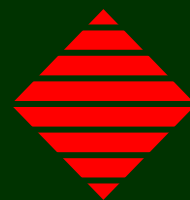


# RUFFIAN



The electronic newsletter for students from the EBU studying using the Bridge for All scheme

**Autumn 2012**

**Welcome to the fourth edition of the new Ruffian. It is only available as an electronic edition.**



## ***Personnel at the Aylesbury Office***

There are two full time members of staff who work at the Aylesbury Office in the Education department:

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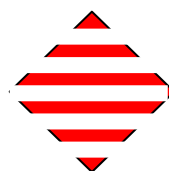
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# BRIDGE for ALL



## ***John's thoughts***

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who have started learning in this autumn and also to welcome back existing learners.

We have held three events for novices and improvers this year – Derby, Brighton and Wroxton which were all very successful and we will be holding events at the same three venues in 2013. There will be no limit on space at Brighton, but the other two events are limited to 36 people at each and the Wroxton event always fills very quickly. It will be the last time that we will be going to the Midland Hotel in Derby.

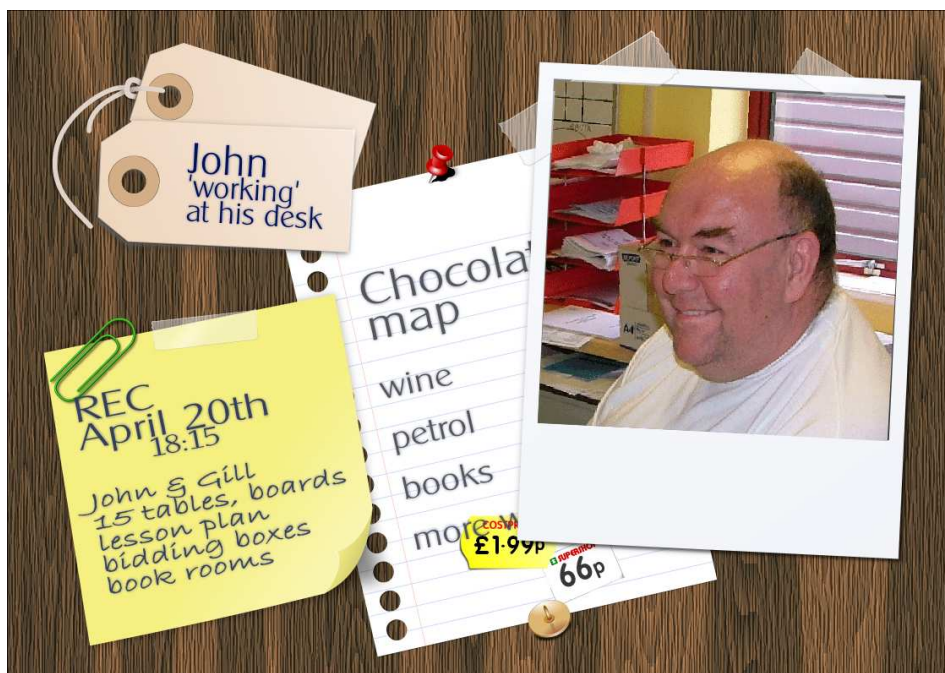
One of our other events is the Junior Teach In, which is held over the bank holiday weekend in August at Loughborough University. Although intended for young players to learn and play bridge at a variety of levels many bring their parents or grandparents who join in as well. So if your bridge is perhaps just one step ahead of your child why not give it a go. It's a really good weekend.

Details of all the events are later on in the magazine.

### ***Pay to Play***

Please send Lisa an email ([lisa@ebu.co.uk](mailto:lisa@ebu.co.uk)) to say when you finish being a student and move on to play in an affiliated EBU club. That way we can change your membership flag. Unfortunately we don't have an automatic way of doing this.

*John Pain – Bridge for All Manager*



# Really Easy Play with Trumps

There are ten books in the *Really Easy* series. The first book I was involved in editing was *Really Easy Play with Trumps* and it just been reprinted so I thought I would take the time to show you one of the chapters from the book.

*Really Easy Play with Trumps* takes you through the various ways of making tricks when playing in a trump suit that differ from no trump play. For example, should you always draw trumps straightaway or do some of the trumps have a job to do first? Do you have a loser to dispose of before drawing trumps?

Here's the chapter called 'count losers – discard them?'

Let's start by looking at this hand

♠ A8	♠ 73	Contract 6♣ by West. North leads ♠K
♥ KQ2	♥ A7	
♦ AJ76	♦ KQ105	
♣ KQJ7	♣ 109832	

West had enough winners to make his slam: one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and four clubs (after losing to ♣A) gives twelve tricks. After North has led ♠K, there are two potential tricks to lose: ♣A and a spade. Playing on hearts before trumps enables West to dispose of the losing spade and make twelve tricks.

You need to know where your tricks are coming from and so you need to both count your sure winners and your possible winners. However, it is particularly important in a suit contract also to count your losers and your possible losers.

What do we mean by losers? They are those tricks that will, or may be, lost either immediately or later in the play. Counting winners plus losers is a combined exercise and . . .

**The count of winners + losers does not always add up to thirteen.**

In the last example the total was 14. In the next it is 15.

♠ KQJ109	♠ 8764	Contract 6♠ by West. North leads ♣K
♥ 9	♥ AKQ	
♦ K10 432	♦ AQJ	
♣ A7	♣ 962	

West has a surfeit of winners: four spades (after losing to ♠A), three hearts, five diamonds and ♣A. After the ♣K lead, there are two immediate losers. ♠A and a club. If West plays a trump, opponents will cash their two tricks.

Had North led another suit, there would be one certain loser (♠A) and one potential loser (♣7). However, there would no need to worry about the potential club loser because there are enough winners.

The club lead has established a club winner for the defence and something must be done about it before the defence regains the lead. West cannot play a trump at trick two because his priority must be to get rid of that losing club. After winning ♣A, and before playing trumps, he must play two top hearts discarding ♣7.

**needs must**

Sometimes a risk needs to be taken since a loser must be discarded urgently.

♠ A42	♠ 873	Contract 5♦ by West. North leads ♠K
♥ 5	♥ AQ7	
♦ KQJ109	♦ 8762	
♣ AKQJ	♣ 1098	

How would West have played if East's hearts had been ♥A K 7. That's easy. West would play the ♥A K and throw a spade away before playing trumps.

With ♥A Q 7 West must play to discard a spade but now some luck is required. He needs North to hold ♥K and, at trick two, he leads ♥5 from hand and plays the ♥Q from dummy. If ♥Q wins the second trick, a spade is discarded from West's hand on ♥A. If it loses, declarer goes down honourably.

### loser or winner?

The combination of counting both winners and losers before playing to trick one may therefore need to include potential winners and potential losers.

♠ 3 2                  ♠ K 4

This suit may provide one winner (if North has ♠A) or two losers (if South has ♠A). First, be pessimistic; assume that you have two losers in the suit and, if you cannot afford them, look to see if you can dispose of one or both of them. If, however, your count of winners means that you need a trick from this suit, you have to be optimistic and presume that North has ♠A. At some stage in the play, you will probably have to lead towards that ♠K 4 holding.

The same situation applies with another finesse position:

♥ 3 2                  ♥ A Q

First you should assume that South holds ♥K and that ♥Q is a loser but if that gives you no play for the contract, assume that North holds ♥K and that it is a winner. Let's put the position in context:

♠ AKQJ10	♠ 85432	Contract 4♠ by West. North leads ♥5
♥ 32	♥ AQ	
♦ AKQ	♦ 43	
♣ J103	♣ 9876	

North's lead has forced declarer to make an immediate decision. Well . . . not 'immediate' since declarer should, as always, take time to consider his plan before playing a card to the first trick.

How many winners? Nine. A tenth if North has ♥K and the finesse is taken. How many losers? Three clubs but another if South has ♥K and the finesse is taken.

Should declarer count ♥Q as a winner or a loser? No contest . . . it's a loser because there is a way to dispose of it and still come to ten tricks. Declarer should win dummy's ♥A, draw trumps and play ♦A K Q, discarding ♥Q. The tenth trick will be a heart ruffed in dummy. Conversely:

♠ AKQJ10	♠ 8432	Contract 4♠ by West. North leads ♠5
♥ 32	♥ AQ4	
♦ AK4	♦ Q32	
♣ 1043	♣ 652	

On a heart lead West would have to play North for the ♥K and play ♥Q on the first trick. The actual lead permits West to play around a little. He should draw trumps (assume they break 3-1), cash ♦A K Q and lead a club from East's hand. Just maybe, the defenders will take their three club tricks but leave South on lead. If South does hold ♥K, it is now too late to make it. For

example this might be the position with four tricks to go:

♠ J 10	♠ 8
♥ 3 2	♥ A Q 4
♦ None	♦ None
♣ None	♣ None
♠ None	
♥ K 5	
♦ J	
♣ J	

Sometimes the defence slips up, but most of the time declarer will have to take the heart finesse.

**When you need a card to be favourably placed, assume that it is.**

## Quiz

Count your winners/losers and make your plan.

1)

♠ Q8	♠ A73	Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♠6
♥ K10762	♥ QJ43	
♦ 7	♦ AK9	
♣ A7432	♣ 985	

2)

♠ A4	♠ QJ3	Contract 6♦ by West. North leads ♣Q
♥ A43	♥ 975	
♦ AK87654	♦ Q32	
♣ A	♣ K965	

3)

♠ K	♠ AQ2	Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♦K
♥ KQJ1063	♥ 8742	
♦ A72	♦ 643	
♣ 962	♣ KQJ	

4)

♠ A32	♠ Q6	Contract 2♥ by West. North leads ♣K
♥ A974	♥ QJ1083	
♦ A42	♦ J83	
♣ A76	♣ 832	

5)

♠ AK8	♠ J42	Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♣5
♥ A108742	♥ J63	
♦ AQ	♦ KJ1096	
♣ K3	♣ 42	

## Quiz answers

1)

<p>           ♠ Q8                      ♠ A73            ♥ K10762              ♥ QJ43            ♦ 7                        ♦ AK9            ♣ A7432                ♣ 985         </p>	<p>Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♠6</p> <p>There are four possible losers: one spade, one heart and two clubs. There is a temptation to let the lead run to ♠Q (establishing two winners in the suit) but it is better to dispose of the probable spade loser. Win ♠A and immediately play ♦A K, discarding ♠Q. Given normal breaks in hearts and clubs you will make ten tricks, just losing one heart and two clubs.</p>
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2)

<p>           ♠ A4                      ♠ QJ3            ♥ A43                    ♥ 975            ♦ AK87654            ♦ Q32            ♣ A                        ♣ K965         </p>	<p>Contract 6♦ by West. North leads ♣Q</p> <p>There are three possible losers, one spade and two hearts but you can dispose of two of them. One heart loser can be discarded on ♣K and the other on an established winning spade in dummy. Win ♣A, cash ♦A K only (even if the suit breaks 3-0) and play ♠A and ♠4. ♠K must be lost but a spade winner is established in East's hand and ♦Q is retained as the entry to enjoy it. Resist the temptation of the spade finesse which would mean using the only entry to dummy, ♦Q. If the finesse loses, you cannot get to the second spade winner.</p>
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3)

<p>           ♠ K                        ♠ AQ2            ♥ KQJ1063            ♥ 8742            ♦ A72                    ♦ 643            ♣ 962                    ♣ KQJ         </p>	<p>Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♦K</p> <p>♥A and ♣A must obviously be lost and the inconvenient diamond lead means that there are two more losers in that suit. You cannot afford to play any trumps because the defenders can take two diamond tricks when you lose the lead. The priority is to dispose of a diamond loser before the defenders get in and, although it goes against the grain to squander a trick, ♠K must be sacrificed. Play ♠K, overtake with ♠A and discard a losing diamond on ♠Q.</p>
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4)

<p>           ♠ A32                    ♠ Q6            ♥ A974                   ♥ QJ1083            ♦ A42                    ♦ J83            ♣ A76                    ♣ 832         </p>	<p>Contract 2♥ by West. North leads ♣K</p> <p>There are six possible losers: one spade, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs. After winning ♣A, West should immediately try to establish a second spade trick by playing ♠2 towards ♠Q 6. If North has ♠K, there will be time to discard one of the losers in the East hand on ♠A. If South's ♠K wins the second trick, the plan should be to ruff a spade in dummy and take the trump finesse. It's a time for optimism.</p>
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5)

<p>           ♠ AK8            ♥ A108742            ♦ AQ            ♣ K3         </p>	<p>Contract 4♥ by West. North leads ♣5</p> <p>Thank you, North, for leading a club! It removes the anxiety that you might lose two club tricks if South gained the lead. Say South wins ♣A and leads a spade. You may have two trumps and a spade to count as three more losers but East's diamonds should enable you to discard a losing spade. Win ♠A and, for the moment, you are in control. Cash ♥A and another heart since a 2-2 break will see you home. If trumps break 3-1, and another spade is led by a defender, you now play on diamonds and hope that the defender with the master trump has at least two diamonds. A spade is thrown on the third diamond and, if it is ruffed, you don't care since it would avoid losing a second trump trick.</p>
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All Really Easy books are available from the Bridge Shop – see details on Page 12.

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## An old 'pot-boiler'

There are plenty of bridge puzzles from a long time back and this is one of the ones I really like. The question is for West to make 7NT after North leads ♠J. If you rely on the club finesse hoping South has the king you will go down.

Answer later on.

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

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

## Latymer Upper Schools Bridge Challenge September 2012



Eight pairs took part in the Latymer Upper Schools Bridge challenge in September organised by Ned Paul. The school bridge club is run by Dr Roshani Nanayakkara of the Maths Department at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith.

She runs an active bridge school at Latymer and most days the bridge gear gets borrowed at lunchtime. Other schools were invited but in the event only a couple of lads from Kings College School, Wimbledon came. The winners were Kitty Croft and her mum Max.

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## **Events for students in 2013** **10<sup>th</sup> Really Easy Summer Congresses** **at Brighton**



**Novices and students** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Next Step** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

The **novices and students** will be expected to play Standard English Acol and playing sessions will be between 15 and 21 boards. There will be an instructional session on Monday afternoon. There will be two play sessions of Tuesday followed by a short discussion of the hands so you can see where you could have done better. You will probably still be in your first year of learning or be part way through the second year. You may have had some experience of a supervised bridge session at the club but are probably not a regular club player yet.

For the **Next Step event** students will be able to use their own familiar system and more boards will be played – 21 to 24 boards per session. The emphasis will be more on play and there will only be one instruction session for this group. You will probably have been playing at a local club for a few months but may not have tried a County or EBU event before.



Both events are priced at only £36 for the bridge, but players have to make their own arrangements regarding accommodation and refreshments.

You can make your entry by ringing Peter or Dawn in the EBU Competitions Department – 01296 317203/219.

You can book rooms at the Metropole Hotel by ringing 01273 775432 and choose Group Bookings from the menu. Then mention Brighton Summer Meeting. You may find you can get better rates by booking directly online.

Or for alternative accommodation in Brighton please visit [www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com).

	<b>Novices &amp; students</b>	<b>Next step</b>
Monday 13th	2.00pm – 4.00pm Lesson 4.00pm Free time 7.30pm – 10.30pm Play session 1	
Tuesday 14th	10am Play session 2 + seminar 11.30am Free time 2.30pm Play session 3 + seminar 5.30pm Free time 7.30-10.30 Free evening or gentle play	2.00pm Play session 1 5.30pm Free time 7.30pm -10.30pm Play session 2
Wednesday 15th	10.30am Play session 4 – Swiss Pairs 3.30pm Final results and departure (1 hour lunch break 12.30 – 1.30)	10.30am Play session 3 – Swiss Pairs 3.30pm Free time 7.30pm -10.30pm Play session 4
Thursday 16th		10am Lecture 11.30am Free time 1.30pm Play session 5 4.30pm Final results and departure

We are pleased to announce that in addition to the usual staff of Gill Pain and Ian Mitchell there will be guest tutors once again – Tessa Templeton and Nicole Cook.



# Bridge for All Breaks Spring and Autumn 2013

## **Really Easy Spring Break – The Midland Hotel, Derby – April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2013**

There is still time to enter our spring break when we are returning to our popular spring venue of the Midland Hotel. This attractive hotel is right opposite Derby Railway station. We can only take 36 people for the weekend, which is suitable for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.



There will be four playing sessions Friday evening, late Saturday afternoon and evening and an extended session on Sunday either side of a light lunch. There will be an instructional session on Saturday morning allowing some free time afterwards.

The hotel package of two nights dinner, bed and breakfast is £143 per person. There is no single person supplement. Hotel bookings should be made direct with the hotel on 01332 345894 quoting reference 61815.

The bridge fee of £40 per person is payable to the EBU in the usual way.

*Please note that it is not possible to entertain non-residential guests at this event. There is a limit of 36 places available.*



## **Really Easy Autumn Break – The Wroxton House Hotel, Nr Banbury October 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

This weekend house party is for more experienced newer players, with up to 5 years experience.



There will be one instructional session on Saturday morning but otherwise the emphasis is on play.

The hotel package consists of two night dinner, bed, breakfast and sandwich lunch on Sunday. Tea and coffee will be served twice on Saturday and once on Sunday.

The hotel package is £177 per person, (£147 per person sharing a twin/double room). Hotel bookings should be made direct with the hotel on 01295 730777 quoting Group Booking Reference 37501.

The bridge fee of £40 per person is payable to the EBU in the usual way.

*Please note that it is not possible to entertain non-residential guests at this event.  
There is a limit of 36 places available. There are a limited number of single occupancy rooms.  
(Future Wroxton dates – March 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 and October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2014)*

**All our events use duplimated boards with hand records  
and the latest Bridgemate technology for scoring.  
Final results are displayed within minutes of the final table finishing.**

**You can make your entry for either event by ringing Peter or Dawn in the  
EBU Competitions Department – 01296 317203/219.**



### Answer to the puzzle

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

West to make 7NT on the lead of ♠J.

Win the lead with ♠A; play ♠K and Q, throwing the ♥A and K; play ♥Q J 10 throwing the ♦A K Q; play the six rounds of diamonds throwing the six losing clubs, leaving the ♣2 to the ♣A for the final trick.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

**Do you have any news about your own bridge learning experiences or what it was like when you went to the club. I would love to hear your news about anything bridge related. Please email [john@ebu.co.uk](mailto:john@ebu.co.uk) with any snippets that you think others would like to read about.**

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

## Youth Bridge at the House of Lords



by Joan Bennett

*In July, 20 children from 5 primary schools (Elangeni, Kidmore End, Nettlebed, Sonning Common and Stoke Row) visited the House with their bridge teachers. They were shown around by Lady Henig, photographed with Lord Speaker Baroness de Souza, played minibridge against their Lordships in the River Room and were treated to tea in the canteen. The sun shone on the day and event. One of the highlights of the day was the 'secret door' leading to the boys loo! Lady Henig had previously visited Nettlebed School and played both bridge and Minibridge against the children there.*

*Another visit to the House of Lords from primary schools is planned for early 2013.*



## ***Here's one for you....***

Take all the hearts out of a deck of cards. Now lay them out in a row so that no card is in its correct position from left to right, counting the ace as 1 and the jack, queen and king as 11, 12 and 13. The row also has to follow these rules:



No court card (jack, queen and king) may be at either end of the row nor be the middle card, but two court cards should be adjacent with the other three places to the right. Put the ♥4 two places left of the ♥9, the ♥5 two places left of the ♥8, the ♥10 two places left of the ♥6, the ♥7 two places left of the ♥A, the ♥K three left of the ♥2, the ♥Q two left of the ♥3 and the ♥J three right of the ♥A. The two end cards should total 13 and the third and fourth from the left should total 10.

Can you place every card correctly?  
The solution is on page 12 if you get stuck.



## ***The Junior Teach In 2013 Loughborough University***

This is a really fun weekend of bridge for ages 6-20, but adults are welcome too. Absolute beginners and junior internationals. Everyone loves it and come back each year. You are quite good enough. You will have a room of your own and lots of food. £130 for children; £145 for accompanying adults.

It will be held over the weekend of **23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013** at Loughborough University. For more details, visit <http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/JTI%20Leaflet%202013.pdf>

You can ask your bridge teacher about it.

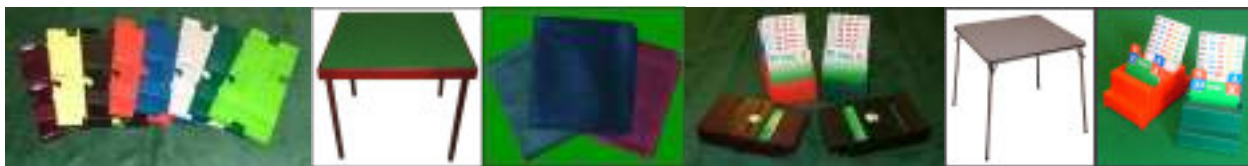
Don't miss out next year, join us there for a cool weekend!

***The last three items are taken from the new online edition of Young Bridge – a magazine specially for junior players. Click this snappy link to go to the magazine.***

***[http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/young%20bridge%20magazine/YB%20Autumn%202012\\_final.pdf](http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/young%20bridge%20magazine/YB%20Autumn%202012_final.pdf)***



## ***Use classroom equipment at home*** ***Available from the Bridge Shop***



### **Pellisier tables - folding wood tables**

798mm square; Mahogany coloured frame; folding for easy stacking

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Black with metal legs; top 34 inches square

**Corded velvet table covers** - Green, wine or blue

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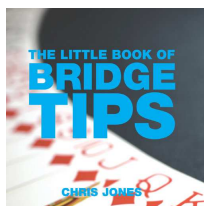
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Alternatively, an order can be faxed (01296 317220)

You can pay by credit card or we can send you an invoice with your goods.

**Here's one for you... answer.**

The correct order of the cards is ♥7 ♥4 ♥A ♥9 ♥Q ♥J ♥3 ♥5 ♥K ♥8 ♥10 ♥2 ♥6