

beginners bridge

Create your own 'Plan/Re-play' List (using 'My Hands' on Nofearbridge)

Our teaching is based on getting 'cards in hands' immediately after your lesson.

We do this by playing hands on RealBridge that relate to the lesson that you have learnt on Nofearbridge. These hands are accompanied by a Commentary that describes the correct bidding methodology.

As you become more familiar with Declarer play in Bridge, the more you will appreciate the Importance of *Planning the Play* immediately after the first card is laid.

Also, over a period of time, the student may forget lessons that they've learnt in the past and may wish to re-play those hands that helped to re-enforce that lesson.

The *My Hands* option on Nofearbridge



enables you to achieve the above objectives.



'My Hands' feature allows you to save hands that you didn't solve the first time or that you wish to repeat for any reason. You will find the 'Add to My Hands' button on the final page of any hand you play or you can add hands by number here.

After replaying a hand from 'My Hands' page, you can leave it in your 'My Hands' list or remove it by clicking the 'Drop from My Hands' button that appears on the final commentary page.

'Delete Options' gives the ability to delete a single or a range of hands



You can obviously add your own hands (from NFB) to the above, but we also provide the option for you to re-play some of the hands that you've already played on RealBridge.

To add these hands, refer to the Commentary Synopsis at the bottom of the u3a Commentary. The u3a Commentaries can be found on the following BridgeWebs page:

Resources & Links

Мо		Date		Playing	u3aCommentary	
		(Tuesdays)		Hands		
u3a	aBD07	25-Feb	Introduction to Bidding, Opening 1NT & Responses	04-Mar	u3aBD07 v1	

Open the relevant document – u3aBC07 v 1 – and go to the final page.

Commentary Synopsis				
		Subject: 1NT Opener & Responses	Hand #	Declarer / Defender
		Bidding Sequence		
1	Ν	1NT	2703	Dec.
2	Е	1NT	3	Dec.
3	S	1NT, 3NT	98	Dec
4	W	1NT, 3NT	99	Dec

And add the Hand # either to the Declarer box or to the Defender box on Nofearbridge

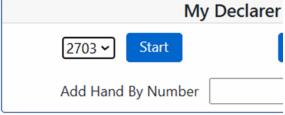


You will receive a confirmation that the hand has been added.

You can now re-play this hand.

Go to





Press



And you will see the NFB commentary and be able to re-play the hand from a RealBridge Session

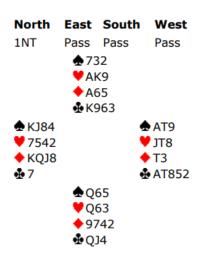


Note: In the above example the hand is played by North, but at the Nofearbridge table (as in RealBridge) you are always sitting at the 'bottom' of the screen (and not necessarily in the South seat)...

This is the text from the NFB Commentary (above):

Our ♥AKQ and ♦A give us four top winners. Clubs is clearly our best source of extra tricks, especially after the opening lead. We take full advantage by following the principle of "second hand low" and playing dummy's -4. East plays \clubsuit 7 and we win with \clubsuit 9. We play a club to dummy's \PQ , which holds the trick. We continue with \$\int_{\textsup} \], which West wins with \$\int_{\textsup} \A. The defence cash three tricks in spades before switching to • K. We win with ♦A, cash ♣K followed by AKQ and concede the last two tricks. Making the contract exactly.

Boards 1 - 16



Board: 1 Dealer: North Lead: \$5 #2703

North has a balanced hand and 14 HCP (High Card Points), so the best opening bid is 1NT. (They could in principle open 1C, but then would not have a legal second bid if partner responds!)

The 1NT opening bid shows 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand.

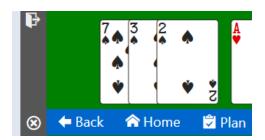
South has a balanced hand and just 6 HCP. With a maximum total point count of 20, they know there's no chance of game, and pass.

ADDITIONAL (ADVANCED) DISCUSSION

A Balanced hand is any hand with no Voids, no Singletons, and at most one Doubleton.

By adding hand 2703 to the *My hands* option on Nofearbridge you get both the bidding and the playing commentaries 'in one place' – a really helpful teaching guide !!!

Your Play list capability is further enhanced by using the PLAN option:



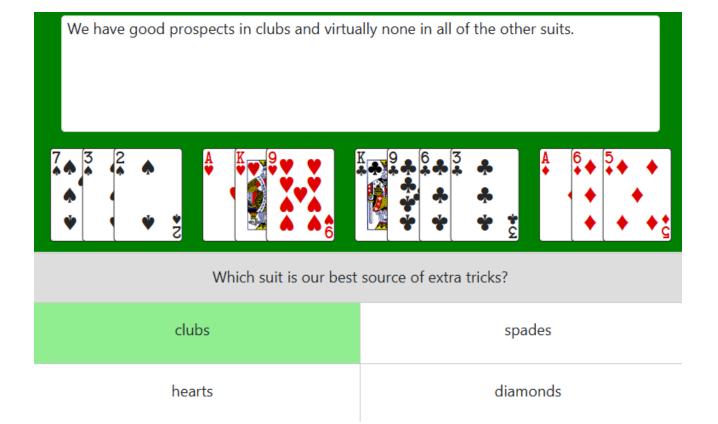




How many top winners do we have?			
4	6		
5	3		



Which suit is our best source of extra tricks?		
clubs	spades	
hearts	diamonds	

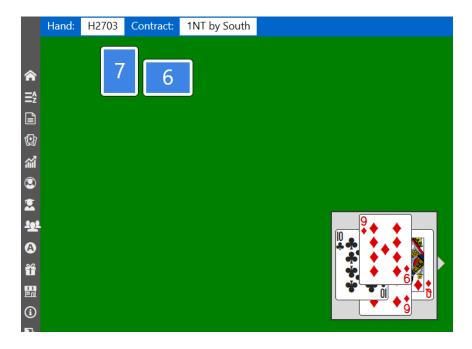


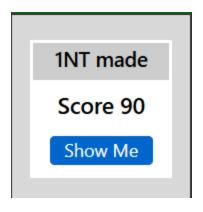


Taking account of the opening lead, h	Taking account of the opening lead, how many tricks will we make in clubs?		
usually 3, but sometimes 2	usually 2, but sometimes 3		
always 2	always 3		



Now play the hand....





1NT made

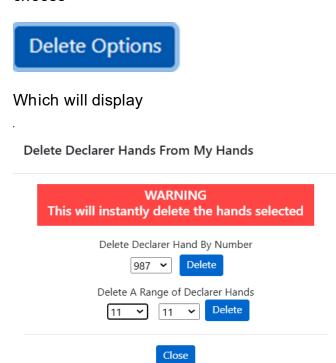
Close

Deleting hands

From the following menu option



choose



Enter the hand number (987) into the box and press delete

Delete Declarer Hand By Number



Defence Hands

Defence hands are handled in an identical manner to Declarer hands.



Instead of using the 'Declarer' option, use the 'Defence' option.

Defence hands can be identified from the u3a commentary:

Playing Techniques					
9	N	Finesse	101	Defender	