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This Week in Bridge

Balancing – Hand Evaluation and Re-Evaluation

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Balancing

- Last line of defense – if we pass it out everything is over...
- Who can make what?
 - Can the make a game?
 - Can we make a game?
 - Can we make a part-score?
 - Can they make a part-score?
 - Can they get to a better contract?
 - 1m P P __?
 - Are they better in 1NT
 - Vulnerability

Evaluation

- HCP
 - Borrow a King from Partner
 - Defense
 - Types of HCP
 - Aces and Kings – stretch
 - Queens and Jacks – be careful
- Shape
 - Shapely hands want to compete, but they need HCP to do so.
 - Weak hands Pass it out
- Holding in Opponent's Suit
 - Shortness – Singleton or Void
 - What can we make
 - What can they make
 - Three cards
 - Xxx
 - Vs Hxx or HHx
 - Length

