

## **CBF Junior Newsletter – Volume 2 - February 16, 2012**

This newsletter is for Canada's Juniors. There will be one every two weeks. They will be available on the CBF Web Site.

### ***Junior Manager (Bryan Maksymetz)***

Thanks to those who participated in the recent practice sessions – we had 13 again – great to see the high interest.

Next Practice: Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 PM EST. We can meet on BBO – look for my BBO id – [maks](#).

We always need new players, so if any of you know of someone you think would be a good addition to the program, please let them know,

A number of you have asked when and how the teams will be selected. As well as myself, Nader Hanna and Eric Kokish will be involved in the selection process. We will primarily decide based on the trials we have on Saturdays. By the end of April, we should have the teams finalized for the trip to China in late July.

### ***CBF Youth and Junior Bridge***

There will be continue to be new and exciting things added to the **Youth and Junior Bridge** section. Under [Junior Bridge Documents](#).

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## HANDS – Junior Training

<b>Hand 2</b>	<b>North</b>		
<b>NS Vul</b>	♠ K1083		
	♥ 92		
	♦ 542		
	♣ Q973		
<b>West</b>		<b>East (D)</b>	
♠ AQJ972		♠	
♥ Q1054		♥ AJ863	
♦ 6		♦ KQJ1093	
♣ K4		♣ 52	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ 654		
	♥ K7		
	♦ A87		
	♣ AJ1086		

**Table 1**

W	N	E	S
–	–	1♥	P
2NT	P	4♦	P
4♥	All P		

**Table 2**

W	N	E	S
–	–	1♦	2♣
2♠	P	3♦	P
3NT	All P		

The East hand is a common problem in bridge – 65 with the 6 card suit lower ranking, and less than reverse values. Compounding the opening issue in this hand is the great ♦ and the weak ♥. That said, if you decide to open the 6 card suit, you risk burying the 5, as happened at Table 2. **How would you bid the East hand and why?**

Should West at Table 2 bid 3♥ at their second turn? **Why or why not?**

Should East at Table 2 rebid 3♥ at their second turn? Is this a reverse? **What are your methods after a reverse? Does an auction like this apply?**

**Eric: W's response at T1 is worth discussing too. Some prefer to use the 2NT FG raise with no shortness or with certain hands where showing their shortness will not matter; others feel showing 4-card support early is crucial. Good to clear this up *a priori*. I would hate to bury this spade suit, but you can envision: 1H-1S; 2D, where 3H would be merely INV, so you'd have to force with the dread 3C 4<sup>th</sup> suit, which in turn deprives you of showing primary H support economically in most cases. An alternative is to start with a 4D SPL raise, which again does not hint at the source of tricks in spades. In the actual auction, W guessed correctly over 4D but might have missed a good slam opposite: x, AKJxx, Axxxx, Qx. This is not an easy combination. With no D fit and one short C stopper, W at T2 needs a better reason NOT to bid 3H, esp as he welcomes two-card S support.**

**Hand 6**  
All Vul

**North**  
♠ 6  
♥ A92  
♦ 94  
♣ AKQ10963

**West**  
♠ A1092  
♥ Q8  
♦ QJ10653  
♣ 8

**East (D)**  
♠ KQJ75  
♥ J106543  
♦ 8  
♣ 2

**South**  
♠ 843  
♥ K7  
♦ AK72  
♣ J754

**Table 1**

W	N	E	S
–	–	P	1♦
P	2♣	X	P
2♠	X	XX	3♣
P	5♣	All P	

**Table 2**

W	N	E	S
–	–	P	1♣
2♦	3♦	P	3NT
P	4♣	P	4♦
P	6♣	All P	

At both Tables, South deemed their hand worth an opening bid. The vulnerability makes it tempting – the hand is marginal. **Do you agree? If you do open, what would be your choice and why?**

At Table 2, West overcalled 2♦. **Do you agree? If not, why?**

At Table 1, East X'd? **Do you agree? Why or why not? What would you do as West in this auction?**

At Table 1, should North bid 5♣ at his final turn? If not, what should he do and why?

**Eric: After passing, E can safely show his offensive hands in various ways apart from double, including 2NT, 2D and 3C. You might want to pinpoint which major is longer with 2 of those bids. If E is going to stick out his neck to bid in the opponent's 2/1 auction vulnerable, West owes it to him to jump to 3S or 4S. S at T1 should raise to 3C over the double while the price is right. His light opening has improved and it rarely pays to wait with 4-card support. At some point, N should bid either 3H or 4S, both of which should help S re-value his hand positively.**

**At T2, though 2D is doubly flawed (four decent spades, no 98 of diamonds), E has passed already, and 2D has a nice upside if E can increase the preempt. N/S did very well here, the 1C opening turning out randomly fine.**

**Hand 2**  
NS

**North**  
♠ AKJ762  
♥ A642  
♦ J97  
♣

**West**  
♠ 93  
♥ Q75  
♦ Q86  
♣ K6542

**East (D)**  
♠ Q10854  
♥ J8  
♦ 1053  
♣ Q107

**South**  
♠  
♥ K1093  
♦ AK42  
♣ AJ983

**Table 1**

W	N	E	S
		P	1♣
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	3♥	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	4♠
P	4NT	P	6♥

All P

**Table 2**

W	N	E	S
		P	1♣
P	1♠	P	1NT
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	3♠
P	4♥	All P	

Both Souths chose to open the hand 1♣. What about 1♦? And then 2♣? **What is your view on how to bid the South hand and why?**

After South chooses to open 1♣, what looks better over partner's 1♠ response? 1NT or 2♣? What is closer to the hand type?

Another possible auction with this difficult combination is:

W	N	E	S
		P	1♣
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	4♠
P	5♣	P	5♦
P	5♥	P	P?

**Eric: I have a strong bias in favor of opening 1D with 4D/5C and less than reversing strength in order to have a prepared rebid after the likely 1S response (or over 1NT or perhaps in COMP). N's 3H at T1 looks a bit odd and indicates that 2H would not be forcing or that an ART 2D was**

**unavailable. Slam isn't awful, needs 3/2 trumps and (roughly) 4-3 spades.**

Hand 12  
NS

North  
♠ A10762  
♥ J6  
♦ J93  
♣ K102

West

♠  
♥ AK10  
♦ K10754  
♣ AQJ43

East

♠ KQJ2  
♥ 853  
♦ AQ82  
♣ 75

South (D)

♠ 9853  
♥ Q9742  
♦ 6  
♣ 986

Table 1

W	N	E	S
1♣	1♠	1NT	3♠
4♠	P	4NT	All P

Table 2

W	N	E	S
1♦	1♠	2NT	P
3♠	P	3NT	P
4♣	P	4NT	All P

At Table 1. East/West were playing a Forcing Club and the 1NT bid was 9+. This is a typical problem with Strong Club auctions – the opponents like to interfere. At this vulnerability, however, NS were in minus 1400 territory.

What went wrong at Table 1?

At Table 2, a more normal auction saw East have a key decision over West's slam try of 4♣. 4♦ might have got them to slam, although all those values in ♠s don't look great for slam. **Would you bid 4NT? Why or why not?**

**At T1 W had a forcing pass available over 3S; 4S should be clearly defined in some way. Some possibilities: (1) Minors, S shortness; (2) 04(54); (3) Strong Michaels. Had W passed E would have doubled or bid 3NT, and over the latter, W could start bidding his suits.**

**At T2 W might have bid 3C or a NAT 4C instead of the ambiguous 3S, but may have feared that 3C would be NF while 4C might be the dread Gerber. Regardless, E must bid 4D over 4C, having stressed notrump twice. Opposite a guy trying for slam it's essential not to withhold such powerful trump support.**