

## WCBU Bridge Hands – 19th September 2021

The first two hands are from WCBU pairs on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

<b>D</b> 9	<b>N</b> Nolandav01 4 ♠KQ96 ♥K ♦AK9 ♣KQJ98		
<b>W</b> papa bi 4+ ♠J10732 ♥AQJ109754 ♦ ♣	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>		<b>E</b> FREKMAN1 ♠A ♥62 ♦J762 ♣1076543
	2♣ Pass 2♦ 4♥ 5♣ Dbl Pass Pass Pass		
	<b>S</b> JAS18 4 ♠854 ♥83 ♦Q108543 ♣A2		5♣x North 0 0

Top board by EW on this hand is 5H+1 but how do you bid it vulnerable against the bidding shown?

<b>D</b> 13	<b>N</b> Robot ♠QJ4 ♥AKJ9642 ♦7 ♣Q6		
<b>W</b> Treetops 38 6 ♠K ♥ ♦QJ1098432 ♣AJ94	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>		<b>E</b> moremo ♠A987653 ♥75 ♦AK ♣K10
	1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ Pass 4♥ Pass 4♠ Pass 5♦ Pass Pass Pass		
	<b>S</b> impelaphil 5 ♠102 ♥Q1083 ♦65 ♣87532		5♦ West 0 0

There's a diamond slam here but no one bid it. Would you and your partner?

And one from Impala:

<b>D</b> 14	<b>N</b> cpax 1 2 ♠98 ♥AK65 ♦K642 ♣AQJ		
<b>W</b> lindacsm 6+ ♠J10742 ♥1042 ♦Q985 ♣5	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>		<b>E</b> JB71634 9 ♠K6 ♥73 ♦AJ103 ♣97432
	Pass 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass 6♥ Pass Pa: Pass		
	<b>S</b> papa bi 4+ ♠AQ53 ♥QJ98 ♦7 ♣K1086		6♥ North 0 0

How do you make 6H on lead of 7H? You need to win the first trick with KH and immediately take spade finesse, play AS noting the KS, ruff a spade high, return to dummy with another H and ruff the last spade with your last H. Now overtake JC with KC, draw last trump and play clubs. After losing a diamond, a ruff in dummy allows 10C to make.

This is the first hand from the WCBU Wednesday pairs on 15<sup>th</sup> September and illustrates a situation that arises quite regularly:

D 1	N WCRGD 2*					E GrobickiT 3	
	♠ QJ76 ♥ 9864 ♦ 3 ♣ J1076						
	W papa bi 4*	W	N	E	S		♠ A9543 ♥ 7 ♦ KJ10854 ♣ 5
		Pass 1♠ Pass 6NT Pass Pass Pass					
						S mandypitt 3	
						♠ 10 ♥ QJ53 ♦ Q976 ♣ Q832	
						6NT West 0 0	

North leads QS which is taken by West with KS. From the opening lead, it is clear that JS lies with North and, since the TS was played by S, declarer can make successive spade finesses starting with leading 8S which North should cover to promote 7S. However, first, West should play AD and then finesse a diamond in order to establish a diamond trick while spades provide entries to the long diamonds.

This hand comes from the WCBU pairs on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September:

D 11	N Tata Rob 4					E 06suzy 6	
	♠ K2 ♥ 1098654 ♦ Q876 ♣ K						
	W Del20 6	W	N	E	S		♠ A1098753 ♥ K72 ♦ K3 ♣ 5
		5♣ Pass Pass Pass					
						S papa bi 4*	
						♠ J64 ♥ Q3 ♦ J10954 ♣ Q87	
						5♣ West 0 0	

How would you and your partner bid the EW hands and what contract would you end up in? The majority of pairs bid 5C making 12 tricks for 32% while a minority bid 4S, also making 12 tricks, for 82%. No one bid either slam.