues on **p5** for other session time)

Benefits

Of Trumps membership

- A monthly update of news, views and tips
- Save \$3 on duplicate sessions at and lessons at Trumps
- Discount on prepaid game vouchers.
- Reciprocal membership rights at Warringah Bowls Mosman Bridge Group, Bridge @ The Manly Club, Social Bridge, Turramurra, Killara & Narrabeen
- Special events for members
- Members' phone book
- We pay your ABF fees if we are your home club (\$10 extra).

Rights and duties

- We cater for players of all levels
- Use the suggestion box in the main foyer
- Greet your opponents
- Let us know if you are available as a "fill-in" player, to be called in at the last moment (as our guest) if we are short
- Post mortems should never hold up play
- Support those who support bridge! *Australian Bridge* magazine (also in novice edition) and the Bridge Shop. We recommend: Warringah bowling club, The Manly Club, Trans Restaurant, Thai Kanteen, Hotel Mosman, Lok Lok Dumpling Bar, Fourth Village, Mosman Rowers, and Baytree Greenwich.



♠♥ Happy Trumping! ♦♣