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PLASTIC EVALUATION

This method of hand evaluation will give you a realistic and accurate guide to the changing value of your hand as the bidding progresses. This formula works best on hands where partner bids two suits.

To the original point value of your hand, add a point to every jack, queen or king in the suits partner bids. Take off a point from every jack, queen or king in the suits partner does not bid.

The readjusted point value of your hand will be a remarkably accurate guide to its true worth.

For example, you hold: 10 8
 A Q 7 5 3
 Q J 8 3
 9 2

and in the first auction the bidding proceeds:

Partner	You
1♣	1♥
1♠	INT

Your hand has become effectively a six point hand. Tread carefully.

In the second auction the bidding proceeds:

Partner	You
1♦	1♥
2♥	3♥

Your hand has become effectively a twelve point hand - a sound game invitation.

While this method is not infallible - some partners always seem to bid bad suits - you will find you are bidding more when it is right to, and staying low when it is right to, on hands of superficially the same point count.

Partner	You	A J 8 6 4
1♦	1♠	9 7 3
2♣	3♦	Q J 8
3♠	?	K 9

For diamonds your hand is worth 15 points 6D is a strong possibility.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

Championship Events – Session Times

Butler Stage 3: Open, Women's, Seniors'
 10.15 - 12.00: 12.05 - 1.50
 2.15 - 4.00: 4.10 - 5.55

Congress Events:

10.00 am ANC Swiss Pairs – Session 1
 ANC Restricted Butler – Session 1
 2.00 pm ANC Swiss Pairs – Session 2
 ANC Restricted Butler – Session 2
 7.30 pm Ricoh Swiss Teams – Session 2 of 3

Partner	You	K Q 8 6 3
1♦	1♠	K Q 8 3
2♣	?	A 9
		9 3

For diamonds your hand is worth 10 points. 3NT is likely to be high enough.

Seamus Browne

The 2007 ANC Bridge Community extend their deepest sympathy to Charlie and Helen Snashall and family at the sudden death, on Monday, of Charlie's daughter Anne.



Welcome Cocktail Party
 Sunday 15th July
 7.00 pm
 \$25 per person
 Tickets at Hospitality Desk
 Bookings close Friday 13th

GOLDEN TOUCH

Try this problem:

East dealer :
Vul: Nil

North	East
♠ J 10 7 4	♠ Q 9 2
♥ A J 10 4	♥ 7 6 2
♦ A 3	♦ Q 6 5
♣ A 9 5	♣ J 10 7 6

(Directions changed for convenience)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mullamphy	Ebery	Klinger	Gold
		P	1♦
1♠	2♦(1)	P	2♥(2)
P	2♠(2)	P	2NT(2)
P	3♣(2)	P	3♦(2)
P	3♠(3)	P	3NT(4)
All Pass			

- (1) Artificial game-force
- (2) Relay rebids showing South's shape
- (3) Setting diamonds as trumps
- (4) Minimum opening, 11-13 points

South has shown 7 diamonds and some 7-3-2-1 pattern, residues unknown.

West leads the 3♠, attitude lead, low encouraging. The J♠ is played from dummy. How do you plan the defence? Decide before looking at the full deal, Board 11 from Stage 1, Round 11:

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

At the table I won trick 1 with the Q♠ and returned the 9♠ ducked to dummy's 10♠. Leigh Gold continued with the A♦, five – two – seven, followed by the ♦3: six . . . He thought for quite some time about what to play from hand. When he spotted another chance if the Q♦ did not drop, he rose with the K♦. Bad news!

He continued with four rounds of hearts, which led to this ending:

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

Gold exited with a spade from dummy. West could take three spade tricks, but declarer collected two club tricks at the end to make his contract and +400.

Did you find the right move at trick 1? East needs to duck the J♠. Now if declarer misguesses the diamonds, the defence have enough communication to defeat 3NT.

Of course, declarer might guess diamonds, but if you can do that, you might as well be in 6D (and 5D is a safer conveyance than 3NT).

Ron Klinger

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MARK HORTON'S BOOK - PART 4

By kind permission of Masterpoint Press, Toronto, the fourth excerpt from Mark Horton's latest blockbuster, Bridge Master versus Bridge Amateur, which will be published in July 2007.

“Declarer Play

To become a good player you have to acquire the ability to think about all fifty-two cards, not merely the ones you can see in your own hand. Whilst it is possible to become quite a good player without bothering if you want to make real progress then you simply have to do it.

I know many players who can perform precise mathematical calculations about the merit of various lines of play. Others have learnt all the standard card combinations by heart and can be relied upon to never miss a safety play. However, in my experience

these skills count for only a very little on the Road to Bridge Mastery.

Elimination

One of declarer's strongest weapons is the use of elimination play, especially when there is a trump suit. (I am tempted to say it is declarer's strongest weapon, as it plays a part on so many deals.) The basic idea is to end up forcing a defender to choose between opening up an important suit or conceding a ruff and discard. In terms of practical advice I would say this: If you have the opportunity to eliminate a suit from both your hand and that of dummy it will invariably be right to do so, even if you cannot see and immediate advantage in doing so. Here is a simple example:

Dealer: West
North/South Vul:

♠ J 9 8 4 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ A J 10
♣ A 2

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ A Q 2
♦ K 9 4
♣ 8 6

West	North	East	South
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	6♠

All pass

West led the king of clubs and declarer immediately realised that the success of the contract depended on not losing a diamond trick. Declarer won the opening lead in dummy, drew trumps and eliminated the heart suit, West producing one trump and three hearts. Crediting West with seven clubs for the opening bid it appeared that West had started with one spade, at least three hearts and seven clubs, thereby making East a heavy favourite to have the all important queen of diamonds. Accordingly declarer took the diamond finesse through East.

In the replay, needless to say, the master adopted a different approach. After winning the opening lead he drew trumps, cashed three winning hearts and exited with a club. It does not matter which defender wins. If they play a heart or club declarer can ruff in one hand and discard a losing diamond from the other. If either defender plays a diamond they will have located the missing queen for you.

When I use this hand in the classroom I give both East and West a queen of diamonds to ensure that

any player who finesses goes down! Even with two diamond queens in the pack the contract cannot be defeated if you follow the elimination as you can finesse against both of them!"

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

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

ESPLANADE HOTEL PAIRS

North/South

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Paul Gosney & Susan Humphries | 64.2% |
| 2 | Elizabeth Bennett & Gillian Edmond | 61.3% |

East/West

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Sandra & Andrew Richman | 65.3% |
| 2 | Deborah Frankel & Hilary Yovich | 59.8% |

SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

North/South

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Rex Hanson & Judy Herring | 59.7% |
| 2 | Val Noble & Frances Thompson | 59.0% |

East/West

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Graham Raad & Denis Watson | 60.1% |
| 2 | Paul Gosney & Susan Humphries | 59.0% |

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SNIPPETS

"The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in." - Alfred Scheinwold

Maurice Frankel & Lem Soots playing in the Seniors' Butler have over 165 years of experience between them!

BUTLER STAGE 2 – FINAL RESULTS

Section A - OPEN				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	6	D Beauchamp, E Chadwick	240	113
2	11	P Hainsworth, R Parker	236	83
3	1	S Hans, T Nunn	234	74
4	7	N Ewart, B Howe	225	68
5	2	C Chua, S Hinge	223	43
6	3	R Klinger, M Mullamphy	220	31
7	5	F Curtis, R Sebesfi	210	-3
8	13	W Jenner-O'Shea, E Barnes	208	-6
9	14	K Crowe-Mai, K Morrison	206	-5
10	12	D Newlands, A Paton	203	-21
11	4	N Rosendorff, A Braithwaite	201	-30
12	8	K Dyke, S Tishler	195	-39
13	10	D Franks, B Maguire	195	-44
14	9	L Gold, J Ebery	195	-46

Section B - OPEN				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	27	I Del'Monte, S Burgess	259	167
2	30	M McManus, M Ware	224	38
3	28	I Robinson, A De Livera	223	41
4	29	P Gumby, W Lazer	221	34
5	31	Z Nagy, B Richman	218	21
6	21	T Lusk, K Miller	209	11
7	24	B Neill, R Jedrychowski	207	-4
8	25	G Daly, P Tearne	204	-24
9	34	T Horawicz, M Courtney	203	-23
10	22	A Edgton, J Howard	193	-57
11	33	T Fuller, D Allen	185	-60
12	26	J Free, T Free	182	-71
13	32	C Snashall, R Nixon	180	-99
14	23	S Arber, H De Jong	153	-192

Section A - WOMEN				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	J Del Piccolo, C Combes	251	134
2	10	D Jones, M Leybourne	248	127
3	4	S Shilbury, J Touyz	242	109
4	8	K Moses, N Bashar	239	109
5	7	W Driscoll, D Greenfeld	231	75
6	14	R Green, M Jakes	228	56
7	3	J Courtney, D Sharbanee	216	12
8	12	M Callander, L Szabo	214	13
9	1	T Tully, S Lusk	210	6
10	6	M Goodman, R Clayton	208	-10
11	11	F Wilner, A Lowe	196	-45
12	9	V Wood, F Holman	182	-90
13	5	W Harman, J Valentine	172	-123
14	13	V Mitchell, W Boxall	144	-213

Section B - WOMEN				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	34	G Tucker, M Millar	234	76
2	24	L Fuller, A Clark	231	68
3	31	I Glanger, M Scudder	229	80
4	27	R Kaplan, P Schroor	229	61
5	21	A Booth, L Shiels	216	19
6	22	J Prince, P Collett	210	1
7	29	D Munro, C Gardiner	209	1
8	28	S Pynt, H Williams	209	-13
9	26	M Brion, N Sakashita	199	-38
10	33	J Blight, P McNamara	198	-33
11	30	J Day, M Spurrier	190	-62
12	25	C Lachman, H Snashall	187	-81
13	23	M Weddell, J Rasmussen	179	-102
14	32	V Zotti, L Ingham	166	-137

Section A - SENIORS				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	B Noble, G Bilski	227	63
2	9	C Ross, M Berk	219	37
3	3	R Hansen, J Hansen	219	33
4	12	D McCoull, K Glasson	219	28
5	11	D Charters, B O'Hara	217	23
6	6	G Atkinson, J Kahler	212	18
7	13	A McCarthy, M Firth	211	3
8	7	A Rosenstreich, M O'Reilly	210	3
9	14	W Piller, M Wolinski	207	-12
10	10	I Bailey, M Abrahams	204	-18
11	8	E Samuel, A Samuel	202	-13
12	1	J Ashworth, T Piper	201	-30
13	4	J Beyfus, B Fensome	199	-42
14	5	A Meydan, D Yovich	196	-42

Section B - SENIORS				
Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	34	D Schokman, T Ranasinghe	249	133
2	21	J Beddow, E Melton	249	125
3	23	J Brockwell, P Kahler	231	64
4	27	B Prince, D Pocock	228	65
5	24	T Berger, E Berger	228	64
6	30	R Grenside, S Grenside	220	32
7	26	L Bedford-Brown, R Paterson	215	20
8	28	J Dawkins, L Wylie	201	-27
9	31	M Bracegirdle, A Glasson	197	-43
10	32	D Grahame, J Grahame	194	-28
11	22	M Frankel, L Soots	189	-71
12	29	D Kininmonth, R Sellars	175	-113
13	25	J Rigg, A Rigg	169	-128
14	33	C Munro, C Munro	165	-144