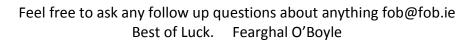
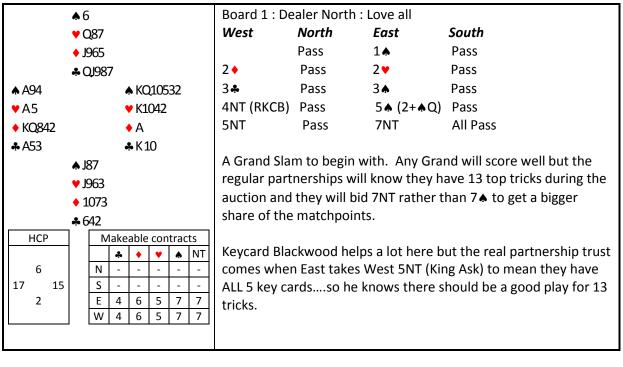
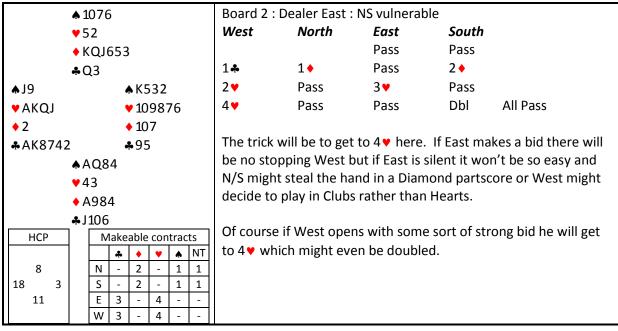
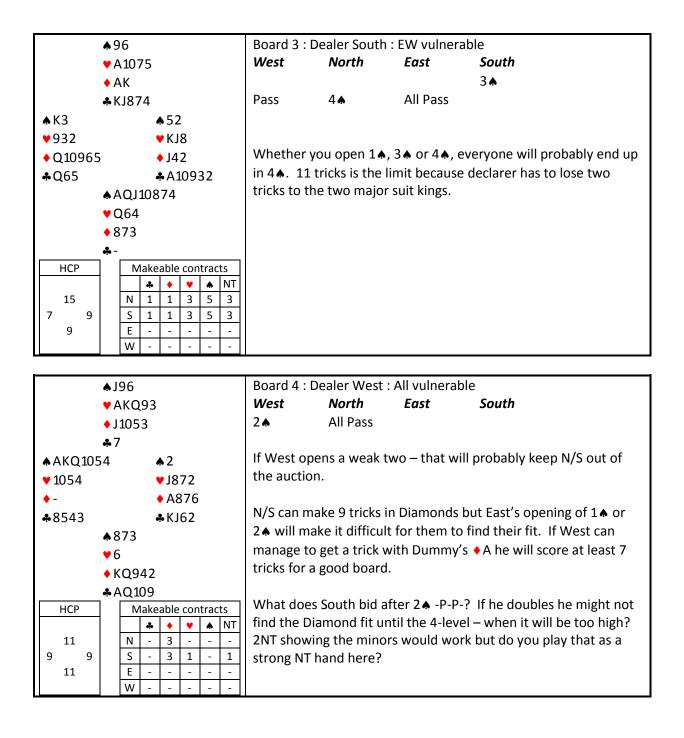
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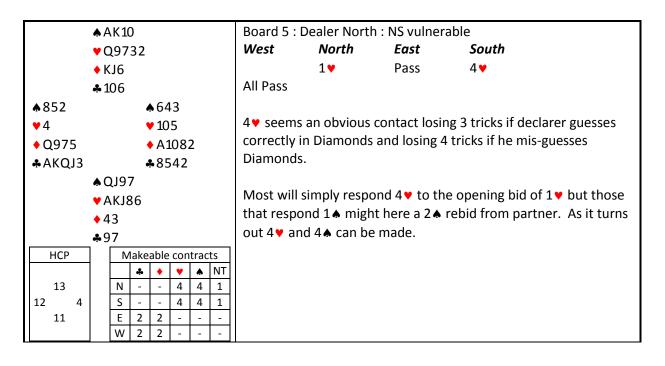
As part of my CBAI Presidency, I said I was going to encourage players improve their game. So here goes. These are a few pointers for you to consider. The idea is to provide you with food for thought if you are having a post-mortem with your partner or friends. Hopefully you will learn that sticking to system (any system) and avoiding silly mistakes in play and defence will get you more good results than bad and get you up near the 60% winning mark. For arguments sake, I am assuming 4-card majors and weak No-Trump....but all systems are fine.

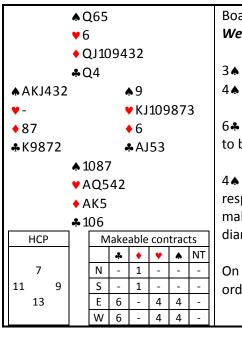




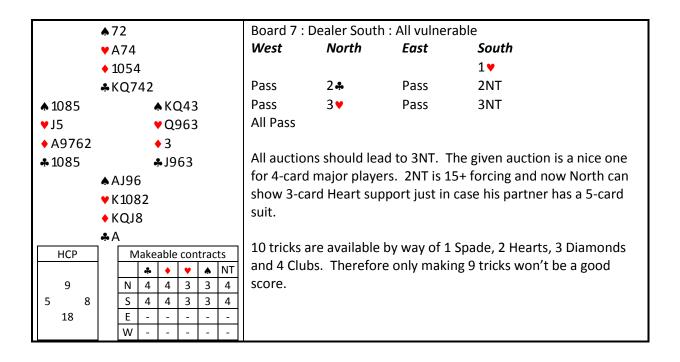


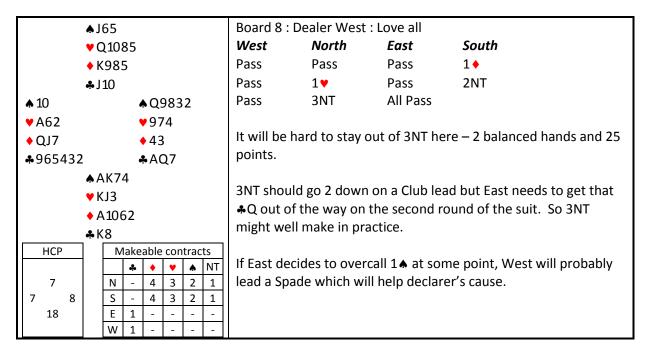




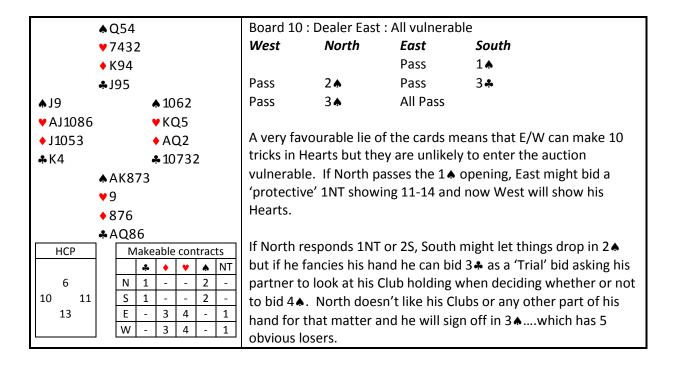


Board 6	Dealer East :	EW vulnera	able
West	North	East	South
		3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4 🐥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
to bid.			nor suit slams it will be difficult
response make 11	e to their part	ner's openir	h some pairs just blasting it in ng. No doubt some East's will nanage to ruff their second
			overtake and return a trump in and the ♠Q for the defence.



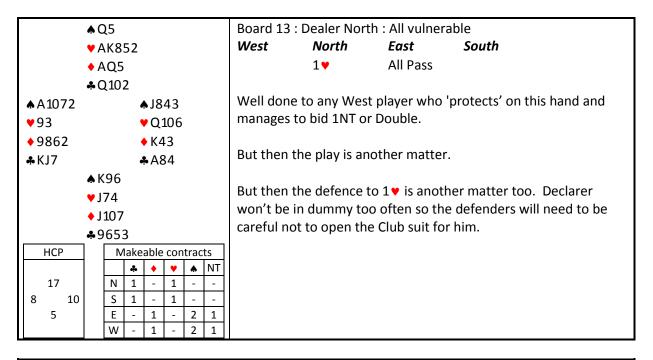


	۸ (29						Board 9	: Dealer Nortl	h : EW vulne	rable				
	¥	7643	3					West	North	East	South				
	•/	٩QJ	97						1 ♦	Pass	1 🛦				
	.	ζl						Pass	2 🔶	Pass	Pass				
▲ K104				► A J	87			2 💙	All Pass						
V AK105	2			8											
♦ 103			•	• K8	352			The card	s lie well for l	E/W and esp	ecially so if West remembers				
& 832			•	•A1	109	7		that North opened the bidding.							
	♠ (5532	2												
	v (5 19						Ideally E	ast should no	t enter the b	oidding on the first round as he				
		54						has too r	many Diamon	ds to make	a take-out double. If he passes				
	*	<654	4					on the fi	rst round he i	might be eve	en less inclined to enter the				
НСР	ר	N	lake	able	con	trac	ts	auction	on the second	l round if So	uth has bid Spades.				
	1		*	٠	۷	٨	NT								
12		Ν	-	-	-	-	-	In any ev	vent West wil	l have to sav	e the day and bid 2 🕈 at some				
10 12		S	-	-	-	-	-	point. O	f course letti	ng N/S play i	n 2Dx -2 or -3 would be nice				
6		Е	4	2	3	3	3	work for	E/W.						
		W	4	2	3	3	3		-						

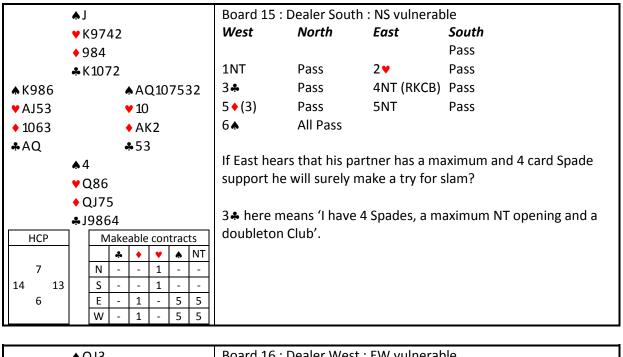


	- م							Board 11	: Dealer Sou	th : Love all					
	•	210	876	5				West	North	East	South				
	• k	Q1	095	54							1 🔺				
	* 1	08						Pass	1NT	All Pass					
▲AQ876				NJ1(05										
∀ K43			•	J 9	2			This hand should torture a few North's! What do you respond							
• -	♦J762							when par	tner opens 1	.♠?					
♣J6542								2♦? 2♥? 1NT? Passthere are arguments for and against all 4							
	₩AK9 ★K9432							options. Perhaps 1NT is the most systemic hoping to get to show							
	¥ A	۹2						at least o	ne of your su	iits later.					
	♦	483													
	. (ב73							-		ven if partner doesn't come to				
НСР]	N	1ake	able	con	trac	ts	-			s will re-open the auction and				
	🔹 🔶 👻 🔺 N														
7	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							to bid then maybe you should bid 2♥making 9 or 10 tricks if							
10 10							-	the defenders don't find their Diamond ruffs!							
13		Е	3	-	-	2	1								
	W 3 2 -						-								

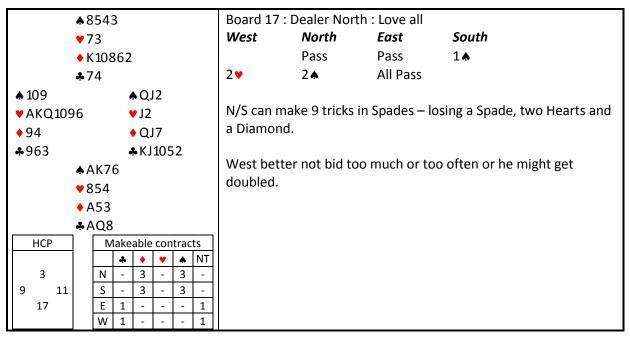
٨	A97						Board 12	Dealer Wes	t : NS vulne	rable					
•	A86						West	North	East	South					
•	1083	3					Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass					
*	1096	53					1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass					
▲ Q108			♦ K∠	13			3NT	All Pass							
v Q1093		•	VK5	5											
♦KQ4		•	• 19	76				2 balanced hands and 26 points should lead to a routine 3NT by							
♣ J52		é	₽ Ał	KQ8	3		E/W.								
٨	J652	2							40						
•	J742	2								epending on how lucky he is at					
•	A52						guessing t	he location of	or the major	SUIT JACKS.					
*	74														
НСР	N	1ake	able	con	trac										
		*	٠	۲	٨	NT									
8	N	-	-	-	-	-									
10 16	S	-	-	-	-	-									
6	E	4	4	3	3	4									
	W	4	4	3	3	4									

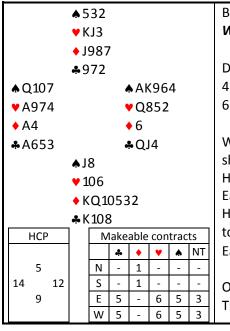


	۸C) 94						Board 14	: Dealer East	t : Love all		
	Y A	Q1	075	5				West	North	East	South	
	• 6	54								1♥	Pass	
	* 1	08						2*	Pass	2 🔶	Pass	
▲ K3		▲AJ102						2 Pass 2NT Pass				
♥8		♥KJ32						3 🔶	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♦ AK98				Q	103	2						
♣ KJ6543		* Q						27 points	and no majo	or suit fit so	we should all end up in 3NT.	
	▲ 8	▲8765						Declarer	will do well t	o just lose t	wo tricks and more than likely	
	y 9	♥964						will lose 3	B tricks as it s	seems safer	to simply give up 2 Club tricks	
	• J	7						in an effo	ort to make t	his contact.	3NT+1 will be common.	
	. A	97	2									
НСР]	N	lake	able	con	trac	ts					
			*	٠	۲	٠	NT					
8		Ν	-	-	-	-	-					
14 13		S	-	-	-	-	-					
5		Е	4	5	2	5	5					
		W	4	5	2	5	5					

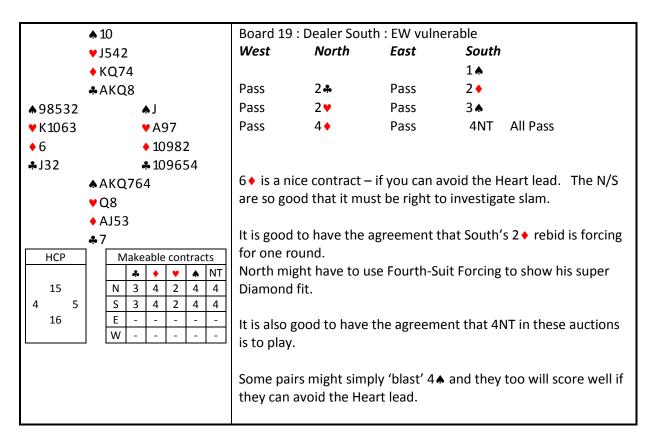


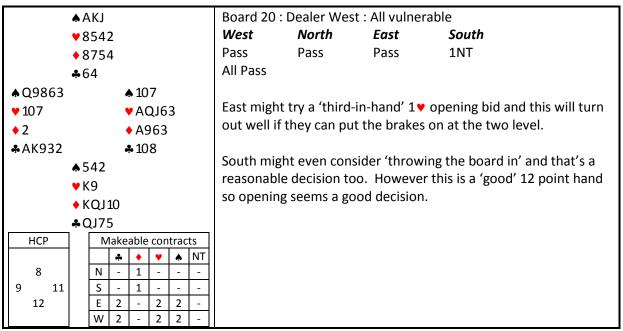
	♠(J13						Board 16 :	Dealer We	st : EW vulne	erable				
	V (2 75						West	North	East	South				
	• K	(83)	2					Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT				
	. A	83						All Pass							
▲ K754				10	986	5									
♥A1094				/ 32	2			Another 3	No-Trump	where you c	an go down if you don't co	ount			
♦ J7			•	10	95			your tricks	5.						
♣ J74			•	•K9	965			2 Spades, 2 Hearts, 4 Diamonds and 1 Club.							
	۸	12						2 Spades,	2 Hearts, 4	Diamonds ar	nd 1 Club.				
	🔶 K	(186	5												
	♦ A	Q6	4												
	* (210	2												
НСР		N	1ake	able	con	trac	ts								
			*	٠	۲	٨	NT								
12		Ν	2	4	3	1	3								
9 3		S	2	4	3	1	3								
16		Е	-	-	-	-	-								
		W	-	-	-	-	-								





Board 18	3 : Dealer East	: NS vulner	able
West	North	East	South
		1 🛦	2 •
Dbl	Pass	3¥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
showing Hearts ir East has Heart su to 3♥ is	the two unbion this case. a nice hand do pport, a good	l suits – esp espite the n 5-card side	rcall is a 'negative' double becially any unbid major suit – ninimum point count – 4 card suit and a singleton so a jump unlikely to get to slam unless
	•		t to end up in the wrong slam. ell even if it only 4♥+2.





	A	106	55					Board 21	: Dealer Nor	th : NS vulne	erable	
	¥ A	Q	986	5				West	North	East	South	
	• 4								1♥	Pass	Pass	
	4 J							2 🏶	Pass	2NT	Pass	
♠QJ			▲ 874					3NT	All Pass			
♥2			•	/ K7	7							
♦ AQ93			•	• K1	1075	52						
♣ KQ8642	2 ♣A105											
	♠ K	93	2									
	¥ 1	054	13									
	♦ J	86										
	\$ 9	3										
НСР		N	lake	able	con	trac	ts					
			*	٠	۷		NT					
12		N 3 3 -					-					
14 10		S	-	-	3	3	-					
4		E	4	4	-	-	2					
		W	4	4	-	-	2					

	A	Q1	08					Board 22	2 : Dealer Eas	t : EW vulne	rable	
	Y A	\K7	4					West	North	East	South	
	♦ J	86								1 ♦	Pass	
	* 8	32						1♠	Pass	2 🔶	All Pass	
♦ K632				∎ J								
♥QJ6				85	52							
♦ 2			•	•кс	Q10	954	13					
♣QJ1095			•	• A7	7							
	♠9	975	4									
	v 1	.093	3									
	♦ A	٩7										
	* K	(64)	3									
НСР		N	1ake	able	con	trac	ts					
			*	٠	۷	٨	NT					
14		Ν	1	-	3	3	2					
9 10		S	1	-	3	3	-					
7		Е	-	1	-	-	-					
		W	-	1	-	-	-					

	♦(297	54					Board 23	: Dealer Sou	th : All vulne	rable	
	v C	2						West	North	East	South	
	♦ J	109	3								1♥	
	♣ K	(95						Pass	1♠	Pass	2*	
♠863				J 1	02			All Pass				
♥72				A	<96	4						
♦A8765			•	Q	2							
♣ J63			•	% A4	12							
	▲ A	٨K										
	¥ J	108	53									
	♦ K	(4										
	*0	210	87									
НСР		N	1ake	able	con	1	T					
			*	•	•		NT					
8 5 14		N S	3	2	2	3	3					
13		E	-	-	-	-	-					
		W	-	-	-	-	-					

	≬ J	764	13					Board 24	: Dealer Wes	st : Love all		
	¥ J	73						West	North	East	South	
	♦	462						1♦	Pass	2*	Pass	
	* 1	07						3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♠5				A1	109							
∀ K1096			•	• A5	5							
♦ KQ84			•	J1	053	3						
♣ KJ85			•	A A	296	5						
	♦ k	Q8	2									
	•	284	2									
	• 9	97										
	\$ 4	132										
HCP		N	lake	able	con	trac	ts					
			*	٠	۲	۸	NT					
6		Ν	-	-	-	-	-					
12 15		S	-	-	-	-	-					
7		Е	6	6	2	1	2					
		W	6	6	2	1	2					

	۸A	102	2					Board 25 :	Dealer Nor	th : EW vuln	erable	
	۷C	2 9						West	North	East	South	
	♦ A	Q1	0						1*	Pass	1 ♦	
	. A	Q1	085	5				Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	
▲ J76543				Q.	9			All Pass				
∀ K1076				• A4	132							
♦ 4			•	Ке	552							
♣ K2				•76	54							
	♠ K	8										
	Y J	85										
	♦ J	987	'3									
	♣ J	93										
НСР		N	lake	able	con	-	1					
			*	٠	۲	٨	NT					
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7 9 6		S	4 4 3									
o		E W	E W 1 1 -				-					

▲ 74								Board 26 : Dealer East : All vulnerable				
♥ K8								West	North	East	South	
♦ K7653										Pass	1	
& AK52								Pass	2 🔶	Pass	3*	
♠63	▲ 10952					2		Pass	3 🗸	Pass	3♠	
♥AJ9765 ♥Q42							Pass	4 🛦	All Pass			
♦ 982	◆982 ◆QJ104											
♣ Q6	♣ Q6 ♣ J8											
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