

## What happened next?

- a) East bid 5♣, which was doubled & went two off = -500. A good result of +3 imps v -620? Unfortunately the other pair went off in 4♠ = -12 imps
- b) West bid 4NT, 5♦(control), X, 5♥, pass, 6♥, 7♦, X, passed out. E/W – 800. After the 4NT, North must show the ♣ control before the ♦. The killer bid is 5NT (grand slam force = asking partner to bid 7 if two of the top three trump honours are held). A good result of +5 imps? Unfortunately the other pair bid only 4♥ = -8 imps.
- c) West miscounted his hand and opened 3♣, which passed out & made 12 tricks = E/W +170. A good result of +10 imps? Unfortunately the other pair allowed E/W to play in 4♥ = -7 imps.
- d) North opened 1♣, pass, 1♥, pass, (stop) 2♠, pass, (stop) 4NT, pass, 5♣, (Roman Key Card Blackwood showing 0-3 controls, including the King of trumps), pass, 6♠, passed out & made. A flat board? Unfortunately the other pair took the 2♠ as a low-level cue bid showing ♠ control and agreeing hearts. S jumped to 4♥ = -13 imps.

The total swing? 15 + 13 + 17 + 13 = 58, on four boards! Not all one-sided - we had Lady Luck with us for some of these.

### County Calendar 2007

FRI 12<sup>th</sup> JAN – NAT PAIRS @ 7 pm @ Bartestree  
FRI 19<sup>th</sup> JAN – CLUB TMS OF 4 @ 7 pm @ Ledbury  
WED 31<sup>st</sup> JAN – County Training @ 7 pm @ Withington  
FRI 2<sup>nd</sup> FEB – NO FEAR TMS @ 7 pm @ Bartestree  
SUN 11<sup>th</sup> FEB – SWISS PRS @ 10.30 am @ Tarrington  
FRI 16<sup>th</sup> MAR – CLUB TMS OF 4 @ 7 pm @ Ledbury  
SAT 24<sup>th</sup> MAR – CLUB TMS OF 8 @ 2 pm @ Tarrington

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# HEREFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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## A New Chapter

A Happy New Year to you from your dilatory editor. Yes, the last edition was May 2006, so you haven't missed anything. Using the latest technology, we intend this to be on our web site [www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk](http://www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk) and e mailed for all Club Notice Boards. Comments, contributions and support are very welcome. This issue should just about reach you between issues of English Bridge from the EBU, which is well worth reading cover to cover. Reading is the key to becoming a better player. Being an allotment holder (retirement hobby), I have recently read Monty Don's *My Roots* wherein are the lines - 'I am writing this with shelves behind me holding over a thousand gardening books. Reading plays a very important part in my own gardening and it is a practice that is, by definition, solitary. I suppose that a good half are in some way or other practical, but half are inspirational'. If a 'practical player' such as Monty Don reads, we definitely need to.

Here are four dealt instructional hands from recent League games (similar ones often arise & can swing the match). Try them with your partner.

What happened next? See the back cover for the damage

a) Dealer North, both vulnerable.

♠ A K 7 6 5 2		
♥ Q J 7		
♦ 10 8 4		
♣ J		
♠ Q J 4 3		♠ ---
♥ 10 5		♥ 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 2		♦ K Q J 3
♣ 10 9 3		♣ A Q 8 7 6 5 2
	♠ 10 9 8	
	♥ A K 9 8 6 3	
	♦ A 6	
	♣ K 4	

With the advantage of seeing all four hands and careful play, N / S can make at least 4♥ or 4♠ (4♠ = after winning the first trick after ♦K lead or second trick after ♣ A lead, play 10 Sp from S & let it run if not covered. If covered, win with A & lead back a small trump to the 9 Sp. E/W can make only three tricks). After the bidding 1♠, 2♣, 3♣ (alerted, agreeing ♠), pass, 3♠ (minimum), pass, 4♠, pass, pass, ? What happened next?

b) Dealer North, both Non-Vulnerable

<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ ---- ♦ K 10 7 6 2 ♣ K 8 7 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 6 ♥ Q J 9 4 3 ♦ --- ♣ A 10 9 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ A Q J 5 3 ♣ J 3</p>
	<p>♠ K J 7 5 3 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ Q</p>	

With the advantage of seeing all four hands and through careful play (dummy reversal = Declarer playing mentally from the Dummy hand = ruffing the diamonds), North can make 7♥ or South 7♠. The bidding: 1♥, pass, 4♣, (alerted = 'splinter' = singleton & agreeing ♥), ? What happened next?

c) Dealer North, N/S Vulnerable

<p>♠ Q 9 8 ♥ A K J 7 5 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 7 4</p>	<p>♠ K 10 5 3 ♥ 9 8 6 3 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ Q</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ Q 10 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ A K J 9 8 6 5</p>
	<p>♠ A 7 6 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A K J 10 3 ♣ 3 2</p>	

With the advantage of seeing all four hands and through careful play, N / S can make 5♦ or 5♠ and E / W 5♣ or 5♥. So, who is going to win the battle? North passed, ? What happened next?

d) Dealer North, N/S Vulnerable

<p>♠ 8 ♥ J 9 5 3 ♦ J 10 9 7 2 ♣ J 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ A K Q 6 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 3 ♥ K Q 10 2 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ 10 4</p>
	<p>♠ K J 7 6 ♥ A 7 6 4 ♦ K 3 ♣ 9 8 3</p>	

With the advantage of seeing all four hands and through a guess, N / S can make 7♠. North opened 1♣, pass, 1♥, pass, (stop) 2♠, pass. What happened next?

## Western League C Team

The Western League has three divisions for A, B and C County Teams. Herefordshire has entered the C Division for the first time this season and we are looking for additional players, who may be interested in giving County Bridge a GO. So far we have played two matches, winning one and narrowly losing the second. The C Division has restrictions on top players and is an ideal opportunity to try County Bridge in a slightly less competitive environment. If this might be for YOU, please contact Peter Watts (tel: - 01981-540382, email: - pkwts@tiscali.co.uk).