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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▲64 Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all ♥A965 North West East South ♦ KQJ5 1 🎝 Pass 1 🗸 Pass *****632 ▲AK107 ▲J83 1♠ Pass 2 🗸 All Pass ♥2 **v**KQJ1073 **♦**42 **•**96 AKQ954 Everyone will make 10 tricks here but not many will bid to *****87 ▲Q952 4♥. ♥84 Both players have a lot in reserve – West has all her points ♦ A 10873 in Ace and Kings and she has all her points in her two long **4** J 10 HCP Makeable contracts suits - yet it's hard to fault her for not rebidding a game 💘 🔺 NT * 🔶 forcing 2. on the second round to show a hand worth 19+. 10 Ν -16 7 S -Equally well East's hand is worth a lot more than 7 points Е 7 -W 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.

The value of Suit Texture

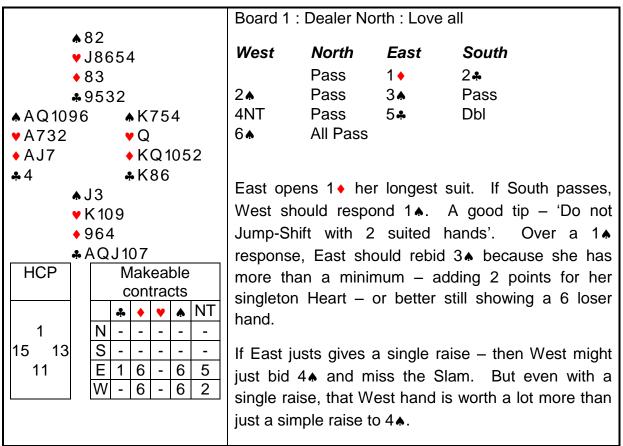
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1**v** or 4**v**

▲K832	Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable			nerable
▼ J 105	West	North	East	South
• K98	mest	Pass	∠ ust 4♥	All Pass
• K85		Fd55	4 🗸	All Pass
▲ J954 ▲ -				
♥7 ♥AKQ9843		Come will open 1 a come will open a Strong 2 a others		
◆J654 ◆A73		Some will open 1, some will open a Strong 2, others		
♣AQ102 ♣763	might even open a Strong 2.			
▲ AQ1076				
♥62	But 4 vesems about right because you know it's where you			
◆Q102	want to end up and the opening does describe the hand			
♣ J94	pretty well about 8 playing tricks but not very strong in			
HCP Makeable contracts	defence.			
* * V * NT				
10 <u>N</u> 8 13 <u>S</u>	If you open 1 v the opponents will be in 3 before you know			
8 13 <u>S</u> 9 <u>E</u>	it and you will probably end up bidding $4 \checkmark$ anyway. However if they go onto $4 \blacktriangle$ they will get out for 3 down (- 500) and a good sacrifice against your 620.			
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Slam Bidding



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.

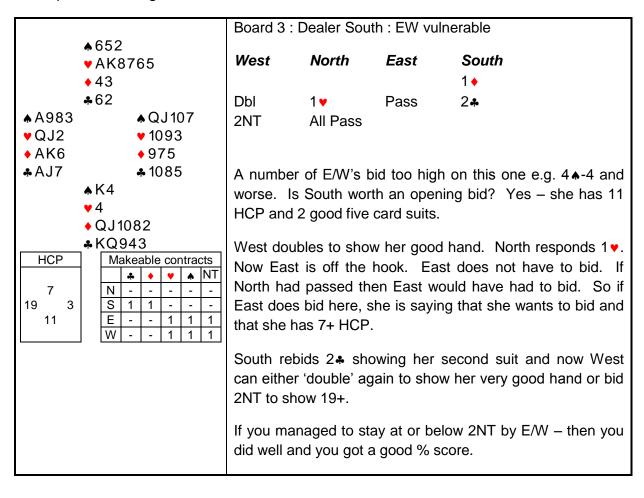
West checks for Keycards and discovers that she is missing one Keycard so she stops in a small slam. There is nothing to the play and everyone makes at least 12 tricks.

Is South worth a 2.4 overcall – yes she is – her hand passes the Suit Quality Test. If she doesn't overcall she won't a get Club lead and declarer will make 13 tricks! Maybe 6.4 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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