

		<u>Winner</u>		<u>Runner-up</u>			
Mon 16 th	N-S	1 st	Bob P/Joe	65%	2 nd	Bill/Mike(Can)	55%
	E-W	1 st	Dave/Ruth	65%	2 nd	Albert/Esko	61%
Wed 18 th	N-S	1 st	Margit/Ursula	60%	2 nd	Bill/Mike(Can)	54%
	E-W	1 st	Gerard/Derek	66%	2 nd	Jim(Can)/Phil	57%
Fri 20 th	N-S	1 st	Anne/Eileen	58%	2 nd	Margit/Ursula	57%
	E-W	1 st	Dave/Ruth	72%	2 nd	Derek/Gerard	55%

A very short news-sheet this week I'm afraid, obviously I have been very busy organising the move. The club now plays at the Mercure hotel, Soi 15. We have to pay the hotel and so the playing fee has had to be increased to 100 bht a session (150 bht for non-members).

Bidding Quiz

Standard American is assumed unless otherwise stated

Hand A	Hand B	With Hand A partner opens 1♦ and RHO overcalls a weak 2♥. What do you do?
♠ 6	♠ AKJ3	
♥ KQ6	♥ Q2	With Hand b RHO opens 1♣ and this is passed round to partner who doubles, what do you bid?
♦ KQ84	♦ 8743	
♣ K10954	♣ J54	

With a stop in the opponent's suit, bid NT!

Board 10 from Monday 16th

Dealer:	♠ 6				
East	♥ KQ6	West	North(A)	East	South
Both vul	♦ KQ84	-	-	pass	1♦ (1)
	♣ K10954	2♥ (2)	3♦ (3)	3♥	4♦
		all pass			
♠ 873	N	♠ AJ542			
♥ AJ9874	W E	♥ 1053			
♦ J	S	♦ 95			
♣ QJ2		♣ A73			
	♠ KQ109				
	♥ 2				
	♦ A107632				
	♣ 86				

- (1) It's a bit light on points, but the excellent intermediates in the two suits make this worth an opener if that's your style.
- (2) Weak.
- (3) What did you bid with this North hand A in this week's quiz? You have values for game and so 3♦ is obviously incorrect. With this double ♥ stop and excellent fit for partner's suit I would bid 3NT. Don't worry about the ♠'s, partner simply must have something there.

And what happened? Just two pairs out of nine reached the top spot of 3NT + 1.

The bottom lines: -

- If you have stops in the opponent's suit, then bid NT.

A balancing double

Board 17 from Wednesday 18th

3NT by E-W was hopeless, can you spot where the auction went wrong?

Dealer:	♠ 92				
North	♥ AK105	West	North	East(B)	South
Love all	♦ K5	-	1♣	pass	pass
	♣ KQ832	dbl (1)	pass	1♠ (2)	pass
		1NT (3)	pass	3NT (4)	all pass
♠ Q64	N	♠ AKJ3			
♥ J964	W E	♥ Q2			
♦ AQ10	S	♦ 8743			
♣ 1076		♣ J54			
	♠ 10875				
	♥ 873				
	♦ J962				
	♣ A9				

- (1) West is in the balancing seat and decided to make a noise, 1NT is an alternative - it shows around 10-13 points in the balancing seat.
- (2) What did you bid with this East hand B in this week's quiz? 1♠ is correct. Partner has made a balancing double and may have as few as 7 points.
- (3) But this is where it went wrong. When you double and then bid NT that shows a big hand. In the direct seat it's 19+, in this balancing seat it shows around 15.
- (4) And so East understandably went to game.

And what happened? Minus 3 was not a good score for E-W

The bottom lines: -

- If you double and then bid NT that shows a strong hand.
- Do not leap about when partner makes a balancing double.

Bidding Quiz Answers

Hand A: 3NT. You have the ♥'s stopped and partner clearly has nothing in ♥'s so you must bid NT. Don't worry about the ♠'s – partner surely has them.

Hand B: 1♠. This is not good enough to jump opposite a balancing double.