

Improve your Bridge by reviewing these interesting deals from the club.

I am going to start posting one interesting hand from the club game each night in an effort to help you and your partner with your post-mortems. Fearghal

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The value of Suit Texture

<p style="margin: 0;">♠ 64 ♥ A965 ♦ KQJ5 ♣ 632</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ AK107 ♠ J83 ♥ 2 ♥ KQJ1073 ♦ 42 ♦ 96 ♣ AKQ954 ♣ 87</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ Q952 ♥ 84 ♦ A10873 ♣ J10</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">HCP</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">10</td> <td style="width: 50%;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>♣</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♠</th> <th>NT</th> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>	HCP		10	7	16	7	7		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Everyone will make 10 tricks here but not many will bid to 4♥.</p> <p>Both players have a lot in reserve – West has all her points in Ace and Kings and she has all her points in her two long suits - yet it's hard to fault her for not rebidding a game forcing 2♠ on the second round to show a hand worth 19+.</p> <p>Equally well East's hand is worth a lot more than 7 points because she too has all her points in her long suit. Yet again it's hard to fault her for not bidding the invitational 3♥ bid at her second turn showing 11-12.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass
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Slam Bidding

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She has 5 good trumps, she has 3 aces, she has a singleton in the opponent's suit and she knows that her side also has a 5-3 Diamond fit.

West checks for Keycards and discovers that she is missing one Keycard so she stops in a small slam. There is nothing to the play and everyone makes at least 12 tricks.

Is South worth a 2♣ overcall – yes she is – her hand passes the Suit Quality Test. If she doesn't overcall she won't get Club lead and declarer will make 13 tricks! Maybe 6♠ would be easier to bid if South doesn't come in?

So how many of the 20 tables bid the Slam? Not one – so don't feel too bad.

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Disciplined Bidding

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 652 ♥ AK8765 ♦ 43 ♣ 62</p> <p>♠ A983 ♠ QJ107 ♥ QJ2 ♥ 1093 ♦ AK6 ♦ 975 ♣ AJ7 ♣ 1085</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K4 ♥ 4 ♦ QJ1082 ♣ KQ943</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	HCP		7		19	3	11		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	-	-	-	-	-	S	1	1	-	-	-	E	-	-	1	1	1	W	-	-	1	1	1	<p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dbl</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>A number of E/W's bid too high on this one e.g. 4♠-4 and worse. Is South worth an opening bid? Yes – she has 11 HCP and 2 good five card suits.</p> <p>West doubles to show her good hand. North responds 1♥. Now East is off the hook. East does not have to bid. If North had passed then East would have had to bid. So if East does bid here, she is saying that she wants to bid and that she has 7+ HCP.</p> <p>South rebids 2♣ showing her second suit and now West can either 'double' again to show her very good hand or bid 2NT to show 19+.</p> <p>If you managed to stay at or below 2NT by E/W – then you did well and you got a good % score.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♦	Dbl	1♥	Pass	2♣	2NT	All Pass		
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