



Adventures in Bridge

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Opening Leads – Listening to the Auction

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NT -- Tricks

- Where are our tricks likely to come from?
- Where is Declarer going to try to develop their tricks?
- How to be active? – Go get our tricks.
- How to be passive? --Don't help them develop any more tricks?

Suits -- Losers

- What is Declarer's plan for getting rid of their losers?
- Can we go take our tricks?
- Do the opponents have a fit?
- How big is their fit?
- Do they have shortness?
- Is the shortness a "ruffing value" – ruffing in the short trump side?
- Do they have a potential source of tricks? Can it be easily set up?
- Will declarer have transportation problems? Can we help that along?
- What did partner do or not do?
- Shortness...
- Leading Trump...

Big Picture Questions

- What is the Declarer's Play?
- Is the Declarer's plan going to work?
- Can we do anything about it?
- Picture both the Dummy and Declarer's Shape?
- Partner's Actions? – Lead Directing Doubles
- Partner's Failure to make a lead directing double?