

## **NEW CLUB**

I have been playing duplicate bridge for the past two to three years. I have had training and currently play at a bridge club which is very friendly. I am usually at the bottom of the leader board which I am not happy with. Is there anything you or I can do to improve my bridge ability. I would like to hear from you to see if you can help as I have a friend who suggested I contact you.

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# Ways to Improve your Duplicate Bridge Results

- Find some bridge books you like
- Try No Fear Bridge or other websites
- Playing more
- Go through the hands and results. Try and see what went wrong: not just bad results, but any unusual results.

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Hand 1

Recommended auction

N	E	S	W
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead card

♠A

Replay this hand  
with card-by-card guidance

North D NV

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

West NV East NV

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

South NV

♠ A 10 4 3  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ 8 3 2  
♣ A J 4

HCPs  
9  
6 16  
9

Bid	Contract		Scores		MPs	
	By	Result	NS	EW	NS	EW
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
3♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
4♥	E	+1	-	450	0	22

Overbids?

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	By	Result	NS	EW	NS	EW
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
3♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
4♥	E	-1	50	-	19	3
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
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Defence allowed 10+ tricks to be made.

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3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	=	-	140	12	10
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
3♥	E	+1	-	170	5	17
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4♥	E	+1	-	450	0	22

One declarer only made 8 tricks.

# Hand 6

## Recommended auction

N	E	S	W
	1NT	Pass	6NT
AP			

## Lead card

♣ 1

Replay this hand  
with card-by-card guidance

North NV

♠ 7 6 5 4  
♥ K 9 5 4  
♦ J 10  
♣ 7 5 4

West V

♠ A J  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ A 6 3 2  
♣ K Q J 6

East D V

♠ K Q 8 2  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ K 9 8 5  
♣ A 3

South NV

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

HCPs

4	
21	12
3	

Scores

MPs

Bid	By	Result	NS	EW	NS	EW
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
4NT	E	=	-	630	10	12
4NT	E	+1	-	660	7	15
4NT	E	+1	-	660	7	15
5NT	E	+1	-	690	3	19
5NT	W	+1	-	690	3	19
6NT	E	=	-	1440	0	22

Failed to bid 6NT



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6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
4NT	E	=	-	630	10	12
4NT	E	+1	-	660	7	15
4NT	E	+1	-	660	7	15
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5NT	W	+1	-	690	3	19
6NT	E	=	-	1440	0	22

Only 3 Declarers  
made 12 tricks

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6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-2	200	-	20	2
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
6NT	E	-1	100	-	14	8
4NT	E	=	-	630	10	12
4NT	E	+1	-	660	7	15
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There are 11 top tricks, but some only made 10