



Charged Party(ies)	Brian McCartney Lucie McCartney	ACBL #	M548035 8244901	Hearing Date	9/10/22
Disciplinary Body	Online Ethical Oversight Committee	Hearing Location	Web-Conference using Zoom		
Charging Party	Joseph Jones	ACBL#	5399696	Complainant	Jeff Edelstein
				ACBL#	O200338

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Jon Brissman, Chairman	M105486		
Karen Walker	K090945		
David Caprera	K349736		

INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING (excluding committee members)

Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
Jeff Edelstein	O200338	web conf.	Observer			Select One	Select One
Martin Hirschman	J925369	web conf.	Charging Party			Select One	Select One
Justin Coniglio	O200338	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
Marilynn Greenberg	L365007	web conf.	Advisor			Select One	Select One

EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED (Summarize evidence and arguments presented including testimony. If additional space is needed, continue on page 3 of this hearing report.) (Note: provide new documentary evidence introduced during the hearing to the Office of National Recorder)

See attached.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS OF FACT (based on the evidence, state the committee's conclusion as to what happened)

See attached.

DECISION (click on the box next to Not Responsible or Responsible of violating the CDR to add a check mark.)

Not responsible

Responsible

CDR GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE Type the section(s) and description(s) found in CDR 3 which led to the discipline.

301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

CDR effective August 1, 2021

DISCIPLINE (Unless a discipline begins immediately, which requires you to complete a Notice of Immediate Discipline, all begin dates should start at least five days after you submit this hearing Report to the Office of National Recorder.

Disciplined Party is convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating (or has admitted to such action). CDR 401(H) YES NO

	Start Date	End Date	Additional Requirements/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> REPRIMAND		N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Reprimand Attached
<input type="checkbox"/> PROBATION	10/8/2025	10/7/2027	2 Years during which time the Charged Parties cannot play together
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	10/8/2022	10/7/2025	3 Years

Is the disciplined party Suspended because of an Ethical Violation (CDR 401(H))? YES NO

Is the Suspension imposed due to an Ethical Violation more than one year (CDR 401(H))? YES NO

EXPULSION N/A

SUSPENDED SENTENCE (only used in conjunction with an imposed Suspension from above that you have converted to Probation). State the condition of the sentence below

EXCLUSION from Events and Programs (list the exclusions and the dates of the events or activities). CDR 401(F)

REDUCTION OR FORFEITURE of Masterpoints (MP) or Tournament Rank or Disqualification. Please specify below:

Charged Parties are to forfeit all MPs earned together in online play.

STATE THE OFFENSE(S) FROM APPENDIX B, CHART 1 and/or CHART 2 OF THE CDR

N/A

The discipline imposed above is within the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2. If it is OUTSIDE the guidelines, a reason must be stated below.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIR)

/s/ Jon Brissman

Electronic Signature (type name above)


Wet Signature (sign above)

Date: 09/29/2022

ATTACHMENT A

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE ONLINE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

BRIAN McCARTNEY/LUCIE McCARTNEY DISCIPLINARY DECISION

Procedural History

On June 27, 2022, National Recorder, Jeff Edelstein, submitted a Recorder Complaint against Lucie McCartney and Brian McCartney to Charging Party Joseph Jones, ACBL Executive Director, alleging a pattern of exchanging unauthorized information while playing online in ACBL sanctioned games between January and June 2022.

On July 18, 2022, charges of ethical misconduct under CDR Rule 301(A)(2)¹, Collusive Cheating, Online, were initiated against Mr. and Mrs. McCartney by Mr. Jones based on the Complaint submitted by Mr. Edelstein. The Charge Letter under “Summary of Facts” states:

A thorough investigation conducted by the Office of National Recorder which examined hundreds of hands played by the parties finds sufficient evidence that said parties exchanged unauthorized information during online play to warrant such a charge.

Charging Party Jones appointed Martin Hirschman and Justin Coniglio to serve as Co-Advocates and designated Online Ethical Oversight Committee (OEOC) members Jon Brissman to serve as Presiding Chairperson of a 3-person Hearing Panel and David Caprera and Ron Smith as the two other panelists. Marilyn Greenberg was designated as Advisor for the hearing.

On August 3, 2022, Chair Brissman advised the parties of his appointment as Chair of the OEOC Panel and that David Caprera and Ron Smith had been appointed as OEOC panelists and that the hearing would be held at 4:30p.m. EST on September 10, 2022 by web-conference using Zoom. Chairperson Brissman further advised the parties of the following:

- (a) Sabrina Goley is the ACBL Compliance Coordinator and Marilyn Greenberg will serve as the Advisor to the Panel. Both are neutral parties in the process and cannot offer an opinion on the allegations or evidence. If you have questions regarding the procedures set forth in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR), you can direct your questions to them.
- (b) Pursuant to CDR 501(K), the Charging Party and the Charged Party have a right to appoint an Advocate to represent them before the Disciplinary Body at their own cost. The Advocate shall not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

¹ Pursuant to CDR 10.6, the effective date of the applicable CDR in this matter is August 1, 2021.

- (c) The Charged Parties and the Charging Party were advised of their right to challenge any panel member for cause, such as bias, in accordance with CDR 501(I). Chair Brissman advised the parties that challenges for cause must be submitted to Compliance Coordinator Goley in writing by August 15, 2022. No objections or challenges were submitted by the deadline.
- (d) Pursuant to CDR 501(G), Brissman directed the pre-hearing disclosure of available evidence and the identity of witnesses. The witness list should identify the witness by name and include a summary of the witness' expected testimony. Brissman recommended that the Charged Party review the Charged Party Tips included in the Notice of Charges provided on July 18, 2022. Brissman directed the parties to email their pre-hearing submissions by 3:00 p.m. EST on the following dates to Sabrina Goley in one email and she will provide each party a copy. The Charging Party's pre-hearing disclosure was due by August 17, 2022 and the Charged Parties' prehearing disclosure was due by August 31, 2022.
- (e) Brissman advised the Charged Parties that they are not required to appear at the hearing and that failure to appear will not be grounds for discipline.

The Charging Party's Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statement was provided to the Charged Parties on August 15, 2022 (see Exhibit A attached hereto). The Charged Parties provided no Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statement. The evidentiary materials and charging documents ("the Packet") were then compiled by Compliance Coordinator Goley and provided to the Charged Parties, the Advocates, the Advisor and OEOC panelists on August 31, 2022.

EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED

Charging Party's Pre-Hearing Disclosure

The Co-Advocates Edelstein and Coniglio Pre-Hearing Disclosure was comprised of five sections:

- I. The background of the Charged Parties, including their Masterpoint holdings, their joint residence and a copy of their convention card.
- II. The background of the Co-Advocates for the Charging Party and that they do not intend to call witnesses at the hearing.
- III. Data for the Charged Parties' scores in face-to-face play during 2019-2020 and online play during 2020-2021.
- IV. Full scores for five (5) full sessions between January and June 2022 that were reviewed along with highlighted commentary on 19 selected boards.
- V. Examples of approximately 35 hands that demonstrate possession of Illicit/Information (I/I). These examples are broken down into the following categories: Underleads of Aces, Kings and Queens against Suit Contracts, General Leads and Defense, and Bids.

The Hearing

The OEOC hearing convened on September 10, 2022 at 4:30p.m. EDT by Web-Conference using Zoom. Chair Jon Brissman presided and panelists David Caprera and Karen Walker were present. Marilynn Greenberg was present as Advisor. Charging Party Co-Advocates Martin Hirschman and Justin Coniglio were present, although only Mr. Coniglio was not presenting but was available to respond to questions, and National Recorder, Jeff Edelstein, was present as an observer. The Charged Parties did not participate in the hearing.

After introductions, the Chair confirmed that recent replacement panelist, Karen Walker, had no conflict. He then explained that the Panel had read and was familiar with the lengthy Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statement submitted by the Advocates for the Charging Party and therefore those arguments should not be repeated. The Chair then invited the Charging Party Co-Advocates to make their presentation.

Charging Party's Presentation

Co-Advocate Hirschman began by reviewing some of what he termed as the legal issues. He advised that the case is proceeding under the August 1, 2021 version of the CDR since the subsequent CDR applies only to cases arising after January 30, 2022, and here some of the alleged incidents of collusion occurred during January 2022. Advocate Hirschman also explained that the charges of collusive cheating are found in Section 301(a)(2) of the CDR, and subsection 7 provides that the appropriate discipline for violation of this section is a minimum of two years suspension through expulsion, a minimum of two years probation, and a loss of anywhere from 25% to 100% of the violator's masterpoints.

Co-Advocate Hirschman had submitted his presentation, comprised of 34 hands that were probative of collusive cheating, to the Advisor in advance of the hearing. Before going through it, however, he made the point that on many occasions, either Mr. or Mrs. McCartney as the opening leader led away from an Ace, King, Queen or Ace-Queen combination, and in every single one of those occasions, he/she found his/her partner with the Ace of that suit or a touching honor. Perhaps even more remarkably, on three occasions, one of the Charged Parties underled an AJxxx combination, and each time his/her partner held the Kxx of that suit, making it a winning lead. Finally, in reviewing all the hands played by the Charged Parties during the study period, there were many other times that they held, but did not lead away from, one of these combinations, and in each of those cases, his/her partner did not have the requisite honor to make this a winning lead.

Co-Advocate Hirschman then began going through for the Panel the 34 hands that the Co-Advocates felt were clear examples of collusive cheating (see Exhibit B attached hereto). In these hands, Brian McCartney has a BBO name of Skye007 and Lucie McCartney is known as rbmx. At the conclusion of this presentation, Chairperson opened the floor for questions from the Panel. Panelist Caprera commented that at first he thought it was possible that Mrs. McCartney was cheating, whereas Mr. McCartney was not since Mrs. McCartney had more irregularities (12 vs.

7) in one session than Mr. McCartney. Mr. Caprera rejected this notion, however, based upon one hand in the session where Mr. McCartney underled an AKQx combination and found his Mrs. McCartney with Jx, an obvious sign of collusion. Co-Advocate Hirschman responded that he also looks for signs that only one in the partnership is cheating but he did not find that in this case.

Hearing no more questions, Co-Advocate Hirschman observed that Mr. McCartney has more than 3000 masterpoints, whereas Mrs. McCartney has less than 300 masterpoints, and therefore perhaps the Panel should give Mr. McCartney a more severe discipline than Mrs. McCartney, that is, he recommended a three year suspension for Mr. McCartney and something less for Mrs. McCartney, especially since they showed no remorse by not appearing at the hearing. The Panel then asked whether the McCartneys had been given an opportunity to negotiate a settlement where they would perhaps receive a lesser penalty, and Co-Advocate Coniglio responded that indeed they had been offered the opportunity to negotiate a settlement but had chosen not to.

At this point no one had any more comments or questions and the Hearing was adjourned.

PANEL'S FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS

The Charging Party bears the burden of proving ethical misconduct to a level of "comfortable satisfaction," defined by the CDR as:

A burden of proof that is met when, after a careful weighing of the evidence and the facts proved by direct, circumstantial or other evidence, the decision maker has a comfortable satisfaction that he or she has reached a correct and just conclusion. It is higher than [the] "preponderance of the evidence" standard but not as high as "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Direct evidence, circumstantial evidence, hearsay evidence, witness statements, mathematical analysis and any other relevant evidence (including evidence from outside of the ACBL) may be used to establish Comfortable Satisfaction. These factors go to the weight given to such evidence and not its admissibility. (See CDR at page 2).

The Panel was comfortably satisfied in accordance with CDR Rule 301(A)(2) that Mr. and Mrs. McCartney were colluding online by sharing information. Based upon the vast number of hands that there could be no other explanation for the bids and/or play except for the sharing of I/I, the Panel felt that this was an egregious case, and the evidence was overwhelming.

Disciplinary Sanctions

The Panel finds that the Charged Parties' unethical conduct falls within CDR Rule 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating Online. The Panel imposes a 3-year suspension on both Charged Parties followed by a 2-year probation during which time they cannot play together. The Panel also rules that the

Charged Parties are to lose all their masterpoints earned playing online together. In addition to the convincing evidence provided by the Co-Advocates and the Panel's own review and consideration of the deals played by the Charged Parties presented in the packet, the Panel was influenced by the fact that the Charged Parties did not cooperate with the disciplinary process inasmuch as they submitted no evidence or statements and failed to appear for the Hearing, thus exhibiting no remorse. The Panel also considered that a significant quantity of Player Memos had been filed regarding this pair and that the pattern of conduct had likely occurred over a longer time period than was presented in evidence at the hearing. Accordingly, the panel considered the suggested discipline range of two years to lifetime expulsion and agreed that three years suspension plus the obligatory two years probation was appropriate. The Panel also saw no reason for the Charged Parties to retain any of the masterpoints they had accumulated together while playing online.

Approved:

/s/ Jon Brisman
Jon Brisman, Chair

/s/ David Caprera
David Caprera

/s/ Karen Walker
Karen Walker

EXHIBIT “A”
CHARGING PARTY’S PRE-HEARING DISCLOSURE

Online Ethical Oversight Committee
Charging Party’s Hearing Disclosure
Brian McCartney, ACBL #M548035, and
Lucie McCartney, ACBL #8244901, Charged Parties

Summary of Evidence

On July 18, 2022, the ACBL filed a charge letter alleging that the Charged Parties violated the Code of Disciplinary Regulations by exchanging illicit information (“I/I”). The evidence submitted below maintains that the Charged Parties cheated in online play from January to June 2022. This disclosure packet contains the Charging Party’s evidence and consists of five sections.

Section I provides background on the Charged Parties, including their Masterpoint holdings, joint residence, and a copy of their convention card.

Section II states the background of the co-advocates and witnesses for the Charging Party.

Section III contains data for the Charged Parties scores in face-to-face play during 2019-2020 and online play during 2020-2021.

Section IV provides full scores for five (5) sessions. All of the boards from these sessions are provided, with highlighted commentary on 19 examples. These are not the only suspicious boards in each session. They were chosen to give an overview of different bids and plays the Charged Parties made or to explain poor results.

Section V lists examples of various plays that demonstrate I/I. These are broken down into the following categories: Underleads of Aces, Kings, and Queens against Suit Contracts, General Leads and Defense, and Bids.

Section I Player and Case Background

Mr. and Mrs. McCartney reside together and provided the ACBL with an Ontario address. The date Mr. McCartney joined the ACBL is unavailable as it predates League recordkeeping; he became a Life Master on June 19, 1993. As of June 6, 2022, he was a Ruby Life Master with 2,343 Masterpoints, including 66 gold points, 151 silver points, and 1,859 black points.

Mrs. McCartney joined the ACBL in 1992. As of June 6, 2022, she was a Regional Master with 228 Masterpoints, including 1 gold point, 30 silver points, and 188 black points.

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SCR05                               Member No.- M548035                               08:05:35
                                           As of 06/06/2022
Mr Brian McCartney                   Rank-           Ruby L.M. Total Pts-  2,343.05
1510 Sugarstick Dr                   Dues Status-    Paid
Cornwall ON K6J 5V2                  Date Pd Thru-   12/22 Gold Pts-    66.75
Canada                                Date Paid-      1/03/22 Red Pts-    265.87
                                       Amount Paid-    58.45 Silver-    151.02
(H) 613-938-0251                      Date Joined-    1/01/50 Black Pts-  1,859.41
Unit No.- 192 E Ontario-Outao         L.M. Date-      6/19/93
District No.- 01                       Inact Date-     12/01/87
Receives Bulletin- Yes                 Reinst Date-    1/22/88
BR: 1                                  Y-T-D Points
                                       All YTD Pts-   90.55
                                       MiniMcKenney   90.55
                                       Ace of Clubs   90.55
                                       Online Pts-    .00
                                       Senior Pts-    .00
                                       Sectional-     .00

Male                                  MP Race-        1500-2500

Life Member
Subscribed for Auto-Renewal

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SCR05                               Member No.- 8244901                               08:07:34
                                           As of 06/06/2022
Lucie McCartney                       Rank- Regional Master Total Pts-  228.40
1510 Sugar Stick Dr                   Dues Status-    Paid
Cornwall ON K6J 5V2                  Date Pd Thru-   7/22 Gold Pts-    1.91
Canada                                Date Paid-      8/02/21 Red Pts-    7.91
                                       Amount Paid-    60.30 Silver-    30.02
(H) 416-276-9980 (C) 416-276-9980    Date Joined-    1/23/92 Black Pts-  188.56
Unit No.- 192 E Ontario-Outao         Joined thru-    131235
District No.- 01                       Y-T-D Points
Receives Bulletin- Yes                 Inact Date-     3/01/95 All YTD Pts-  77.75
                                       Reinst Date-    7/20/19 MiniMcKenney  77.75
                                       Ace of Clubs   77.75
                                       Online Pts-    .00
                                       Senior Pts-    .00
                                       Sectional-     .00

Female                                  MP Race-        100 to 200
Born: 2/10/1951

Source: Internet
Subscribed for Auto-Renewal
Black MPs required to make LM
Requires 500 MPs for LM

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The Charged Parties had one convention card posted on BBO, which is provided below.

NAMES _____

GENERAL APPROACH

SAYC - Standard American Yellow Card

Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid

VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts

FORCING OPENING: 1♦ 2♠ Natural 2 Bids Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT

15 to 17

to

5-Card Major Common

System On OverDbl

2♣ Stayman Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥

Forcing Stayman

2♥ Transfer to ♠

2♠ -> 3♣ (signoff)

2NT Invitational

3♣ 6+♠s Invitational

3♦ 6+♠s Invitational

3♥ 6+♥s Slam try

3♠ 6+♠s Slam try

4♣, 4♥ Transfer

Smolen

Lebensohl (___ denies)

Negative Double

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:

Jacoby Texas

3♣

3NT 25 to 27

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5

1st/2nd

3rd/4th

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter

Other: _____

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 NF 0-2 Conv.

1♣

1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor

Single raise Other: _____

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to _____

3NT: _____ to _____

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other: _____

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣: 6 to 10

2NT: Forcing Inv. 13 to 15

3NT: 16 to 17

Other: _____

DESCRIBE

2♣ 22 to _____ HCP Or 9+ tricks

Strong Other

2♦ Response: Neg Waiting Denies good suit

2♠ 5 to 11 HCP Normally good 6-card suit

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv

2♥ 5 to 11 HCP Normally good 6-card suit

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv

2♠ 5 to 11 HCP Normally good 6-card suit

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv

RESPONSES/REBIDS

RONF; 2NT asks feature

2NT Force New Suit NF

RONF; 2NT asks feature

2NT Force New Suit NF

RONF; 2NT asks feature

2NT Force New Suit NF

OTHER CONV CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF

Weak jump shifts: In Comp. Not In Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round To Game

SOS Redoubles

<p align="center">SPECIAL DOUBLES</p> After Overcall: Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thru 2♣ Responsive: <input type="checkbox"/> thru _____ Maximal <input type="checkbox"/> Support: Dbi <input type="checkbox"/> thru _____ Rdbl <input type="checkbox"/> Card-showing <input type="checkbox"/> Min. Offshape T/O <input type="checkbox"/>	<p align="center">NOTRUMP OVERCALLS</p> Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. 2♣ is Stayman Balance: 11 to 15 Jump to 2NT: Minors <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Lowest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conv. _____
<p align="center">SIMPLE OVERCALL</p> 1-level 6 to 16 HCP (usually) Often 4 cards <input type="checkbox"/> Very light style <input type="checkbox"/> Responses New Suit: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> NFConst <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NF <input type="checkbox"/> Jump Raise: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Cuebid is 1-round force	<p align="center">DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP</p> vs: Strong 1NT _____ Weak 1NT _____ 2♣ ♠s _____ ♠s _____ 2♦ ♠s _____ ♠s _____ 2♥ ♠s _____ ♠s _____ 2♠ ♠s _____ ♠s _____ Dbl Penalty _____ Penalty _____ Other: _____
<p align="center">JUMP OVERCALL</p> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p align="center">OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE</p> New Suit Forcing: 1-level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-level <input type="checkbox"/> Redouble implies no fit <input type="checkbox"/> 2NT Over _____ Limit + _____ Limit _____ Weak _____ Majors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Minors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Weak jump raise & jump shift
<p align="center">OPENING PREEMPTS</p> Sound _____ Light <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Light _____ 3/4-bids _____ Conv./Resp. _____	<p align="center">VS OPENING PREEMPT DOUBLE IS</p> Takeout <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thru 3♣ _____ Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. Takeout: _____ Lebensohl 2NT Response <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 2NT/Weak 2=16-19 HCP
<p align="center">DIRECT CUEBID</p> Over: Minor _____ Major _____ Natural _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Strong T/O _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Michaels _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural if 2 suits have been bid	

<p>SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4NT: Blackwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RKC <input type="checkbox"/> 1430 <input type="checkbox"/> Gerber over 1NT & 2NT openings, responses, and rebids Grand slam force vs. Interference: DOPI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPO <input type="checkbox"/> Level: D=0, P=1, Next suit=2, etc. _____ ROPI <input type="checkbox"/></p>																													
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Section II

Advocate Presentation and Witness Testimony

Martin Hirschman

Mr. Hirschman of Ann Arbor, Michigan, serves as co-advocate for the Charging Party, ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones. He is the co-author of this disclosure document. Mr. Hirschman will be available at the hearing to discuss bridge play and bidding analysis of the included evidence, and will present some of the boards below, patterns in the bidding and opening leads, and inferences for the panel to consider.

Mr. Hirschman is a Platinum Life Master with over 20,000 Masterpoints, including 7,112 gold points and 852 platinum points. He is a former member of the Online Ethical Oversight Committee and member of the ACBL Advisory Council, the District 12 Appeals Chair and Chair of the Anti-Cheating Committee. He is also an ACBL certified director.

Justin Coniglio

Mr. Coniglio of Tampa, Florida, is the ACBL Assistant National Recorder and serves as co-advocate. He is the co-author of the disclosure document as well as the “Advocate’s Concern” sections within. He is a Gold Life Master with approximately 2,800 Masterpoints, including 500 gold points and 500 silver points. Mr. Coniglio is a former Vice President and Disciplinary Chair of the Tampa Bay Bridge Center.

Witnesses

Aside from the two co-advocates, the Charging Party does not intend to call any witnesses at the hearing.

SECTION III
Scores in Face-to-Face and Online Play

Brian and Lucie McCartney

Face-to-face scores versus online scores (club games)

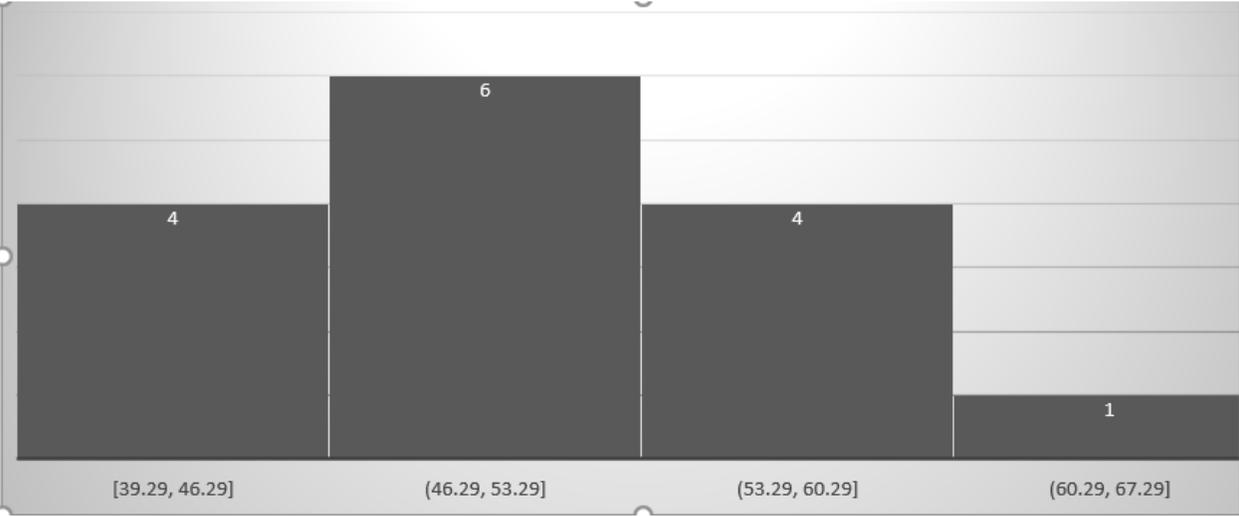
10-7-19 through 6-30-21

DATE	CLUB	SCORE
10-7-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	42.26
10-21-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	49.13
10-28-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	52.08
11-04-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	50.89
11-11-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	56.99
11-18-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	44.94
11-25-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	55.40
12-2-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	39.29
12-9-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	45.54
12-16-19	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	55.95
2-17-20	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	61.54
2-24-20	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	46.85
3-2-20	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	60.19
3-9-20	SEAWAY BRIDGE CLUB	52.08
3-11-20	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	52.38

AVERAGE SCORE: 51.03%

TOTAL SCORES: 15

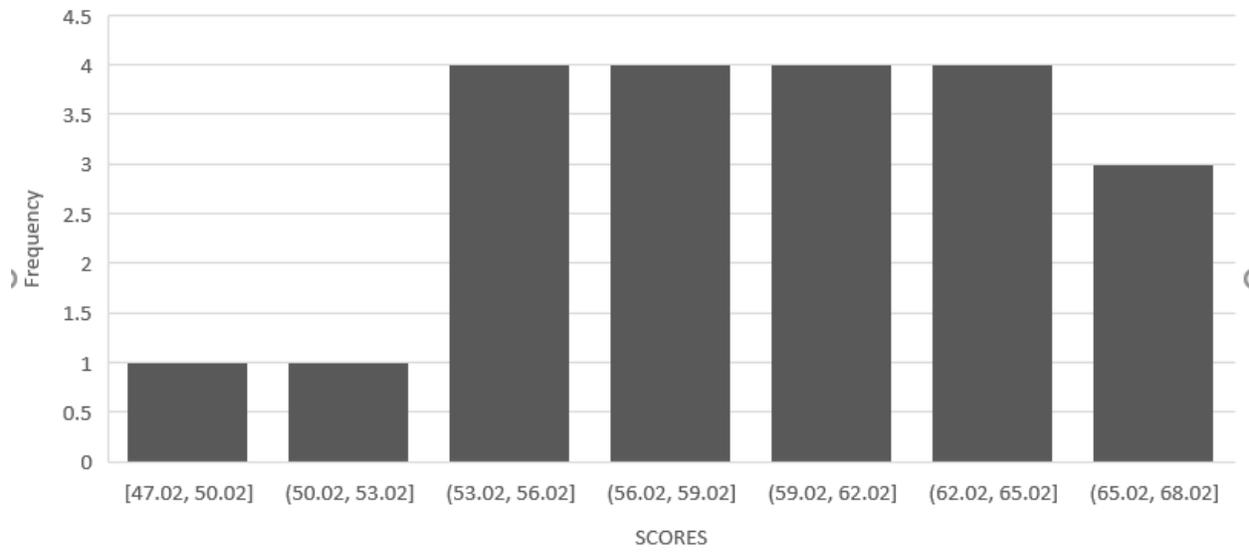
BELOW 50%: 6



DATE	CLUB	BBO GAME #	SCORE
8-5-20	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	4037	65.08
8-12-20	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	7895	54.63
11-18-20	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	64158	63.49
12-16-20	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	56608	64.29
1-13-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	37465	57.74
1-27-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	18067	56.19
2-10-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	66874	61.90
2-17-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	97925	58.33
2-24-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	76921	63.69
3-10-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	71164	53.17
3-24-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	58312	61.90
3-31-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	26867	66.25
4-14-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	47347	65.87
4-21-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	24391	54.17
5-12-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	15127	60.12
5-19-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	75576	58.73
6-2-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	91164	47.02
6-9-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	46662	52.38
6-16-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	98768	63.69
6-23-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	47958	61.90
6-30-21	SUZANNE'S BRIDGE CLUB	86322	55.00

AVERAGE SCORE: 59.31 TOTAL GAMES: 21

BELOW 50%: 1



SECTION IV
Review of Full Sessions with Highlighted Boards

- a. February 22, 2022
- b. March 22, 2022
- c. April 14, 2022
- d. April 21, 2022
- e. May 9, 2022

February 22, 2022

BBO Session #65246

59.66%

Highlighted hands: 9, 11, 13, 16, 18

No.	Result	Score	Percent	Link
1	3NS+2	-460	28.57%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9b2k27
2	4♥W-1	-50	11.90%	https://tinyurl.com/wd2axm7s
3	3♥S-4	200	61.90%	https://tinyurl.com/mr8f3pae
4	4NN+1	-660	85.71%	https://tinyurl.com/28a3h6u8
5	3NW+1	430	88.10%	https://tinyurl.com/mrehj34w
6	3♥W-1	-100	23.81%	https://tinyurl.com/np92z3c9
7	2♠N=	-110	66.67%	https://tinyurl.com/2p87jwzm
8	3♠E-2	-100	40.48%	https://tinyurl.com/4nct8znw
9	6♠E+1	1460	95.24%	https://tinyurl.com/y7aave9f
10	3♠N=	-140	30.95%	https://tinyurl.com/ycykuz52
11	5♥N-2	100	97.62%	https://tinyurl.com/5ds3hjpz
12	3♣E=	110	73.81%	https://tinyurl.com/3wmdrwx3
13	3NS-1	100	42.86%	https://tinyurl.com/2dxh39zx
14	3♣W+2	150	80.95%	https://tinyurl.com/yckkw4ry
15	2♥E=	110	66.67%	https://tinyurl.com/2p8jx73a
16	4♠W=	620	95.24%	https://tinyurl.com/5n6dmkzv
17	1NE=	90	19.05%	https://tinyurl.com/zv8c665z
18	4♥E+2	480	64.29%	https://tinyurl.com/2p88tcsa

Board 9

Score 1460 (95.24%)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7aavc9f>

Advocate's concern: This auction proceeds uneventfully until Brian freely makes a bid of 6♠, which with his unremarkable minimum opener and indifferent 5-3-3-2 pattern, seems to be based on I/I about his partner's shape and the well-fitting nature of the two hands.

D 9		N deerpard ♠ 754 ♥ 1087 ♦ J65 ♣ J853	W N E S P P 1♠ 2♥ 3♥ P 4♠ 5♥ 5♠ P 6♠ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ K986 ♥ ♦ KQ742 ♣ A1094		E rbmx ♠ AQJ103 ♥ Q92 ♦ A98 ♣ 62	
	S janhow11 ♠ 2 ♥ AKJ6543 ♦ 103 ♣ KQ7		6♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 11

Score 100 (97.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/5ds3hjpz>

Advocate's concern: Most players would undoubtedly avoid underleading the ♠KJ93 and would find any other suit more palatable, particularly since declarer had bid the suit, but here it finds Lucie's strong holding of ♠AT84.

11 D	N Badeni		W	N	E	S
	♠ Q652 ♥ K975 ♦ A10 ♣ KJ10			P 1♥ P P 2♠ P P 5♦ P D D D	P P P 4NT P 5♥	1♦ 2♦ 4NT 5♥
W Skye007			E rbmx			
♠ A1084 ♥ Q86 ♦ 7532 ♣ 92		♠ 3	♠ KJ93 ♥ 1032 ♦ J ♣ 87653			
	S saryuszb					
	♠ 7 ♥ AJ4 ♦ KQ9864 ♣ AQ4					
						5♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 13

Score 100 (42.86%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2dxh39zx>

Advocate's concern: No bridge player would lead fourth-best from this holding of ♥AKQ96 unless he or she had I/I partner held the ♥J.

D 13	N Coachie305 ♠ 6 ♥ 1042 ♦ Q10642 ♣ K753	W N E S P P P 2NT P 3NT P P P
W Skye007 ♠ Q109743 ♥ AKQ96 ♦ 5 ♣ 2	♥ 9	E rbmx ♠ 82 ♥ J5 ♦ J873 ♣ Q10964
	S me73 ♠ AKJ5 ♥ 873 ♦ AK9 ♣ AJ8	3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 16

Score 620 (95.24%)

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6dmkzy>

Advocate's concern: Lucie's 3♠ bid and Brian's ensuing 4♠ are both modest overbids, particularly the latter considering Brian's ♥K could easily be a wasted value with the 2♥ overcaller on his left. Here their dual aggression got them to the good spade game.

D 16	N Mjeannie8	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q3 ♥ 1095 ♦ 976 ♣ Q9754	1♠ 3♠ P	P P P	1NT 4♠	2♥ P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ KJ9876 ♥ Q4 ♦ AQ4 ♣ A6		♠ A2 ♥ K32 ♦ 108532 ♣ 1083			
	S nanmargo				
	♠ 1054 ♥ AJ876 ♦ KJ ♣ KJ2				
		4♠ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 18

Score 480 (64.29%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p88tcsa>

<https://tinyurl.com/yma6hkuf>

<https://tinyurl.com/4tuw59tx>

Advocate's concern: Although this type of auction is common when novice to intermediate players are involved, the McCartneys' convention card indicates they play Jacoby 2NT, so Lucie's preemptive 4♥ bid with a game-forcing hand is difficult to rationalize, particularly when partner had opened a poorly fitting 10-count. See the second link provided above for a comparison auction where Jacoby is employed (alerted only as "heart raise"), and the third link where 2NT over a major opening is used simply as a natural 10-12 balanced invite.

18 D	N 43dubble	W N E S
	♠ K1097632 ♥ J10 ♦ K87 ♣ 7	4♥ P 1♥ P P P
W Skye007		E rbmx
♠ ♥ AQ64 ♦ QJ3 ♣ KQ9854		♠ QJ84 ♥ K9873 ♦ A1096 ♣
	S petdoug	
	♠ A5 ♥ 52 ♦ 542 ♣ AJ10632	
		4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

March 22, 2022

BBO Session #19527

58.89%

Highlighted hands: 13, 17, 18

No.	Result	Score	Percent	Link
1	2♦E-1	50	56.67%	https://tinyurl.com/5zfv5n9m
2	4♥E+3	-510	56.67%	https://tinyurl.com/mr2mpa2m
3	3♠S+1	170	33.33%	https://tinyurl.com/42de997e
4	3NE+2	-660	16.67%	https://tinyurl.com/4f7742wp
5	4♣E-3	150	43.33%	https://tinyurl.com/2yendybr
6	2♠N-1	-50	40.00%	https://tinyurl.com/ycku6wuw
7	4♠N+1	650	60.00%	https://tinyurl.com/u8n6auxe
8	5♣S-1	-50	10.00%	https://tinyurl.com/ycxm63be
9	4♠N+1	450	63.33%	https://tinyurl.com/ynfb64we
10	2♠N=	110	66.67%	https://tinyurl.com/yzwda5np
11	2♠E+1	-140	90.00%	https://tinyurl.com/yhw2e2yt
12	3NW+1	-430	76.67%	https://tinyurl.com/yckfrx9y
13	2♦W=	-90	80.00%	https://tinyurl.com/2v484zj4
14	3NE-1	50	76.67%	https://tinyurl.com/5n72ezyx
15	3NW=	-400	40.00%	https://tinyurl.com/2s4dsadm
16	6NN=	990	66.67%	https://tinyurl.com/43eaz8ta
17	6♥S=	980	83.33%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9xxbhh
18	3♣xW-4	800	100.00%	https://tinyurl.com/2p89esz7

Board 13

Score -90 (80%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2v484zj4>

Advocate's concern: Brian had a choice of leads and chose the riskier one which found Lucie's ♣A and produced a ruff on trick 3.

D 13	N rbmx ♠ K82 ♥ QJ986 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ73	W N E S P P P P 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ P 2♦ P P P
W Fergus1234 ♠ A ♥ K432 ♦ AKQ84 ♣ 1096	♣3	E AvenueP ♠ J1076 ♥ A ♦ J1095 ♣ Q854
	S Skye007 ♠ Q9543 ♥ 1075 ♦ 763 ♣ A2	2♦ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 17

Score 990 (83.33%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9xxbhh>

Advocate's concern: Here the wrong partner moves the auction toward slam as Lucie is the captain of the hand, not Brian. Brian described his hand when he jumped to 2NT showing a balanced pattern with 18 or 19 HCPs. Lucie's jump to 4♥ could have been made on a very minimal response with heart length; Brian's 4NT ask suggests he had I/I about Lucie's unshown extra values.

D 17		N rbmx ♠ A2 ♥ A5 ♦ AQ53 ♣ A10753	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td>1♣</td><td>P</td><td>1♥</td></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>4♥</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>4NT</td><td>P</td><td>5♦</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>6♥</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr></tbody></table>	W	N	E	S		1♣	P	1♥	1♠	2NT	P	4♥	P	4NT	P	5♦	P	6♥	P	P
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1♠	2NT	P	4♥																				
P	4NT	P	5♦																				
P	6♥	P	P																				
W munchj ♠ KJ1075 ♥ J943 ♦ 76 ♣ 94		E Spurmanis ♠ Q9643 ♥ 6 ♦ J10942 ♣ J6																					
	S Skye007 ♠ 8 ♥ KQ10872 ♦ K8 ♣ KQ82		6♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																				

Board 18

Score 800 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p89esz7>

Advocate's concern: After Brian declined to enter the auction over RHO's psychic preempt in clubs, it would have been normal for Lucie to pass out in the balance with her 3-4-3-3 10-count as it is unclear which side holds the deck. Her balancing double finds Brian with a full opener and a strong club holding and he converts her double to penalty.

18 D	N rbmx	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQ8 ♥ 32 ♦ A10973 ♣ KJ10	3♣ P	P P	P P	P X
W munchj			E Spurmanis		
♠ 1054 ♥ K85 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 9652	♦ A		♠ J976 ♥ QJ106 ♦ 82 ♣ AQ4		
	S Skye007				
	♠ K32 ♥ A974 ♦ K54 ♣ 873				
					3♣x W NS: 0 EW: 0

April 14, 2022

BBO Session #80079

61.97%

Highlighted hands: 2, 5, 9

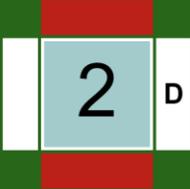
No.	Result	Score	Percent	Link
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2	3♦W=	110	80.77%	https://tinyurl.com/4p5hckwp
3	2NW-2	-200	3.85%	https://tinyurl.com/24ekfs3z
4	3♠W=	140	38.46%	https://tinyurl.com/2p8m2htm
5	1NN-2	200	92.31%	https://tinyurl.com/2p82djry
6	3NS=	-400	50.00%	https://tinyurl.com/285s7kb2
7	3♥xN-3	800	92.31%	https://tinyurl.com/ykxydetk
8	4♠S-1	50	84.62%	https://tinyurl.com/mryuxyh8
9	3♥N-3	150	84.62%	https://tinyurl.com/5brrzp7v
10	4♥S+1	-650	26.92%	https://tinyurl.com/3x5wx32a
11	2♠W=	110	80.77%	https://tinyurl.com/mr36uacd
12	4♥N-1	100	57.69%	https://tinyurl.com/mwzk4vaw
13	4♥W=	620	30.77%	https://tinyurl.com/yc2nrch9
14	3♠W=	140	100.00%	https://tinyurl.com/445e2sjf
15	2♠S+1	-140	42.31%	https://tinyurl.com/ye252t9c
16	2♠W=	110	76.92%	https://tinyurl.com/34vpakkc
17	3♥N-1	50	76.92%	https://tinyurl.com/yw6u58a3
18	2♠N+1	-140	42.31%	https://tinyurl.com/272j9sjt

Board 2

Score 110 (80.77%)

<https://tinyurl.com/4p5hckwp>

Advocate's concern: The McCartneys' convention card indicates they do not play any form of new minor forcing. With her 13-count, it would have been normal for Lucie to at least invite game in NT at her second turn over her partner's 1NT bid, but instead bid a nonforcing, natural 2♦, suggesting I/I that the pair had no stopper in hearts. Brian's ensuing raise to 3♦ with a flat minimum is superfluous and should have spurred further action from Lucie, but she passed.

	N Oldtimer49	W	N	E	S
	♠ KJ3 ♥ A9762 ♦ 108 ♣ 984	1♠ 2♦ P	P P P	1♣ 1NT 3♦	P P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ A842 ♥ QJ ♦ QJ72 ♣ K107		♠ Q96 ♥ 53 ♦ A543 ♣ AQ62			
	S UZzUkZPk3k				
	♠ 1075 ♥ K1084 ♦ K96 ♣ J53				
		3♦ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 5

Score 200 (92.31%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p82djry>

Advocate's concern: A lead of one of the unbid suits of equal length would have been expected from Brian's holding, but he led from the suit declarer had opened, finding Lucie's \heartsuit A853 and eventually trapping declarer's \heartsuit Q.

D 5		N weekim \spadesuit K106 \heartsuit A108 \diamondsuit Q942 \clubsuit AJ10	W N E S 1 \diamondsuit P 1 \spadesuit P 1NT P P P
W Skye007 \spadesuit QJ875 \heartsuit 753 \diamondsuit A853 \clubsuit 7	\heartsuit J	E rbmx \spadesuit 2 \heartsuit QJ94 \diamondsuit KJ106 \clubsuit K985	
	S Kashub \spadesuit A943 \heartsuit K62 \diamondsuit 7 \clubsuit Q6432		1NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 9

Score 150 (84.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/5brrzp7v>

Advocate's concern: After Lucie's off-shape balancing double over LHO's 2♥ preempt, Brian takes it out to 2♠ and the opponents compete to 3♥. That Brian does not compete to 3♠ with ♠AT643 and 7 HCPs suggests illicit knowledge that Lucie had doubled with a spade shortness. Also note the double dummy lead of a club and Lucie's odd switch to the ♠9 from K9 doubleton on trick 2.

D 9	N edenbrook ♠ 75 ♥ KQ8653 ♦ 85 ♣ 954	W N E S 2♥ P P X P 2♠ 3♥ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ K9 ♥ AJ ♦ Q10732 ♣ AQJ10	♣6	E rbmx ♠ A10643 ♥ 1094 ♦ K4 ♣ 762
	S Cleo111 ♠ QJ82 ♥ 72 ♦ AJ96 ♣ K83	3♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

April 21, 2022

BBO Session #16924

60.47%

Highlighted hands: 4, 10, 14

No.	Result	Score	Percent	Link
1	3♥E=	140	46.15%	https://tinyurl.com/4xubmwpm
2	4♠E+1	450	92.31%	https://tinyurl.com/5n6f9d5k
3	4♥S+2	-480	84.62%	https://tinyurl.com/ys859xa8
4	2♦S+1	-110	65.38%	https://tinyurl.com/ys8yb558
5	2♥E+1	140	53.85%	https://tinyurl.com/2p4jkxfb
6	4♥N-2	100	65.38%	https://tinyurl.com/2n6z8tbn
7	2♦S+1	-110	53.85%	https://tinyurl.com/48kztdzu
8	4♥W+1	450	50.00%	https://tinyurl.com/54mwuu8a
9	2♦S+2	-130	96.15%	https://tinyurl.com/yf3w3me5
10	1NE+1	120	53.85%	https://tinyurl.com/mr7439uw
11	1NE-1	-50	46.15%	https://tinyurl.com/36ww6rut
12	2♥E=	110	69.23%	https://tinyurl.com/36bmr6cy
13	2♥N+1	-140	26.92%	https://tinyurl.com/4ckd26d3
14	4♠E=	420	76.92%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9j2eyc
15	4♠W=	420	42.31%	https://tinyurl.com/yrwkchx
16	3NS+1	-430	34.62%	https://tinyurl.com/5n8x4ffn
17	3♠N=	-140	42.31%	https://tinyurl.com/25cjkch
18	3♥S-2	200	88.46%	https://tinyurl.com/mrxnt8e2

Board 4

Score -110 (65.38%)

<https://tinyurl.com/ys8yb558>

Advocate's concern: Lucie's ♣J is good after trick 1. When she wins the ♦K on trick 3, she leads low from her remaining ♣J87, suggesting I/I that Brian had the ♣T.

D 4	N pernicar	W N	E S
	♠ KJ62 ♥ A95 ♦ 10762 ♣ Q3	1♣ P P 2♦ P P	1♦ P P
W Skye007	♣Q	E rbmx	
♠ AQ5 ♥ Q1032 ♦ KJ ♣ J872	♣2 ♣K	♠ 873 ♥ 874 ♦ 53 ♣ K10954	
	♣A		
	S inspades2		
	♠ 1094 ♥ KJ6 ♦ AQ984 ♣ A6		
		2♦ S	NS: 1 EW: 0

Board 10

Score 120 (53.85%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mr7439uw>

Advocate's concern: Here Brian has two bids to consider at his second turn, one being 1♠ and the other being 2♦. His actual bid of 1NT suggests I/I that the pair had no spade fit and his partner had a diamond shortness.

10 <small>D</small>	N palmerian	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQ106 ♥ 976 ♦ KQ4 ♣ AJ7	1♥ P P	X P	1♦ 1NT	P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ K72 ♥ K542 ♦ 8 ♣ KQ1098		♠ J983 ♥ AQ ♦ AJ10652 ♣ 5			
	S DhiruS				
	♠ 54 ♥ J1083 ♦ 973 ♣ 6432				
				1NT E	NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 14

Score 420 (76.92%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9j2eyc>

Advocate's concern: Brian showed no value when he took out Lucie's double to 2♠. With a flat 16-count (including the likely worthless ♦Q) Lucie finds a 3♠ raise to keep the auction alive and reach game when her partner shows up with an 11-count.

14 D	N logic3	W	N	E	S
	♠ A102 ♥ J964 ♦ 4 ♣ J10943	X 3♠ P	P P P	P 2♠ 4♠	2♦ P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ KJ54 ♥ AK73 ♦ Q9 ♣ K85		♠ 9763 ♥ Q8 ♦ K753 ♣ AQ7			
	S llavsky				
	♠ Q8 ♥ 1052 ♦ AJ10862 ♣ 62				
					4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

May 9, 2022

BBO Session #7524

67.41%

Highlighted hands: 1, 2, 8, 14, 16

No.	Result	Score	Percent	Link
1	3♥S-3	150	100.00%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9ccanf
2	4♠W=	420	76.67%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9mfeph
3	3♠W+1	170	60.00%	https://tinyurl.com/37xc3kex
4	5♣W-1	-100	26.67%	https://tinyurl.com/ycy4hyah
5	3NS+2	-660	60.00%	https://tinyurl.com/msy2w7y5
6	2♥W=	110	83.33%	https://tinyurl.com/yc87ahj9
7	2♥S+2	-170	73.33%	https://tinyurl.com/54ydj4j7
8	2♠S-1	50	73.33%	https://tinyurl.com/3sdph687
9	2♥W=	110	53.33%	https://tinyurl.com/mv37uz62
10	3NS+2	-660	13.33%	https://tinyurl.com/yc8848ff
11	1NN+2	-150	86.67%	https://tinyurl.com/yzfemmk9
12	3♣E=	110	100.00%	https://tinyurl.com/c5xwn32d
13	2♥W-1	-100	53.33%	https://tinyurl.com/3buea4jc
14	4♦W=	130	43.33%	https://tinyurl.com/2p3bpxwc
15	2♠W+2	170	76.67%	https://tinyurl.com/2p8dv6nv
16	3♣N+1	-130	93.33%	https://tinyurl.com/yckppnzn
17	1NW+1	120	63.33%	https://tinyurl.com/2p9yu4yj
18	2♥W+1	140	76.67%	https://tinyurl.com/2p8mykrz

Board 1

Score 150 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9ccanf>

Advocate's concern: Brian had a normal 1NT overcall over RHO's 1♦ opening but bid 2♣ instead. This would have worked well had the opponents not bid again because Lucie had ♣Q752 and a poor hand.

D 1	N Sparky 04s ♠ KJ103 ♥ QJ5 ♦ J1097 ♣ A8	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♦</td><td>2♣</td><td>2♥</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td></td><td>3♥</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>		W	N	E	S			1♦	2♣	2♥	P		3♥	P	P	P				
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	S claimsecur ♠ 97 ♥ A7632 ♦ A853 ♣ 104	3♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																				

Board 2

Score 420 (76.67%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9mfeph>

Advocate's concern: Skilled players may disagree whether to rebid 2♦ or give a 3-card spade raise at Brian's second turn, but his actual choice here of 2♠ pays off and propels the pair to game when Lucie has spade length.

		N Sparky 04s	W	N	E	S
		♠ 98	1♠	P	1♦	X
		♥ Q7543	3♠	P	2♠	3♣
		♦ 1064	P	P	4♠	P
		♣ 532				
W Skye007			E rbmx			
♠ J107432			♠ A65			
♥ AK9			♥ 6			
♦ J8			♦ K97532			
♣ 97			♣ AK6			
		S claimsecur				
		♠ KQ				
		♥ J1082				
		♦ AQ				
		♣ QJ1084				
			4♠ W	NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 14

Score 130 (43.33%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p3bpxwc>

Advocate's concern: Lucie's pass over her partner's 1♥ opening holding a 9-count with 4 spades and 6 diamonds is hard to understand if not a mislick and suggests I/I about the lack of a spade fit. It is also very difficult to discern her intention with the subsequent jump to 3♦, but they recover to reach the right spot as 4♦ is the limit of the hand.

14 D	N wcbxtr	W	N	E	S
	♠ A92 ♥ KQ54 ♦ 8 ♣ J8543	P 3♦ P D		1♥ P P 4♦ D	P P P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ KQJ5 ♥ 93 ♦ QJ7654 ♣ 7		♠ 84 ♥ AJ762 ♦ AK103 ♣ K10			
	S Luberc2				
	♠ 10763 ♥ 108 ♦ 92 ♣ AQ962				
		4♦ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 16

Score -130 (93.33%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yckppnzn>

Advocate's concern: No bridge player would fail to bid either 1♠ or 2♥ Michaels with Brian's hand over RHO's 1♥ opening. His pass suggests I/I that his side's two hands were ill-fitting.

D 16	N pernicar	W	N	E	S
	♠ K7 ♥ Q9743 ♦ AJ ♣ K432	P	1♥	P	1♠
W Skye007		P	2♣	P	3♣
♠ 42 ♥ K108652 ♦ 87 ♣ Q65		P	P	P	
	S inspades2	E rbmx			
	♠ QJ106 ♥ J ♦ K103 ♣ AJ1087	♠ A9853 ♥ A ♦ Q96542 ♣ 9			
					3♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0

SECTION V

UNDERLEADS OF ACE-KING-QUEEN VERSUS SUIT CONTRACTS

What follows is a table of hands which contains every instance the Charged Parties led low from an Ace, King, or Queen versus a suit contract between January 2 and June 2, 2022.

There are 66 instances of these circumstances. Aces were underled 4 times, kings 41 times and queens 21. In all 66 instances, the opening leader found partner with either the Ace and/or an adjacent honor to the high honor that was underled.

Date	Lead	From Holding	Partner Held	Link
1/2	♦3	♦Q743	♦AT965	https://tinyurl.com/347um5fp
1/2	♣4	♣K7543	♣QT8	https://tinyurl.com/4n3w75xt
1/3	♦9	♦KJT963	♦Q7	https://tinyurl.com/yc4kk25u
1/3	♦4	♦K42	♦Q875	https://tinyurl.com/2p88febj
1/8	♦5	♦KJ653	♦A7	https://tinyurl.com/yr4m2hef
1/8	♥3	♥K7432	♥A95	https://tinyurl.com/3bdjexcx
1/8	♦8	♦KJT8	♦Q643	https://tinyurl.com/52p7tmp6
1/8	♥7	♥K98753	♥QJ2	https://tinyurl.com/w7635m9k
1/9	♣8	♣KJ82	♣A974	https://tinyurl.com/2rrrk7nn
1/17	♦7	♦KJT73	♦A8	https://tinyurl.com/2p9bcms9
1/17	♦7	♦Q87	♦AKJ952	https://tinyurl.com/3ay9ca2d
1/19	♠7	♠Q97	♠AJ52	https://tinyurl.com/2p8ju84x
1/19	♠3	♠KT73	♠QJ62	https://tinyurl.com/zyvmfk6u
1/19	♦9	♦AJT93	♦K87	https://tinyurl.com/4bzhwzj3
1/22	♣7	♣KJ972	♣QT4	https://tinyurl.com/274arzwd
1/24	♥6	♥KJ8632	♥AT4	https://tinyurl.com/2956jms9

Date	Lead	From Holding	Partner Held	Link
1/26	♥T	♥KT92	♥AJ8543	https://tinyurl.com/2p95mvpf
2/6	♣4	♣Q854	♣JT9762	https://tinyurl.com/46f2bvrz
2/6	♣2	♣K652	♣AJ4	https://tinyurl.com/4cjc7ja
2/10	♠6	♠K9864	♠AQT2	https://tinyurl.com/db5ebkyu
2/10	♣T	♣KT984	♣Q75	https://tinyurl.com/f8wxxema
2/12	♠5	♠KJ852	♠A963	https://tinyurl.com/mtmn7w6n
2/12	♥7	♥KJ872	♥A63	https://tinyurl.com/mtdvjbr
2/19	♣5	♣KJ952	♣A743	https://tinyurl.com/yjmwdjaa
2/22	♠3	♠KJ93	♠AT84	https://tinyurl.com/asvr6e6c
2/25	♠5	♠QT85	♠AJ9732	https://tinyurl.com/msefk68j
2/25	♥3	♥K83	♥AQ542	https://tinyurl.com/th3kvjxm
2/27	♥4	♥Q954	♥AJT632	https://tinyurl.com/2mz29pnp
2/27	♦9	♦K93	♦AJ72	https://tinyurl.com/yybvhdus
2/27	♣2	♣K972	♣AT83	https://tinyurl.com/t76dfa5v
2/27	♦6	♦KQ7652	♦AJ98	https://tinyurl.com/rytur2jn
3/6	♦T	♦QT9752	♦A6	https://tinyurl.com/ytjwexrt
3/7	♣4	♣K84	♣AQJ65	https://tinyurl.com/3f9nt74j
3/13	♣4	♣AJ643	♣K75	https://tinyurl.com/4eja5xtw
3/13	♥2	♥AT52	♥KQ864	https://tinyurl.com/mr2jfvn
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3/24	♣3	♣K876543	♣A92	https://tinyurl.com/4f5ujz9p
3/24	♥T	♥QT964	♥KJ532	https://tinyurl.com/4vzuttun
3/24	♠6	♠QT864	♠AJ52	https://tinyurl.com/5n8cssf8
3/24	♥2	♥Q862	♥AKT97	https://tinyurl.com/yc636ahr
3/27	♥4	♥AJ543	♥K97	https://tinyurl.com/5n75na59
4/3	♠6	♠K87652	♠AT3	https://tinyurl.com/2p8wdctd
4/5	♥5	♥KT854	♥QJ3	https://tinyurl.com/479mprpm
4/5	♥7	♥K987	♥AT	https://tinyurl.com/2p97j3s6
4/14	♠9	♠K93	♠QJT865	https://tinyurl.com/mprst6h4
4/15	♦2	♦Q82	♦J9	https://tinyurl.com/2s5k2f65
4/16	♥5	♥QT753	♥KJ	https://tinyurl.com/bdedryp6

Date	Lead	From Holding	Partner Held	Link
4/16	♠3	♠KJ3	♠QT752	https://tinyurl.com/2s37y6er
4/21	♠8	♠KT98	♠AJ7654	https://tinyurl.com/2p9f68fj
4/21	♦4	♦Q6542	♦A8	https://tinyurl.com/3kzd89v5
4/21	♠J	♠KJT	♠A8765	https://tinyurl.com/yvsea6vb
4/24	♠7	♠Q75	♠K9643	https://tinyurl.com/2p859byh
5/1	♦5	♦K954	♦AQ6	https://tinyurl.com/3w8ucknz
5/8	♠8	♠Q874	♠JT532	https://tinyurl.com/ms3xfwe2
5/8	♦3	♦QT43	♦J7	https://tinyurl.com/4pd7ebau
5/9	♣2	♣Q752	♣KJ963	https://tinyurl.com/2p85s4ud
5/19	♥5	♥K52	♥A63	https://tinyurl.com/2p8faayp
5/19	♦5	♦QT75	♦AKJ43	https://tinyurl.com/yc2bnjz5
5/19	♥8	♥K82	♥AQ953	https://tinyurl.com/4p5cwstd
5/22	♥4	♥Q764	♥A932	https://tinyurl.com/2p9h947w
5/22	♣9	♣K95	♣AJT8	https://tinyurl.com/2cxvaztc
5/22	♠5	♠K9854	♠A73	https://tinyurl.com/45aercrp
5/23	♦T	♦KT874	♦QJ96	https://tinyurl.com/pumydxwk
5/28	♠2	♠Q432	♠KJ975	https://tinyurl.com/3m5n2bdr
6/2	♠4	♠Q864	♠KT95	https://tinyurl.com/2p8zzw9j

Many of the above listed leads were routine, usually because partner bid the suit. Other times, these leads were far from routine, including many, set forth in the following pages, that are suggestive of an illicit exchange of information (I/I) between the partners.

January 8 (2, 9, 13)

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	S Skye007 ♠ Q10 ♥ K7432 ♦ J9762 ♣ Q	4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0																					

<https://tinyurl.com/3bdjexcx>

The partnership bid and raised diamonds, which with Lucie's holding seems a much safer lead than the low heart she led away from her king.

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The top of either 3-spot black suit sequence seems more standard than the ♦8 Lucie actually led from ♦KJT8 which found Brian with the ♦Q.

<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> D 13 </div>	N rbmx ♠ 964 ♥ K98753 ♦ QJ62 ♣	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> W N E S </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; padding: 5px;"> 2♥ 3♦ P </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; padding: 5px;"> 4♣ P P P </div>	
	W marifl ♠ QJ5 ♥ A10 ♦ 10 ♣ KQJ9875	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">♥7</div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;"> E Linnie29 </div> ♠ 1082 ♥ 64 ♦ AK9753 ♣ A10
	S Skye007 ♠ AK73 ♥ QJ2 ♦ 84 ♣ 6432	4♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/w7635m9k>

Lucie never supported hearts, but Brian still underled the ♥K98753 which found her ♥QJ2.

January 19

18 <small>D</small>		N rbmx ♠ A642 ♥ 1064 ♦ K87 ♣ J82	W N E S P 1♠ P 2♥ P P P
W jjosephc ♠ Q53 ♥ K8 ♦ Q652 ♣ A1054	♦ 9	E stonyp ♠ J98 ♥ AJ9732 ♦ 4 ♣ K76	
	S Skye007 ♠ K107 ♥ Q5 ♦ AJ1093 ♣ Q93		2♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4bzhwzj3>

Being required to underlead an honor with this holding (or lead trump or the ♦A), it seems safer for Lucie to lead spades, which her partner had bid.

February 12

D 9		N rbmx ♠ Q ♥ KJ872 ♦ 632 ♣ KJ73	W N E S 1♠ P 2♠ P P X P 3♣ 3♠ P P P
W Skichick1 ♠ AKJ1082 ♥ Q ♦ 107 ♣ AQ64	♥ 7	E trac921 ♠ 9654 ♥ 10954 ♦ KQJ5 ♣ 10	
	S Skye007 ♠ 73 ♥ A63 ♦ A984 ♣ 9852		3♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/mtdvjbrt>

Lucie took Brian's double out to clubs, but he underled his ♥KJ872 to her ♥A.

February 13

6 D		N gemini00 ♠ K93 ♥ KJ742 ♦ 1054 ♣ Q10	W N E S P 4♥ P 1♥ P P P P
W Skye007 ♠ Q754 ♥ ♦ 9876 ♣ KJ952	♣ 5	E rbmx ♠ A862 ♥ Q109 ♦ J2 ♣ A743	
	S arassus ♠ J10 ♥ A8653 ♦ AKQ3 ♣ 86		4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yjmwjdjaa>

For most players, a spade or a diamond lead would be preferable to underleading the ♣KJ952. Analysis of the results at the other tables where this board was played underscores how unusual Lucie's club lead was (see traveller, below). Of the 26 other times the board was played, the auction was identical to the one at the Charged Parties' table at 12 tables. At those tables the opening lead was the ♠4 at 4 tables, ♦9 at 8 tables. Lucie was alone among the Wests who faced this auction in leading a club. Looking at all 26 tables, a heart contract was reached on 25, always by South. The ♠4 was led 13 times, ♦9 was led 9 times, ♦8, ♦7 and ♣2C were each led once. At that one table where the ♣2 was led (see line 19), East had opened 1♣, and there was no further bidding by East-West.

Traveller 15063-1644773461-19618279 played by rbmx

N°	Time	North	South	East	West	Result	EW Points	Score	Movie
						Withdraw		N/A	
1	#####	Madmaxav6	Brian RS	Ianark3517	pullo6	5♥xS-2	300	100.00%	Movie or Lin
2	#####	Jezz1	Edwardd269	Dawn Y	Spurmanis	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
3	#####	Maxine13	CardBear	Taggy49	BWTJ	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
4	#####	7iron	tyn10	Vlj50	alert773	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
5	#####	rusty2016	sandecrep	Badeni	saryusz	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
6	#####	lukeathome	Birte0712	43dubble	lynste	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
7	#####	okiedouble	dcolket	crusing	relly7	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
8	#####	geminio0	arassus	rbmx	Skye007	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
9	#####	jacko6	jegcc	Ptboron	petdoug	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
10	#####	DhiruS	derdo2005	dubeau	born2525	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
11	#####	armott	smassoud	zelbob	cpatricia3	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
12	#####	milevaj	freehar	dond01	njm22	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
13	#####	madil123	carki	wcbxtr	12 Howard	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
14	#####	ljin120	Bugsette	muthell	bobp12	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
15	#####	ForeverMe	ChicoV	deerpard	Oldtimer49	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
16	#####	ronbridge8	Karin613	angelblitz	stickycard	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
17	#####	hollington	defcon0	towneri	rduncan10b	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
18	#####	Skichick1	Donna_Jean	7nx	amusonous	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
19	#####	hastings 7	agaudet	Paul Hardy	Putt	4♥S-1	50	63.46%	Movie or Lin
20	#####	llavsky	claimsecur	munchj	enrightw	3♥S=	-140	25.00%	Movie or Lin
21	#####	noryann	edenbrook	Margella	trac921	3♥S=	-140	25.00%	Movie or Lin
22	#####	Coachie305	janhow11	Sparky 04s	Wilcon	4♥S=	-420	11.54%	Movie or Lin
23	#####	iamlucky	acwalley	sue543	pez1948	4♥S=	-420	11.54%	Movie or Lin
24	#####	prestonxz1	Ajax Man	422enjoy	logic3	4♥S=	-420	11.54%	Movie or Lin
25	#####	D1975	tati15	ninalove	billclarke	4♥S=	-420	11.54%	Movie or Lin
26	#####	Ddimi	jrbdbc	GerSimo	6_clubs	4♥S=	-420	11.54%	Movie or Lin
27	#####	mytmoss	jewlya	Mydas2	RonnyBaby	5♣xW-2	-500	0.00%	Movie or Lin

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February 27 Session #94632 (9, 14, 20)

D 9		N rbmx ♠ A75 ♥ Q9 ♦ AJ72 ♣ 7654	W N E S P P 2♠ P P P
W Defcon0 ♠ 2 ♥ K643 ♦ Q1085 ♣ AJ82	♦ 9	E hollington ♠ KQ10864 ♥ J72 ♦ 64 ♣ K3	
	S Skye007 ♠ J93 ♥ A1085 ♦ K93 ♣ Q109		2♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yybvhdus>

Lucie had a difficult choice of leads and chose the one that hit her partner's greatest strength and length.

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W Wilcon ♠ Q32 ♥ KQ10986 ♦ Q9 ♣ J6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♣2</div>	E Sparky 04s ♠ AK76 ♥ AJ2 ♦ AK6 ♣ Q54																
	S Skye007 ♠ J104 ♥ 5 ♦ J8753 ♣ K972	4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/t76dfa5v>

Again, Lucie's king underlead finds her partner's ace, his only honor. A spade lead seems much safer.

D 20	N rbmx ♠ Q42 ♥ A63 ♦ AJ98 ♣ A72	W N E S P 1NT 2♠ P P P
	W dcolket ♠ 1095 ♥ QJ1097 ♦ 43 ♣ K43	♦ 6
	S Skye007 ♠ 7 ♥ 842 ♦ KQ7652 ♣ 865	2♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/rytur2jn>

It was normal enough for Lucie to lead a diamond, but her choice of the ♦ 6 indicates I/I that Brian had the ace (or jack).

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<https://tinyurl.com/4eja5xtw>

Most players are averse to underleading an ace versus a suit contract. Here Lucie's fourth-best club lead from ♣AJ643 finds her partner with the king.

D 17	N	Skye007 ♠ 109 ♥ A1052 ♦ 943 ♣ AQ52	W	N	E	S
			P	P	P	1♥
			2♠	3♥	3♠	X
			P	P	P	
W	Birte0712 ♠ J6532 ♥ 9 ♦ AJ872 ♣ 104	♥2	E	lukeathome		
			♠	AQ4		
			♥	J73		
			♦	K10		
			♣	J9876		
	S	rbmx ♠ K87 ♥ KQ864 ♦ Q65 ♣ K3				
			3♠x W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2jfvan>

Brian's heart bid did not promise the king, so it would have been normal for Lucie to lead the ace. Her lead of a low heart risked losing to a singleton king in an opponent's hand or losing her side's only heart trick. So the lead of a low heart is evidence that Lucie knew Brian had the king.

	N rbmx ♠ 105 ♥ AJ543 ♦ KJ42 ♣ A4	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	P	1NT	P	2♣	P	2♠	P	3♠	P	4♠	P	P	P
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	S Skye007 ♠ 87 ♥ K97 ♦ 10753 ♣ 10987	4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/5n75na59>

Brian had a difficult choice of leads and chose the one that hit Lucie's only honor. Note that only a low heart lead to the king and a diamond return defeats 4♠, an extremely improbable result achieved by this pair.

April 5 (1, 13)

D 1		N trac921 ♠ Q5 ♥ 972 ♦ QJ864 ♣ KJ6	W N E S P P P 1♠ P 1NT P 3♠ P 4♠ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ 87 ♥ K10854 ♦ 972 ♣ 982	♥ 5	E rbmx ♠ AJ4 ♥ QJ3 ♦ 10 ♣ Q107543	
	S Skichick1 ♠ K109632 ♥ A6 ♦ AK53 ♣ A		4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/479mprpm>

Either minor was an option for Lucie here, but she underled ♥KT854, finding Brian with the ♥QJ3.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p97j3s6>

The ♦A seems like an automatic lead, but instead Brian chose to underlead ♥K987, finding his partner with the doubleton ♥A.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2s37y6er>

It would be difficult to find a player who would choose to lead a spade on this hand.

April 24

D 9		N rbmx ♠ K9643 ♥ 6 ♦ A74 ♣ QJ83	W N E S P P 3♦ P P P
W Ptboron ♠ 102 ♥ AQ54 ♦ 9 ♣ AK7654	♠ 7	E petdoug ♠ AJ8 ♥ 1087 ♦ QJ108653 ♣	
	S Skye007 ♠ Q75 ♥ KJ932 ♦ K2 ♣ 1092		3♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p859byh>

Most players avoid leading from Honor-third because it is too likely to hit the opponents' side length, in which case it usually will be better to wait for the opponents to play the suit. This type of auction tends to call for an attacking lead, so a heart was a candidate, but this time Brian had the ♠K and no heart honor. Lucie also had the option of leading a safe-looking club, but chose the dangerous-looking spade.

May 1

15 D	N Skye007	W	N	E	S
	♠ A ♥ A7432 ♦ K954 ♣ J43	1♠ P P	X P P	3♠ 4♠ P	P 4♥ X
W jewlya	♦ 5	E mytmoss			
♠ K10986 ♥ K ♦ J1072 ♣ KQ6		♠ QJ432 ♥ Q95 ♦ 83 ♣ 875			
	S rbmx				
	♠ 75 ♥ J1086 ♦ AQ6 ♣ A1092				
		4♠x W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/3w8ucknz>

Brian bid 4♥ freely, but Lucie eschewed that option and led away from her ♦K, finding her partner's ♦AQ6.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p8faayp>

Lucie had a difficult choice of leads and chose the one in which Brian held his only non-trump honor.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2cxvaztc>

This pair has no qualms about leading from length when correct; here it is not right to do so and Lucie does not.

For contrast, below is a gallery of hands in which the Charged Parties had an opportunity to underlead a high honor but did not, and where leading from an honor would NOT have hit values in partner's hand. Commentary is provided, but for each deal, the following comment applies: How did this pair know to lead from these holdings when partner had values in the suit, and not lead it when partner did not? (Comparison hands can be viewed via the link in the table of underleads, above.)

January 9

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W Skye007 ♠ 1093 ♥ KJ86 ♦ 8765 ♣ A4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">♠10</div>	E rbmx ♠ KJ72 ♥ 10942 ♦ KQ9 ♣ Q8
	S Brian RS ♠ Q65 ♥ Q73 ♦ A10 ♣ K10975	3♣ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yckek8kb>

Since Brian eventually raised hearts, it would have been reasonable for Lucie to lead from her ♥KJ86. Alternatively, she could have led a diamond, Brian's first suit. Instead, she chose to lead a spade, which turned out to best fit with Brian's holding and would have been particularly effective if North held the ♠Q.

Compare Feb. 22, Board 11, where Brian led from ♠KJ93, a suit bid by declarer, and March 22 Board 13, where he led from ♣KJ73 instead of a safer heart from ♥QJ986. Both those times Lucie had the ace of the suit led.

January 17

14 D		N rbmx					
		♠ 1097	W	N	E	S	
		♥ AQ10	1♠	P	1♣	P	
		♦ K764	3♥	P	2♠	P	
		♣ KQ9	P	P	4♠	P	
W rosswgraha			E ljn120				
♠ AJ65			♠ Q842				
♥ J84			♥ K53				
♦ Q10983			♦ A2				
♣ 2			♣ A1074				
		S Skye007					
		♠ K3					
		♥ 9762					
		♦ J5					
		♣ J8653					
				4♠ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/5ynjubup>

Diamonds was the only unbid suit, so it would have been reasonable for Brian to lead one from his ♦K764. Instead he led a club, dummy's first-bid suit, which happened to fit best with Lucie's hand.

Compare Feb. 27, Board 14 where Brian's lead from ♣K972 found Lucie with the ace, her only high honor. Also April 5, Board 13, where Brian eschewed the lead from ♦AKQ6 and instead led from ♥K987, catching partner with AT doubleton. And May 1, Board 1, where Lucie led from ♦K954, catching partner with ♦AQ6.

February 28

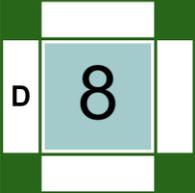
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	S Diglett	
	♠ Q9753 ♥ A2 ♦ 104 ♣ J742	
		3♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2xyxeanb>

Since Brian responded 1♥, it would have been normal for Lucie to lead a heart from ♥K93. Instead she led a high club. Note that Brian did not start an echo in the suit (standard carding according to their convention card). Nonetheless, Lucie later ascertained to give Brian a club ruff.

Compare Jan. 3, Board 6 where Brian might have led a relatively safe spade from ♠JT9, which was trump, but actually led from ♦K42 to partner's ♦Q875. Also Feb. 27, Board 9, where Lucie led from ♦K93, hitting partner with ♦AJ72.

March 7

	N dbgdsm	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQJ ♥ A52 ♦ Q106 ♣ Q1042	P P P	1NT 2♥	P P	2♦ P
W Skye007			E rbmx		
♠ 1084 ♥ 106 ♦ K853 ♣ K753			♠ K7632 ♥ KQ7 ♦ 94 ♣ A96		
	S nm_deb				
	♠ 95 ♥ J9843 ♦ AJ72 ♣ J8				
					2♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/338pxhnh>

Brian had a choice of leads. If he was trying to stay passive, he presumably would have led a diamond. Instead he chose the ♣A, finding partner with the king. Why not lead a spade from ♠K7632, which, being a longer suit, would offer the possibility of setting up or taking a trick before declarer was able to set up discards (on some layouts) for the spades?

For comparisons, see the comment for Jan. 22, Board 14.

March 22

		N rbmx	W N E S				
		♠ 8752			1♥ P		
		♥ Q53	2NT P		3♥ P		
		♦ Q102	4♥ P		P		P
		♣ J87					
W munchj			E Spurmanis				
♠ AQ104			♠ K6				
♥ 1094			♥ AKJ82				
♦ A9			♦ KJ75				
♣ AQ42			♣ 109				
							
		S Skye007					
		♠ J93					
		♥ 76					
		♦ 8643					
		♣ K653					
				4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5zxye4>

Brian might have but did not lead from ♣K653. For hands in which this pair did lead from this or a similar holding, see the comment for Jan. 17, Board 14.

April 3

D 5		N jacko6 ♠ 73 ♥ Q72 ♦ KJ107 ♣ Q1076	W	N	E	S
			P	1NT	P	1♠
			P	P	P	4♠
			P	P	P	
W Skye007 ♠ J8 ♥ KJ863 ♦ 98 ♣ J942	♦ 9		E rbmx ♠ AQ ♥ 54 ♦ Q65432 ♣ 853			
		S jegcc ♠ K1096542 ♥ A109 ♦ A ♣ AK				
			4♠ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8d56nr>

Brian might have but did not lead from ♥KJ863. For hands in which this pair did lead from KJxxx, see Feb. 12, Board 8 and Feb. 19, Board 6. Both those times partner held the ace.

April 5

11 D		N ljn120 ♠ 4 ♥ QJ105 ♦ QJ8 ♣ AKQ85	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>1♣</td><td>P</td><td>1NT</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>2♠</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>3♣</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr></tbody></table>	W	N	E	S				P	P	1♣	P	1NT	P	P	2♠	P	P	3♣	P	P
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	S amusonous ♠ K109 ♥ 73 ♦ A63 ♣ J10962																						
			3♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/ysjvp5r>

Remarkably, Lucie never raised spades, so Brian might have looked elsewhere for an opening lead. Why not a diamond from ♦KT42?

Compare Jan. 26, Board 12, as well as the hands in the comment to Jan. 17, Board 14.

April 7

D 20	N Katten49	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQ ♥ 109 ♦ KQ10952 ♣ 1076	P	1♦	2♣	X
W Skye007		P	2♦	P	3♦
♠ J52 ♥ 87652 ♦ J76 ♣ K5	♣A	P	P	P	
	S Klister3				
	♠ 10943 ♥ AQJ ♦ A43 ♣ J98				
		3♦ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/2p87c5m3>

Brian might have considered leading from ♠K876 or ♥K43, but chose to lead the ♣A from ♣AQ432, which happened to hit Lucie's only high honor.

See comparisons in the comments for Jan. 17, Board 14 and Feb. 28, Board 16.

April 14

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It wasn't normal for Lucie to lead dummy's suit. The normal lead is a diamond from ♦QT983, which holds open the possibility of setting up a trick before declarer sets up and takes pitches (on dummy's clubs on some layouts). Another hazard of leading a club is that partner, with, say, Axxx of clubs, would win and return the suit, playing the lead to be a singleton.

Compare with April 16, Board 10.

April 17

19 D		N rbmx ♠ QJ7 ♥ K10864 ♦ K ♣ AJ86	W N E S 1♣ 1♥ P P X P 2♣ P P P
W Madmaxav6 ♠ A102 ♥ AQ72 ♦ A6 ♣ KQ54	♠ J	E zmrzli88 ♠ 63 ♥ 95 ♦ Q8432 ♣ 10732	
	S Skye007 ♠ K9854 ♥ J3 ♦ J10975 ♣ 9		2♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/25zw9t4s>

Brian might have but did not lead from ♥KT864.

Compare Feb. 10, Board 12, April 5, Board 1 and May 23, Board 11.

April 21

D 4	N pernicar	W N	N E	S
	♠ KJ62 ♥ A95 ♦ 10762 ♣ Q3	1♣ P P P P	P P 2♦ P	1♦ P P
W Skye007	♣ 2	E rbmx		
♠ AQ5 ♥ Q1032 ♦ KJ ♣ J872		♠ 873 ♥ 874 ♦ 53 ♣ K10954		
	S inspades2			
	♠ 1094 ♥ KJ6 ♦ AQ984 ♣ A6			
		2♦ S		NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8t8u2w>

Lucie might have but did not lead from ♥QT32. Compare Jan. 2, Board 1, where Brian could have led from ♣JT987, (in which partner had no help) but actually led from ♦Q743, hitting partner with ♦AT965. Also May 8, Board 2, and June 2, Board 17.

April 24

		N rbmx	W N E S			
		♠ 64	P	P	1♥	P
		♥ A9	1NT	P	3♥	P
		♦ J976	4♥	P	P	P
		♣ KJ752				
W DhiruS			E derdo2005			
♠ J1097			♠ AKQ			
♥ 43			♥ KQ10875			
♦ A1082	♣ A		♦ Q5			
♣ Q106			♣ 94			
		S Skye007				
		♠ 8532				
		♥ J62				
		♦ K43				
		♣ A83				
		4♥ E		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/4np3r3sp>

Lucie might have but did not lead from ♦K43. For a hand in which this pair did lead from Kxx of a suit, see the comment for Feb. 28, Board 16.

May 1

D 17	N Skye007 ♠ AQ873 ♥ Q10983 ♦ 862 ♣	W N E S P P P P 1♣ 2♣ P 2♥ 3♣ P P 3♥ P P 4♣ P P P
W Ptboron ♠ 4 ♥ AJ52 ♦ KQ ♣ KQ10753	♠ A	E petdoug ♠ J10952 ♥ K ♦ AJ95 ♣ 864
	S rbmx ♠ K6 ♥ 764 ♦ 10743 ♣ AJ92	4♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y63vc6d3>

Lucie showed the majors, and Brian bid hearts twice. Nonetheless, Lucie eschewed the obvious heart from ♥QT983 to lead ♠A from ♠AQ873, finding Brian with the ♠K and nothing in hearts.

For comparisons, see the comment for April 14, Board 8.

May 9

D 16	N pernicar	W	N	E	S
	♠ K7 ♥ Q9743 ♦ AJ ♣ K432	P	1♥	P	1♠
W Skye007	♥A	P	2♣	P	3♣
♠ 42 ♥ K108652 ♦ 87 ♣ Q65		P	P	P	
	E rbmx				
	♠ A9853 ♥ A ♦ Q96542 ♣ 9				
	S inspades2				
	♠ QJ106 ♥ J ♦ K103 ♣ AJ1087				
		3♣ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yw3z4224>

Brian had the hand for a Michaels cuebid or possibly an overcall, but he did neither, possibly because of I/I that Lucie was short in his two suits and weak overall. It would have been totally normal for Brian to lead diamonds, the unbid suit, from ♦Q96542, but he chose his singleton ace in declarer's first suit.

Compare March 6, Board 7.

May 17

D 5		N rbmx ♠ AJ102 ♥ 94 ♦ J32 ♣ K1082	W N E S P P P P 1♣ P 1♠ P P P
W janhow11 ♠ Q975 ♥ AQ8 ♦ 98 ♣ AQ65	♦ Q	E Spurmanis ♠ K863 ♥ 763 ♦ A1076 ♣ J4	
	S Skye007 ♠ 4 ♥ KJ1052 ♦ KQ54 ♣ 973		1♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ys2ad3ej>

Lucie might have but did not lead from ♥KJT52. For hands on which this pair did lead from similar holdings, see the comment for April 3, Board 5.

May 19

14 D		N maherp				
		♠ AJ64	W	N	E	S
		♥ K1092	P	1♣	P	1♦
		♦ J3	P	1♥	P	3♥
		♣ A72	P	P	P	
W Skye007			E rbmx			
♠ 85			♠ K1093			
♥ Q876			♥ 5			
♦ K92			♦ A10875			
♣ KQ85			♣ 1064			
		S Ace400				
		♠ Q72				
		♥ AJ43				
		♦ Q64				
		♣ J93				
		3♥ N		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/3y9jyup9>

Brian might have but did not lead from ♠KT93. For hands in which this pair led from a similar holding, see the comment for Jan. 17, Board 14.

May 29

D 4	N rbmx ♠ 10654 ♥ KJ62 ♦ Q5 ♣ 852	W P 2♣ P 3♠ P P	N P P P P	E 1NT 2♠ 4♠	S P P P P
	W jenniferfa ♠ AK92 ♥ Q10 ♦ 98632 ♣ 74	♠ 8	E marc130 ♠ QJ73 ♥ 97 ♦ AK104 ♣ AQ3		
		S Skye007 ♠ 8 ♥ A8543 ♦ J7 ♣ KJ1096	4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/472s9u2d>

Lucie could have but did not lead from ♣KJT96. For hands on which this pair led from the same or a similar holding, see the comment for April 3, Board 5.

OTHER LEADS AND DEFENSE

January 22

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<https://tinyurl.com/3nnsceeb>

Lucie's lead of the ♥2 from ♥AQJ2 demonstrates I/I that partner held the king.

February 2 (7, 14)

		N tati15		W N E S			
		♠ AQ10532		P			
		♥ Q872		1♣ 2♠ P 3♠			
		♦ J		P 4♠ P P			
		♣ 84		P			
W rbmx				E Skye007			
♠ J9				♠ K			
♥ KJ3				♥ 65			
♦ K982				♦ 107653			
♣ A1062				♣ KJ973			
		S D1975					
		♠ 8764					
		♥ A1094					
		♦ AQ4					
		♣ Q5					
				4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9xbx75>

Lucie's lead of the ♣K might have been necessary to hold the lead and make a switch for partner. Combined with Lucie's failure to raise clubs, it concealed her length in the suit. After declarer misguessed/misplayed by finessing hearts into Brian, he made the very unusual decision to lead the ♦K into dummy's ♦AQ4. Why didn't he play a club instead? That would have given declarer a ruff-sluff, but how could he have known?

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	S pullo6 ♠ Q1043 ♥ 102 ♦ 93 ♣ J10985	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0																								

<https://tinyurl.com/5n755dv6>

These opponents apparently play regular Stayman after a 2NT opener or 2♣-2♦-2NT, so Palooka's 3♦ implied length in the minors, while Pullo6 might well have length only in spades. Therefore it would have been more normal for Lucie to lead a heart than a diamond. Nonetheless, she led a diamond, hitting partner's ♦Q72.

February 12

		N rbmx ♠ A ♥ KQJ763 ♦ 84 ♣ Q1076	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♦</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>2♥</td><td>2NT</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>3♦</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr></tbody></table>	W	N	E	S			1♦	P	1♠	2♥	2NT	P	3♦	P	P	P
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	S Skye007 ♠ KQ952 ♥ 10 ♦ Q2 ♣ K9853		3♦ E NS: 1 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/nzfmnd6z>

Lucie's switch to a low spade on trick 2 from ♠KQ952 suggests knowledge her partner held the ace.

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	S prestonxz1 ♠ K632 ♥ 4 ♦ J10754 ♣ J86		3♠x S NS: 0 EW: 0																								

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The lead of the ♥A from ♥AKQJ8 should be automatic here, but instead Lucie leads the dangerous ♦A which finds Brian with ♦KQ92.

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	S lynste ♠ AK4 ♥ KJ4 ♦ A53 ♣ KQ72		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/z5nnrhr>

Lucie's decision to lead a club is a mystery. She might have led any suit, though most players probably would choose spades. Since Brian didn't double 3♣ for the lead, a club theoretically was least likely to hit partner.

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<https://tinyurl.com/y mh6eau2>

It would have been normal for Lucie to bid 3NT in the pass-out seat, but on this deal, her takeout double led directly to the better game. It would not have worked so well if Brian's length and strength had been in another suit. Most players' choice of opening leads here undoubtedly would be the singleton ♦2. Instead Brian leads the unsupported ♥A, demonstrating I/I that Lucie held the ♥K.

	N Skye007 ♠ J932 ♥ 103 ♦ AJ1083 ♣ 63	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	1NT	P	2♣	P	2♠	P	2NT	P	3NT	P	P	P
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	S rbmx ♠ 864 ♥ QJ94 ♦ K7 ♣ Q742	3NT W NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/mssp38fs>

The normal lead from Lucie's diamond holding is the jack. Leading low risked giving declarer an extra trick with holdings like KQ9 opposite xx(x). But on this hand, the 4th-best lead prevented dummy's 9 from setting up on the fourth round, and strongly suggests knowledge that Brian held the ♦K.

March 20 Session #9960 (1, 2, 11)

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<https://tinyurl.com/45purkk>

With ♠QJT96, a spade lead would have been normal, but Lucie guessed to lead a club, catching partner with the king. Compare this with the lead on the following hand.

	N rbmx ♠ 974 ♥ QJ92 ♦ J1032 ♣ 42	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1NT</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S			1NT	P	2♣	P	2♠	P	2NT	P	P	P
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<https://tinyurl.com/2p97cdtn>

Unlike the previous deal, where the lead of declarer's suit could not immediately cost a trick, the spade lead (and continuation) here risked setting up an extra spade trick for declarer (if, for example, he had ♠AT93 originally). A diamond lead (or shift at trick 2) was certainly an option, but would have cost a trick. Note the lead of the ♠Q from ♠KQJ2, which is not consistent with the card indicated for this holding on their convention card. Although their convention card indicates 4th best leads with standard honor leads, this pair frequently leads second-highest from any holding, with or without an honor sequence.

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	S Skye007 ♠ 864 ♥ QJ653 ♦ 86 ♣ J105	<div style="text-align: right;">4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0</div>												

<https://tinyurl.com/4wxmkxys>

Cashing an ace (when not holding the king) on opening lead is disfavored in most circumstances because it can help declarer in numerous ways. There was nothing about the bidding on this hand that might tip Brian off to any urgency regarding cashing the ace of diamonds. However, a glimpse into partner's hand reveals a lack of values outside the trump suit. That means it could not hurt to cash the ace of diamonds and might be necessary, as it was on this layout.

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		S saryuszb ♠ ♥ AQJ108 ♦ A84 ♣ A7632	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2p863un4>

With equal length in spades and diamonds, Brian had a normal lead of a diamond (the unbid suit) versus 3NT. Instead he led spades, which declarer had bid, and caught Lucie with ♠AK86. His switch to the ♣Q at trick 3 suggests I/I of Lucie's holding as declarer easily could have held ♣KJx.

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<https://tinyurl.com/yupbhxnp>

Lucie had a normal lead of the ♠J (the unbid suit) but chose to lead from club shortness while holding trump length, catching Brian with a strong holding in clubs.

April 10 Session #59797

D 9	N DhiruS ♠ K105 ♥ AJ6 ♦ 109 ♣ AK1097	W N E S 1NT P P P
W Skye007 ♠ J732 ♥ 854 ♦ K532 ♣ 65	♦ 4	E rbmx ♠ A9 ♥ Q73 ♦ AQ84 ♣ QJ42
	S derdo2005 ♠ Q864 ♥ K1092 ♦ J76 ♣ 83	1NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/3sp8jw7n>

Brian had a choice of equal-length minors to lead and chose the one in which Lucie held her only high honor.

D 12	N rbmx	W	N	E	S
	♠ J10943 ♥ KQJ3 ♦ K ♣ Q95	1♦ 1NT	1♠ P	X P	P P
W lynste	♠ 4	E 43dubble			
♠ K752 ♥ 97 ♦ AQ63 ♣ K84		♠ 86 ♥ A1065 ♦ 98 ♣ AJ1062			
	S Skye007				
	♠ AQ ♥ 842 ♦ J107542 ♣ 73				
		1NT W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yunhmyyp>

Brian might well have led a heart, but his spade lead hit Lucie's strength. The lead of the ♠4 rather than the jack suggests he knew Lucie had strength in spades.

April 24 Session #32488 (1, 3)

D 1	N rbmx ♠ J54 ♥ K64 ♦ A10982 ♣ 98	W N E S P P P P 1♣ P 1♥ P 1♠ P 3NT P P P
W saryuszb ♠ AQ32 ♥ 83 ♦ 65 ♣ AK1043	♥K	E Badeni ♠ K86 ♥ A752 ♦ K7 ♣ J762
	S Skye007 ♠ 1097 ♥ QJ109 ♦ QJ43 ♣ Q5	3NT E NS: 1 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y3hs4c6n>

It seems improbable that Brian's switch to the ♥K from ♥K64 on trick 2 could have been made without I/I of his partner's strong heart holding, especially considering declarer had bid the suit.

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<https://tinyurl.com/4nptr3sp>

A passive spade seems much safer for Lucie on opening lead than the unsupported ♣A which finds Brian with ♣KJ752.

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	W trac921 ♠ AK10832 ♥ 64 ♦ J10 ♣ AKQ	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> ♦A </div>
	S rbmx ♠ J54 ♥ J10 ♦ K9643 ♣ 1054	4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8v4da6>

The ♦ A from ♦ AQ72 would likely be the least favorite lead for most players versus this suit contract, but it finds Brian with the ♦ K.

D 17	N Skye007 ♠ AQ873 ♥ Q10983 ♦ 862 ♣	W N E S P P P P 1♣ 2♣ P 2♥ 3♣ P P 3♥ P P 4♣ P P P
W Ptboron ♠ 4 ♥ AJ52 ♦ KQ ♣ KQ10753	♠ A	E petdoug ♠ J10952 ♥ K ♦ AJ95 ♣ 864
	S rbmx ♠ K6 ♥ 764 ♦ 10743 ♣ AJ92	4♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y63vc6d3>

Here the partnership agreed on hearts, but Lucie again leads an ace which finds her partner's king.

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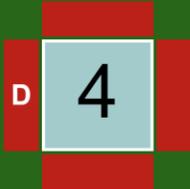
The ♠A from ♠AKJ seems like a safe lead, but Brian chooses the unsupported ♥A from ♥A8742 which lands when Lucie has a singleton.

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Declarer showed at least four spades, but Lucie still led one which found partner with all the high spots but the AK.

June 2

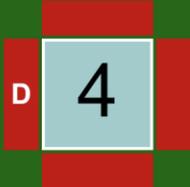
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Leading against 6♠ with the singleton ace of trump, there is no reason for a player to angle for a ruff by leading a singleton in another suit. That would be unnecessarily dangerous with no upside since the trump ace will score regardless. So Brian's club lead indicates I/I that Lucie had a strong holding in the suit.

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January 22

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<https://tinyurl.com/ypb6c664>

Brian's decision to carry on to 4♠ with his minimum-range takeout double suggests I/I that Lucie had a maximum for her 3♠ bid. After the ♦A lead, 4♠ was cold, but Lucie failed to pull all the trump and ran into a diamond ruff to go down.

January 23

D 5		N rbmx ♠ KQ843 ♥ Q ♦ A1073 ♣ AJ5	W N E S 1♠ P 1NT P 2♣ P P P
W jrm10 ♠ 1052 ♥ A52 ♦ 9864 ♣ K62			E MEG1942 ♠ AJ76 ♥ K764 ♦ K52 ♣ 83
	S Skye007 ♠ 9 ♥ J10983 ♦ QJ ♣ Q10974		2♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0

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Brian's bid of 2♣ on his second turn while holding 4 diamonds and only 3 clubs seems to be based on illicit information about his partner's pattern.

January 24

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Lucie's double of 3♣ was explained and apparently understood by Brian as showing 3-card support for clubs, although there is nothing on their convention card to back that up. Lucie's eventual jump to 6♠ without second-round control of clubs indicates that she had I/I that Brian had a singleton club.

February 6

		N wongbet123 ♠ 109742 ♥ K3 ♦ K4 ♣ AJ32	W N E S 3♦ P 1♣ 2♥ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ K3 ♥ 1095 ♦ AQ9865 ♣ 108			E rbmx ♠ AQJ5 ♥ 72 ♦ J107 ♣ KQ54
		S aviporiah ♠ 86 ♥ AQJ864 ♦ 32 ♣ 976	3♦ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6svst8>

Brian's pass of Lucie's forcing 3♦ bid demonstrates I/I that it was probably the best contract.

February 10 (2, 9, 10)

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Brian's failure to introduce hearts, as well as Lucie's failure to rebid clubs, seems to show the pair knew their best fit was diamonds even though Brian's 1♦ response only promised 4 pieces.

D 9	N rbmx ♠ 752 ♥ 9863 ♦ AJ9 ♣ K84	W N E S P P P 1NT 2♠ X P 3♥ P 4♥ P P P
W barachus ♠ AKQ984 ♥ Q54 ♦ 4 ♣ 1097	E marciashaw ♠ J10 ♥ J7 ♦ Q1087632 ♣ 65	
	S Skye007 ♠ 63 ♥ AK102 ♦ K5 ♣ AQJ32	4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yx2wvhsu>

Brian's free bid to game on a flat 8-count suggests I/I that his partner had a maximum 1NT opening.

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	S Skye007 ♠ 7 ♥ AK93 ♦ K96 ♣ K10732	2♣ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p87wu3d>

Brian's failure to bid 2♠ over RHO's 1NT with a 6-card suit suggests he had knowledge Lucie's takeout double was made without spades. Note her 2♣ bid at her second turn, which showed a much bigger hand than her actual minimum, got the pair to their best fit.

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W ninalove ♠ 95 ♥ KJ107652 ♦ 8 ♣ KJ4		E billclarke ♠ J102 ♥ 83 ♦ 104 ♣ AQ10752																				
	S Skye007 ♠ Q8763 ♥ A94 ♦ AQ97 ♣ 3	6♦ N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8wbury>

It is difficult to see how Brian's 6♦ bid could have been made without I/I about Lucie's hand.

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<https://tinyurl.com/66fvsj3n>

With a 14-count and good 5-card diamond suit, Brian's normal action over Lucie's 2NT would be to bid 3NT, since her bid implies a likely stopper in both majors. His unusual introduction of clubs seems a device to prolong the auction to game in diamonds, suggesting an exchange of I/I about their small mirrored heart doubletons.

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<https://tinyurl.com/45uznfac>

Brian's launch into Blackwood is hyperaggressive considering Lucie's raise to 4♥ could have been made on only moderate values. Here, however, he finds her with a prime 14-count and almost no wasted values.

	N Skye007 ♠ A3 ♥ Q10653 ♦ A92 ♣ AQ7	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>6♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S				1♥	P	2NT	P	4NT	P	5♣	P	6♥	P	P	P	
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	S rbmx ♠ QJ7 ♥ AK872 ♦ J63 ♣ K9	6♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/yma6hkuf>

Although it is only alerted as “heart raise”, this time 2NT is apparently Jacoby, which is marked on the McCartneys’ convention card. Brian’s launch into slam is not supported by his balanced minimum. It suggests I/I his partner had extra strength and controls.

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<https://tinyurl.com/4tuw59tx>

In this instance, 2NT is employed as a balanced invite with 10-12 HCPs and understood as such. Note that this hand and the previous one were played in the same BBO session.

D 12	N edenbrook ♠ KQ72 ♥ A1092 ♦ A3 ♣ 762	W N E S P 1♣ P 1♠ 2♦ 2♠ 3♦ 3♠ P P X P P P
	W Skye007 ♠ KQJ74 ♥ KQJ74 ♦ K1097542 ♣ 9	♣ 9
	S jegcc ♠ A1093 ♥ 86 ♦ J8 ♣ J10854	3♠x S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/49zmsxt4>

Lucie had no interest in a heart fit, and Brian seemed to know it would be ok to raise to the 3-level on ♦ Q6. Note the lead of the singleton club with a void in the trump suit.

	N Skye007 ♠ AK10974 ♥ J107 ♦ 1085 ♣ 8	W N E S 2♣ 2♠ 3♣ 1♦ P 4♠ P P P
	W carki ♠ 632 ♥ Q53 ♦ J9 ♣ AK1062	E madil123 ♠ 85 ♥ AK9642 ♦ 72 ♣ Q74
	S rbmx ♠ QJ ♥ 8 ♦ AKQ643 ♣ J953	4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/3ps7unz9>

Again, Brian raises to the 3-level on a doubleton and the pair reaches the good spade game as the hands are very well-fitting.

D 20	N Skye007 ♠ AJ10 ♥ Q1042 ♦ J6 ♣ A1094	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♦</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>5♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	P	1♣	1♦	1♠	2♦	2♠	P	3♦	X	4♠	5♦	P	P	P		
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	S rbmx ♠ K96532 ♥ A875 ♦ 3 ♣ 73	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 5♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0 </div>																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9b8k93>

Note Lucie's jump to the making 4♠ game with 3 spades and a minimum when Brian had not promised spade length.

March 20 Session #9960 (4, 8, 12, 17)

	N rbmx ♠ J3 ♥ KJ1098 ♦ AJ873 ♣ 3	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	P	P	1♣	P	1♠	P	P	X	2♠	P	P	P
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S Skye007 ♠ AK96 ♥ 732 ♦ 4 ♣ K10754	2♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0																	

<https://tinyurl.com/5dzp7742>

Lucie's takeout double with 3-1 in the unbid red suits seems unlikely to have been made without unauthorized information that it would land safely in hearts with her partner having ♥KJT98.

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<https://tinyurl.com/yc44pwbw>

Brian's 5-card 2♣ rebid with his minimal opener when Lucie had promised nothing at all suggests I/I about her club support and/or point values.

D 12	N rbmx	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q763 ♥ A8652 ♦ ♣ KJ107	1♠ P 1NT P 2♦ P P X P 2♥ 3♣ P P X P P			
W llavsky		E logic3			
♠ KJ1094 ♥ K10 ♦ KQJ97 ♣ 8		♠ 8 ♥ Q73 ♦ 842 ♣ A65432			
	S Skye007				
	♠ A52 ♥ J94 ♦ A10653 ♣ Q9				
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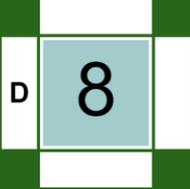
Again, Lucie makes a similar takeout double to the one seen two exhibits above, this time 3-2 in the unbid suits. It lands safely again as Brian holds the ♥A8652.

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	S Skye007 ♠ Q109872 ♥ AJ753 ♦ 9 ♣ 7		4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2bcdkwya>

Lucie's 2♥ bid did not promise game values or a very shapely hand. Brian's jump to game with his aceless 12-count opener suggests he knew about his partner's extra distribution.

March 24 Session #31068 (8, 10, 15)

	N nanmargo ♠ 6 ♥ 864 ♦ J10964 ♣ A1093	W N E S 2♠ P P X P 3♦ 3♠ P P P
	W Skye007 ♠ QJ5432 ♥ Q1072 ♦ 87 ♣ 8	E rbmx ♠ A987 ♥ AJ3 ♦ Q52 ♣ K52
	S dcolket ♠ K10 ♥ K95 ♦ AK3 ♣ QJ764	3♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2sepjx52>

Brian had the support and values to invite game in response to Lucie's 2♠ opener. His failure to do so suggests he had I/I that Lucie had a poor hand.

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<https://tinyurl.com/bdf7bu8k>

Lucie's preemptive 4♥ bid gives Brian no reason whatsoever to explore slam with his 13-count opener. This suggests Brian had I/I about Lucie's distribution and/or spade void.

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<https://tinyurl.com/yc636ahr>

Assuming Lucie was going to open the bidding at all, it would be normal for her to open 1♠, planning to rebid 2♥. Instead she opened 1♥. This fit very well with Brian's holdings in the majors.

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<https://tinyurl.com/ykjdm2z9>

Brian's delayed 3♥ bid on ♥T876532 and later compete to 5♥ seems improbable to have been made without knowledge of Lucie's pattern and high trump spots.

	N joeg89 ♠ J1083 ♥ K64 ♦ 1074 ♣ K53	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>3♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>XX</td> <td>4♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♦</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>5♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	3♥	X	XX	4♦	P	5♦	P	P	5♥	P	P	X	P	P	P		
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<https://tinyurl.com/yckwx3mp>

Considering Brian's 4♦ bid could have been made on a zero-count, Lucie's free bid of 5♦ suggests she had I/I about her partner's values.

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		S Bugsette ♠ AJ5 ♥ Q432 ♦ 96 ♣ AK85	4♣x S NS: 0 EW: 0																							

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Lucie's normal action at her second turn was to double. Her 3♠ bid suggests I/I that Brian had three spades. Note that Lucie had a normal lead of the ♠K but her selection of the ♦A did not give up a trick as partner held the king.

April 16 Session #91516 (18, 21)

18 D	N rbmx	W	N	E	S
	♠ AKJ63 ♥ J8 ♦ K3 ♣ AK86	2♦ X 2♠ X 3♦ 3NT P P 4♦ X P P			
W Ddimi		E Marekap			
♠ 2 ♥ K6 ♦ AJ108642 ♣ Q104		♠ 1098754 ♥ 10974 ♦ 7 ♣ 53			
	S Skye007				
	♠ Q ♥ AQ532 ♦ Q95 ♣ J972				
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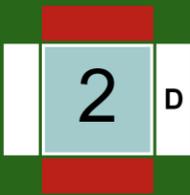
<https://tinyurl.com/43ckr27v>

No bridge player would fail to introduce Lucie's 5-card heart suit over her partner's takeout double over 2♦. This demonstrates I/I that Brian had made an off-shape double with short hearts.

D 21	N rbmx ♠ QJ743 ♥ 854 ♦ A10 ♣ 942	W N E S P P P 1♦ X P 1NT P P P
W Vlj50 ♠ A1092 ♥ K97 ♦ J7 ♣ K876		E alert773 ♠ 865 ♥ A63 ♦ K985 ♣ QJ10
	S Skye007 ♠ K ♥ QJ102 ♦ Q6432 ♣ A53	1NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2ftr5wy3>

Brian's decision not to bid with 5 spades and a 7-count suggests illicit knowledge that his partner opened a minimum and/or the two hands were fitting poorly.

		N rbmx ♠ 5 ♥ KJ87642 ♦ KJ86 ♣ 5	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>1♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>X</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>4♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♦</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	1♣	1♠	X	3♠	4♦	P	5♦	P	P	P			
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	S Skye007 ♠ KQ3 ♥ ♦ A9542 ♣ AQ643	5♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0																					

<https://tinyurl.com/45f4neay>

Most Norths would bid 2♥ or 3♥ at their first turn, but the negative double allowed the partnership to back into their big diamond fit.

		N rbmx ♠ AQ10874 ♥ Q ♦ 5 ♣ AQJ75	W N E S 1♥ X 1♦ P P 2♣ P 1♠ 2♦ P P P
W Luberc2 ♠ KJ96 ♥ 9642 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 84		E rshantz ♠ 532 ♥ AK ♦ K984 ♣ K932	
	S Skye007 ♠ ♥ J108753 ♦ A10632 ♣ 106		2♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ycymwryv>

It is difficult to determine what Lucie's intention was by taking out her partner's double to 1♠ while holding a spade void, but assuming it was some kind of misclick, Brian's decision to bid 2♣ while holding ♠AQT874 is difficult to rationalize and clearly demonstrates I/I that Lucie did not have spades.

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	S Skye007 ♠ Q85 ♥ ♦ AQJ52 ♣ Q10765	5♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/s5w7cf7r>

Brian's failure to bid 2♠ in response to Lucie's negative double is inexplicable unless he knew she only had three spades. Lucie's later jump to 5♣ suggests she had I/I that Brian had extra club length and a sound hand.

	N Goalie 44 ♠ K9652 ♥ AK10 ♦ J3 ♣ 987	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	P	1♠	P	P	2♥	P	P	P	
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	S sue543 ♠ 103 ♥ 97653 ♦ K104 ♣ A105	2♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p84ad5f>

Lucie's pass of her partner's 1♠ opener while holding an 11-count suggests I/I that Brian had a subminimal hand.

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	♠ 1084 ♥ 1042 ♦ 10753 ♣ KQ8	1NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9f95xp>

Here Brian opens 1NT with an 18-count, and Lucie passes holding a 9-count almost no player would fail to invite with, demonstrating an exchange of illicit information about the pair's lack of a stopper in spades. Even with 27 combined points, 2NT is the limit of the hand as North/South takes the first 5 spade tricks.

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Lucie has a 9-count opposite Brian's 2♣ opener, but her jump to 4♥ could have been made on as little as 3 or 4 HCPs. Brian's initiation of RKC 1430 demonstrates I/I about Lucie's values and/or undisclosed club fit. Note that her 5♦ showed zero keycards and Brian still forged ahead to 6♥.

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	S Skye007 ♠ K3 ♥ 102 ♦ J10974 ♣ AKJ9	2♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

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Lucie had a normal 2♣ bid at her second turn, but rebid diamonds on a 5-card suit, happening to catch her partner with ♦K832.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p9h947w>

Lucie had a normal club overcall, but doubled, risking that partner would bid diamonds. On this hand, however, Brian had four hearts.

EXHIBIT "B"

ADVOCATE'S HEARING PRESENTATION

McCartneys

From Review of Full Sessions

February 22, 2022

Board 13

Score 100 (42.86%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2dxh39zx>

Advocate's concern: No bridge player would lead fourth-best from this holding of ♥AKQ96 unless he or she had I/I partner held the ♥J.

D 13	N Coachie305 ♠ 6 ♥ 1042 ♦ Q10642 ♣ K753	W N E S P P P 2NT P 3NT P P P
W Skye007 ♠ Q109743 ♥ AKQ96 ♦ 5 ♣ 2	♥ 9	E rbmx ♠ 82 ♥ J5 ♦ J873 ♣ Q10964
	S me73 ♠ AKJ5 ♥ 873 ♦ AK9 ♣ AJ8	3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0

March 22, 2022

Board 13

Score -90 (80%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2v484zj4>

Advocate's concern: Brian had a choice of leads and chose the riskier one which found Lucie's ♣A and produced a ruff on trick 3.

D 13	N rbmx ♠ K82 ♥ QJ986 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ73	W N E S P P P P 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ P 2♦ P P P
W Fergus1234 ♠ A ♥ K432 ♦ AKQ84 ♣ 1096	♣3	E AvenueP ♠ J1076 ♥ A ♦ J1095 ♣ Q854
	S Skye007 ♠ Q9543 ♥ 1075 ♦ 763 ♣ A2	2♦ W NS: 0 EW: 0

April 14

Board 5

Score 200 (92.31%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p82djry>

Advocate's concern: A lead of one of the unbid suits of equal length would have been expected from Brian's holding, but he led from the suit declarer had opened, finding Lucie's \heartsuit A853 and eventually trapping declarer's \heartsuit Q.

D		N weekim	W N E S			
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		S Kashub				
		\spadesuit A943				
		\heartsuit K62				
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		\clubsuit Q6432				
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April 21, 2022

Board 10

Score 120 (53.85%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mr7439uw>

Advocate's concern: Here Brian has two bids to consider at his second turn, one being 1♠ and the other being 2♦. His actual bid of 1NT suggests I/I that the pair had no spade fit and his partner had a diamond shortness.

10 <small>D</small>	N palmerian	W N E S
	♠ AQ106 ♥ 976 ♦ KQ4 ♣ AJ7	1♥ X 1♦ P P P
W Skye007		E rbmx
♠ K72 ♥ K542 ♦ 8 ♣ KQ1098		♠ J983 ♥ AQ ♦ AJ10652 ♣ 5
	S DhiruS	
	♠ 54 ♥ J1083 ♦ 973 ♣ 6432	1NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

UNDERLEADS OF ACE-KING-QUEEN VERSUS SUIT CONTRACTS

January 8

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The top of either 3-spot black suit sequence seems more standard than the ♦8 Lucie actually led from ♦KJT8 which found Brian with the ♦Q.

February 12

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Lucie took Brian's double out to clubs, but he underled his ♥KJ872 to her ♥A.

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Lucie had a difficult choice of leads and chose the one that hit her partner's greatest strength and length.

Feb. 27

D 20	N rbmx ♠ Q42 ♥ A63 ♦ AJ98 ♣ A72	W N E S P 1NT 2♠ P P P
	W dcolket ♠ 1095 ♥ QJ1097 ♦ 43 ♣ K43	E okiedouble ♠ AKJ863 ♥ K5 ♦ 10 ♣ QJ109
	S Skye007 ♠ 7 ♥ 842 ♦ KQ7652 ♣ 865	2♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/rytur2jn>

It was normal enough for Lucie to lead a diamond, but her choice of the ♦6 indicates I/I that Brian had the ace (or jack).

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<https://tinyurl.com/5n75na59>

Brian had a difficult choice of leads and chose the one that hit Lucie's only honor. Note that only a low heart lead to the king and a diamond return defeats 4♠, an extremely improbable result achieved by this pair.

April 5

D 13		N Mjeannie8 ♠ AQ3 ♥ QJ42 ♦ J87 ♣ AJ7	W N E S 1NT P 2♥ P 2♠ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ J72 ♥ A10 ♦ 10952 ♣ 8542	♥7	E rbmx ♠ 5 ♥ K987 ♦ AKQ6 ♣ Q1096	
	S nanmargo ♠ K109864 ♥ 653 ♦ 43 ♣ K3		2♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p97j3s6>

The ♦A seems like an automatic lead, but instead Brian chose to underlead ♥K987, finding his partner with the doubleton ♥A.

OTHER LEADS AND DEFENSE

January 22

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<https://tinyurl.com/3nnsceeb>

Lucie's lead of the ♥2 from ♥AQJ2 demonstrates I/I that partner held the king.

	N Lizzy100 ♠ AQ75 ♥ 962 ♦ 83 ♣ AQ43	W N E S 1♥ P 2♥ P P X P 2♠ P P 3♥ P D 2♠ V D
	W Skye007 ♠ 1098 ♥ AKQJ8 ♦ A6 ♣ 952	
	S prestonxz1 ♠ K632 ♥ 4 ♦ J10754 ♣ J86	3♠x S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/25e9w6np>

The lead of the ♥A from ♥AKQJ8 should be automatic here, but instead Lucie leads the dangerous ♦A which finds Brian with ♦KQ92.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p863un4>

With equal length in spades and diamonds, Brian had a normal lead of a diamond (the unbid suit) versus 3NT. Instead he led spades, which declarer had bid, and caught Lucie with ♠AK86. His switch to the ♣Q at trick 3 suggests I/I of Lucie's holding as declarer easily could have held ♣KJx.

April 5

D 12	N ljn120	W	N	E	S
	♠ A7 ♥ 876 ♦ QJ106 ♣ K1072	P P P P	P 1NT 3NT P	P P P P	1♣ 2NT P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ KJ1098 ♥ 53 ♦ 432 ♣ QJ8	♠ 3	♠ Q653 ♥ QJ92 ♦ 875 ♣ 96			
	S amusonous	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0			
	♠ 42 ♥ AK104 ♦ AK9 ♣ A543				

<https://tinyurl.com/mt9svp97>

Brian had a normal ♥Q lead, but chose to lead his weaker suit, catching partner with ♠KJT98 there.

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	S njm22 ♠ A63 ♥ AK984 ♦ ♣ A9863	2♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/yupbhxnp>

Lucie had a normal lead of the ♠J (the unbid suit) but chose to lead from club shortness while holding trump length, catching Brian with a strong holding in clubs.

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<https://tinyurl.com/4nptr3sp>

A passive spade seems much safer for Lucie on opening lead than the unsupported ♣A which finds Brian with ♣KJ752.

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p8v4da6>

The ♦ A from ♦ AQ72 would likely be the least favorite lead for most players versus this suit contract, but it finds Brian with the ♦ K.

May 1

D 17	N Skye007 ♠ AQ873 ♥ Q10983 ♦ 862 ♣	W N E S P P P P 1♣ 2♣ P 2♥ 3♣ P P 3♥ P P 4♣ P D D
W Ptboron ♠ 4 ♥ AJ52 ♦ KQ ♣ KQ10753	♠ A	E petdoug ♠ J10952 ♥ K ♦ AJ95 ♣ 864
	S rbmx ♠ K6 ♥ 764 ♦ 10743 ♣ AJ92	4♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y63vc6d3>

Here the partnership agreed on hearts, but Lucie again leads an ace which finds her partner's king.

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January 23

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		<div style="background-color: lightblue; padding: 2px;"> 2♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0 </div>																

<https://tinyurl.com/2xkjhe44>

Brian's bid of 2♣ on his second turn while holding 4 diamonds and only 3 clubs seems to be based on illicit information about his partner's pattern.

February 6

2 ^D		N wongbet123 ♠ 109742 ♥ K3 ♦ K4 ♣ AJ32	W N E S 3♦ P 1♣ 2♥ P P P
W Skye007 ♠ K3 ♥ 1095 ♦ AQ9865 ♣ 108			E rbmx ♠ AQJ5 ♥ 72 ♦ J107 ♣ KQ54
	S aviporiah ♠ 86 ♥ AQJ864 ♦ 32 ♣ 976		3♦ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6svst8>

Brian's pass of Lucie's forcing 3♦ bid demonstrates I/I that it was probably the best contract.

February 10

	N rbmx ♠ J86532 ♥ 74 ♦ A3 ♣ J86	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			1♦	X	1NT	P	P	2♣	P	P	P	
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W barachus ♠ A1094 ♥ QJ2 ♦ 852 ♣ 954		E marciashaw ♠ KQ ♥ 10865 ♦ QJ1074 ♣ AQ																
	S Skye007 ♠ 7 ♥ AK93 ♦ K96 ♣ K10732	2♣ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p87wu3d>

Brian's failure to bid 2♠ over RHO's 1NT with a 6-card suit suggests he had knowledge Lucie's takeout double was made without spades. Note her 2♣ bid at her second turn, which showed a much bigger hand than her actual minimum, got the pair to their best fit.

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	S Skye007 ♠ Q8763 ♥ A94 ♦ AQ97 ♣ 3	6♦ N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8wbury>

It is difficult to see how Brian's 6♦ bid could have been made without I/I about Lucie's hand.

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S DhiruS ♠ Q1043 ♥ KQ74 ♦ 4 ♣ 10953		5♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0																						

<https://tinyurl.com/66fvsj3n>

With a 14-count and good 5-card diamond suit, Brian's normal action over Lucie's 2NT would be to bid 3NT, since her bid implies a likely stopper in both majors. His unusual introduction of clubs seems a device to prolong the auction to game in diamonds, suggesting an exchange of I/I about their small mirrored heart doubletons.

Feb. 28

D 13	N madil123	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ7654 ♥ 84 ♦ 64 ♣ K84	4♥ 5♥ P	2♠ P P	3♥ 4NT 6♥	P P P
W Skye007		E rbmx			
♠ A9 ♥ J65 ♦ AK102 ♣ Q975		♠ K82 ♥ AKQ1093 ♦ QJ5 ♣ 2			
	S carki				
	♠ 103 ♥ 72 ♦ 9873 ♣ AJ1063				
				6♥ E	NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/45uznfac>

Brian's launch into Blackwood is hyperaggressive considering Lucie's raise to 4♥ could have been made on only moderate values. Here, however, he finds her with a prime 14-count and almost no wasted values.

	N Skye007 ♠ A3 ♥ Q10653 ♦ A92 ♣ AQ7	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>P</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>6♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S				1♥	P	2NT	P	4NT	P	5♣	P	6♥	P	P	P	
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	S rbmx ♠ QJ7 ♥ AK872 ♦ J63 ♣ K9	6♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/yma6hkuf>

Although it is only alerted as “heart raise”, this time 2NT is apparently Jacoby, which is marked on the McCartneys’ convention card. Brian’s launch into slam is not supported by his balanced minimum. It suggests I/I his partner had extra strength and controls.

March 2

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	S rbmx ♠ AKQ94 ♥ 87 ♦ AK105 ♣ 98	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/4tuw59tx>

In this instance, 2NT is employed as a balanced invite with 10-12 HCPs and understood as such. Note that this hand and the previous one were played in the same BBO session.

D 12	N edenbrook ♠ KQ72 ♥ A1092 ♦ A3 ♣ 762	W N E S P 1♣ P 1♠ 2♦ 2♠ 3♦ 3♠ P P X P P P
	W Skye007 ♠ ♥ KQJ74 ♦ K1097542 ♣ 9	♣ 9
	S jegcc ♠ A1093 ♥ 86 ♦ J8 ♣ J10854	3♠x S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/49zmsxt4>

Lucie had no interest in a heart fit, and Brian seemed to know it would be ok to raise to the 3-level on ♦ Q6. Note the lead of the singleton club with a void in the trump suit.

	N joeg89 ♠ J1083 ♥ K64 ♦ 1074 ♣ K53	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>3♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>XX</td> <td>4♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♦</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>5♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>D</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	3♥	X	XX	4♦	P	5♦	P	P	5♥	P	P	X	P	D	D		
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	S dcolket ♠ 964 ♥ AQJ10985 ♦ 3 ♣ J8	5♥x S NS: 0 EW: 0																								

<https://tinyurl.com/yckwx3mp>

Considering Brian's 4♦ bid could have been made on a zero-count, Lucie's free bid of 5♦ suggests she had I/I about her partner's values.

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		S Bugsette ♠ AJ5 ♥ Q432 ♦ 96 ♣ AK85																								
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Lucie's normal action at her second turn was to double. Her 3♠ bid suggests I/I that Brian had three spades. Note that Lucie had a normal lead of the ♠K but her selection of the ♦A did not give up a trick as partner held the king.

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	S Skye007 ♠ ♥ J108753 ♦ A10632 ♣ 106		2♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0																				

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It is difficult to determine what Lucie's intention was by taking out her partner's double to 1♠ while holding a spade void, but assuming it was some kind of misclick, Brian's decision to bid 2♣ while holding ♠AQT874 is difficult to rationalize and clearly demonstrates I/I that Lucie did not have spades.

April 24

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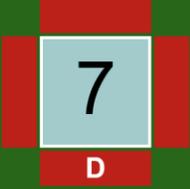
Brian's failure to bid 2♠ in response to Lucie's negative double is inexplicable unless he knew she only had three spades. Lucie's later jump to 5♣ suggests she had I/I that Brian had extra club length and a sound hand.

	N Goalie 44 ♠ K9652 ♥ AK10 ♦ J3 ♣ 987	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	P	1♠	P	P	2♥	P	P	P	
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	S sue543 ♠ 103 ♥ 97653 ♦ K104 ♣ A105	2♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p84ad5f>

Lucie's pass of her partner's 1♠ opener while holding an 11-count suggests I/I that Brian had a subminimal hand.

May 16

	N rbmx	W N E S
	♠ J87 ♥ AJ73 ♦ K832 ♣ 32	P 1♥ P P P P P 1♦ 2♦
W ChicoV		E dond01
♠ Q109 ♥ Q96 ♦ AQ65 ♣ Q84		♠ A6542 ♥ K854 ♦ ♣ 10765
	S Skye007	
	♠ K3 ♥ 102 ♦ J10974 ♣ AKJ9	
		2♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9y8ytp>

Lucie had a normal 2♣ bid at her second turn, but rebid diamonds on a 5-card suit, happening to catch her partner with ♦K832.