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New festive bridge  
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### Athena Beach Hotel, Cyprus \*\*\*\*

With Judy and Allan Sanis

22 Dec 2014 – 05 Jan 2015  
7 & 14 night holidays available, half  
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with Bob Baker

30 May – 09 June 2015  
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with Andrew Kambites

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# Quiz Break

by Andrew Kambites

At game all your partner opens 1♣. What do you respond with these hands?

- 1) ♠ 6432    ♥ AK76    ♦ 9765    ♣ 2
- 2) ♠ 63    ♥ AK76    ♦ 9765    ♣ 642
- 3) ♠ 753    ♥ 643    ♦ QJ10876    ♣ 2
- 4) ♠ 75    ♥ 62    ♦ QJ10876    ♣ 642



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From £1,199 per person

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# Diary

DATE	DESTINATION	HOTEL	NIGHTS
30 Oct 2014	Algarve	Grande Real Santa Eulalia	7, 14 or 21
30 Dec 2014	Bristol	Mercure Holland House	4
29 Jan 2015	Lanzarote	VIK San Antonio	7 or 14
19 Feb 2015	Portugal, Cascais	Grand Real Villa Italia Hotel & Spa	7
04 Mar 2015	Cyprus, Paphos	The Athena Royal Beach Hotel	7 & 14
28 Mar 2015	Croatia, Makarska	Meteor Hotel	7 & 14
04 Apr 2015	Croatia & Montenegro	Hotels Meteor & Tara	18
12 Apr 2015	Montenegro	Tara Hotel	10
01 May 2015	Menorca	La Quinta Hotel	7
08 May 2015	Menorca	S'Algar Hotel	7
11 May 2015	Cruise Azores & Madeira	Fred Olsen Balmoral	13
30 May 2015	Austria, Soll	The Hotel Postwirt	10
27 Jun 2015	Cruise Iceland & the Fjords	The Celebrity Eclipse	14
25 Sept 2015	Venetian Riviera, Lido di Jesolo	Principe Palace Hotel	10
02 Oct 2015	Menorca	S'Algar Hotel	7 & 14
16 Oct 2015	Menorca	La Quinta	7
07 Nov 2015	River Cruise Paris & the Seine	The Anacoluthie	6

## Overseas Beginners & Improvers Bridge

23 Oct 2014	Algarve - Teaching & Improving Bridge	Grand Real Santa Eulalia	7
21 Jan 2015	Cyprus, Paphos - Teaching & Improving Bridge	Athena Beach Hotel	7
12 Feb 2015	Lanzarote - Beginners Bridge	VK San Antonio	7
01 May 2015	Venetian Riviera - Teaching & Improving Bridge	Principe Palace Hotel	10
20 Oct 2015	Montenegro - Beginners Bridge	Hotel Tara	7

## Too Quick

On the hand below, declarer was delighted when a critical finesse proved to be working. However, he played too quickly and soon regretted it.

by Bob Baker

The bidding was soon over and West quickly led ♠Q. Declarer's planning was just as quick: "If the diamond finesse works I'm fine, if not I may be in trouble," he thought.

So he won ♠A and led ♦Q, delighted to see West cover this with ♦K. He quickly took this with dummy's ♦A - and now the contract went down, as declarer had just three diamond tricks, not the five tricks he expected in the suit when West kindly produced ♦K.

Declarer should have realised that four diamond tricks were needed - not five - and resisted the temptation to play dummy's ♦A on West's ♦K. If he anticipates the likely 4-2 diamond split and ducks this trick (playing ♦3 from dummy) he will later make four diamonds and his game.

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South Dealer  
Love All

♠ 64	♠ 972	♠ 972
♥ 972	♥ J1084	♥ J1084
♦ AJ1053	♦ K4	♦ 9872
♣ 853	♣ Q109	♣ KJ
	♠ AK5	♠ AK5
	♥ AK3	♥ AK3
	♦ Q6	♦ Q6
	♣ A7642	♣ A7642

(1) As responder bid your four card suits up the line. You won't miss a major suit fit because partner will rebid a 4-card major if he has one. The reason you need to respond 1♦ is that if partner has a minimum opening bid with 5 clubs and 4 diamonds, a 1♦ response would force partner to rebid 2♣ which you would have to pass, leaving you in a 5-1 club fit instead of a 4-4 diamond fit.

(2) Now you don't fear a 2♣ response so it is reasonable to bid the major, particularly because you want a heart lead if your opponents buy the contract.

(3) Yes, I know. Only 3 points. The founding fathers of Acol would have had me excommunicated for heresy. You will regret your response if partner rebids 3♣, but most other rebids will leave you better off. You can pass a rebid of 1♦ or 1♥ or 1♠ or 2♣ (or even 2♦ or 2♥ even though they are game forcing rebids). You can sign off in 2♦ over 1NT. The point is that you are much more likely to improve the contract than run into trouble. You might also keep opponents out of a major suit contract.

(4) Pass. No need to respond because this time you don't dislike clubs. Mind you, there are experts nowadays who would bid 1♦ just to try to shut opponents out of the auction.