Chapter 6 Notrump Bidding – quick review

1. When partner opens 1NT, what information does responder have?
2. How does responder determine the value of his hand?
3. When does responder use a Jacoby transfer? How is that done?
4. After the opener completes the transfer, what is the purpose of responder’s next bid?
5. How does opener determine where to place the contract after responder has transferred and then bid 3NT?

**Chapter 6 – The Play at Notrump**

1. Count your sure winners – tricks you can take without giving up the lead.
2. Develop a plan.
   1. Where are more tricks possible?
   2. Consider transportation.
   3. Consider any information opponents’ bidding may have provided.
   4. Consider the lead.

Dealer: South 54

Bidding: KQ742

Contract: K5

Lead: KJ74

KQJ87 962

63 10985

Q983 J1072

86 A9

A103

AJ

A64

Q10532

Making the first lead against notrump

1. Consider the bidding. What suits have been shown?
2. Estimate how many points your partner may have.
   1. Estimate the number of points opponents have shown in the bidding.
   2. Count your HCP.
3. 4th from your longest and strongest suit (if you have an honor in that suit)
   1. In notrump, it is fine to lead away from an ace on the opening lead.
   2. Partner (and declarer) can use Rule of 11.
4. Top of a 3-card honor sequence
5. BOSTON – **B**ottom **o**f **S**omething **T**op **o**f **N**othing
6. When you are weak, consider whether you have any clues from the bidding about what high cards partner might have. Cross your fingers and lead to partner’s strength.
7. When you are strong (and know partner is very weak) lead from weakness. Do not lead away from your strength. Make declarer lead to you.

Deal 2 763 Age-old adage: Lose your

Dealer: South 543 losers first. Addendum:

Bidding: KQJ7 ONLY if you can afford to!

Contract: AQ3

Lead: 1042 J985 Count your winners first.

KQ876 J109

A32 654

98 742

AKQ

A2

1098

KJ1065

Deal 3 AQ3

Dealer: South K84

Bidding: K6542

Contract: 96

Lead: 7c 74 9865

652 A97

QJ10 873

K10872 QJ4

KJ102

QJ103

A9

A53

Why does South wait until the third round to take the Ace of clubs?

*Just so you know:*

You are VERY welcome to play in the upcoming Sectional Tournament here at the club.

Saturday, June 23: 10:00 pairs game, 2:30 pairs game

Sunday, June 24: 10:00 Swiss team game, lunch provided

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