



# St Annes Bridge Club

Lytham St Annes



# Bidding

Before play begins there is a 'bidding' phase which determines who is declarer and what is the contract. The bidding phase is an auction where the highest bidder wins the contract.

## Rules

- Dealer makes opening bid/pass
- Player on dealers left bids/passes next
- Bidding proceeds clockwise round table
- Each bid must outrank the last one made (its an auction!)
- A player who does not want to bid 'passes'
- A bid is a number from one to seven followed by a suit or no trumps
- The final bid in the auction is reached when there are three consecutive passes

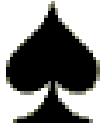
The contract is 6+number in the final bid

Player who bids suit/no trumps first is declarer even if partner bids final contract

NT

No Trumps

Highest



Spades



Hearts

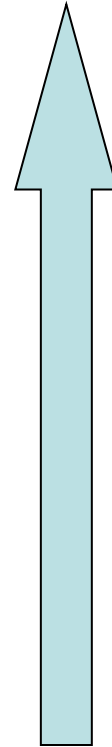


Diamonds



Clubs

Lowest



## Example Auction

West	North	East	South
pass	1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♦
2 ♠	pass	pass	4 ♥
pass	pass	pass	

Contract is 4 hearts (10 tricks) played by North

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- Distribution is specified by 4 numbers adding up to 13
- The highest number (longest suit) goes first in the sequence

Eg 5-3-3-2,      6-5-1-1,      4-4-4-1,      5-5-3-0





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	K 8 4 2
	J 7 5

4-3-3-3

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# The One No Trump Opening Bid

A balanced hand, 12-14pts

Balanced means:

- No void
- No singleton
- Not more than 1 doubleton
- No 6 card or longer suit

What are the distributions that meet these criteria ?

Clue: there are only 3

4-3-3-3

4-4-3-2

5-3-3-2

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Additional requirement

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

4-3-3-3

♠ 7 6 5 4  
♥ Q 10  
♦ A K J 8  
♣ Q J 7

4-4-3-2

♠ 7 5  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ A 10 7 5 4

5-3-3-2 (5card minor)

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

4-3-3-3

♠ 7 6 5 4  
♥ Q 10  
♦ A K J 8  
♣ Q J 7

4-4-3-2

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

4-4-3-2

# Responses to 1NT with Balanced Hands

0-10	Pass	There is no prospect of game
13-19	3 NT	Combined points are enough for game
11-12	2 NT	Have we got enough combined points for game partner? Partner will bid 3NT 14 points or pass with 12.

# Hand 1

## North

♠ K Q 3  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ A 10 3

Pass

Pass

## West

♠ 9 8 6  
♥ A K 8 6  
♦ 2  
♣ J 7 6 5 4

Pass

## East

♠ 5 4 2  
♥ 9 4 3  
♦ A K Q 9 4  
♣ 9 2

Pass

Pass

## South

♠ A J 10 7  
♥ Q 7 5  
♦ J 6 5  
♣ K Q 8

1NT

# Hand 2

## North

♠ A 8 7

♥ Q 4 2

♦ K 9 8 7 6

♣ A 9

1NT

pass

## West

♠ Q 10 6

♥ A 10 6 5

♦ J 3

♣ J 10 3 2

pass

## East

♠ J 9 5

♥ K 9 7

♦ 10 4 2

♣ Q 7 5 4

pass

pass

## South

♠ K 4 3 2

♥ J 8 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ K 8 6

3NT

# Hand 3

## North

♠ 7 5 4

♥ 9 7 3 2

♦ A 9 8 7

♣ 4 2

## West

♠ K 3 2

♥ K J 6

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ 9 7 5

## East

♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 8

♦ J 10 2

♣ J 10 8 6

## South

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ 10 5 4

♦ 6 4

♣ A K Q 3

# Hand 4

## North

♠ 10 9 8 7

♥ J 10 5

♦ 10 8

♣ K 9 8 2

pass

pass

## West

♠ Q 3

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ Q J 6 5

♣ A J 10

1 NT

pass

## East

♠ A K J 2

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K 3 2

♣ Q 7

6 NT

## South

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 5 4 3

pass

# RECAP

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# Homework!

- Recap today's lesson Pg 19-22
- Quiz Pg 27 – not Q2d (before looking at answers Pg 28!)
- Prepare for next week Pg 22-26