

## Those results don't look right, is this the same board?

You are North and when it comes to filling in the score on the electronic scoring device BridgeMate, BridgeTab etc you accidentally put in the wrong board number. How can that happen you say?

1. The Director has chosen a movement to suit the players in the room which involves a Sharing Table situation.  
Say tables 1 and 8 are sharing boards on a 3 board round. On each round, table 1 will get one of the boards and table 8 will get another, with the third board sitting on a chair between the two tables. The BridgeTabs you are using to score with, will try to put the board numbers in, in order. So it knows you are playing boards 1 to 3 and it will anticipate that you will play board 1 first and board 2 second, but actually because you are sharing boards that is unlikely to happen. Even if table 1 played the boards in order, then by definition table 8 did not.
2. The boards 1 to 3, have been passed to you in the wrong order and you don't notice that you are playing Board 2 first and yet again the BridgeTab expects you to play Board 1 first.

So now East is asked to check the score and usually East will check that the contract and result are correct but often East will not bother to check that the board number is correct.

So East presses the Accept button and up come a list of previous contracts for that board, none of which look possible for the board you have just played.

Now it is too late and both sides are responsible. You cannot play the board that you mistakenly entered. So in our example Board 2 was put in as Board 1 and both sides have seen what happened on the real Board 1. So the score has to be re-entered for Board 2 and neither side can play Board 1. Both sides will be given an artificial score of average minus ie 40% as they are both culpable.

The moral of this tale is

Play the boards in order when you can  
and

Check the board numbers when you can't