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This Week in Bridge

Balancing – Balancing Overcalls and Doubles

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Balancing Overcalls

- Overcalling a 5-card Suit
 - Major Suits
 - Minor Minors
- Overcalling a 6-card Suit
- Overcalling Longer Suits
- Defense vs. Offense
 - Convertible Values
- Balancing Over Different Suits
 - o 1CPP__?
 - o 1D P P __?
 - o 1HPP__?
 - o 1SPP__?

Balancing Doubles

- Takeout Doubles
 - Support for all the unbid suits
 - o How many HCP?
 - 10 HCP?
 - 9 HCP?
 - Convertible values.
- Overcall vs. Double
 - o **5431**
 - o 5-card minor vs. 5-card Major
 - Suit Quality
 - Positional Values