

Bidding a Distributional Hand by Steve Moese

Tues Oct 7 – Here’s a hand where the 149ers and the Open game disagreed. What can we learn? South has a 4-loser

Board 3	♠ AQ10	♠ 98532				
South	♥ A10842	♥ K53				
Deals	♦ A10963	♦ QJ				
E-W Vul	♣ —	♣ J32				
♠ J4	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K76
N						
W	E					
S						
♥ QJ976		♥ —				
♦ 742		♦ K85				
♣ 1074		♣ AKQ9865				
NS 7N; 7♦;						
7♣; 5♠; 3♥						

hand. Some open this 2♣. We recommend 1♣ because we lack 4 QTs and we need lots of information from partner to choose best strain and level. West will pass (some aggressive Wests will insert 2♥!). North has a very nice hand after partner opens. 1♥ is enough for now. East passes and South has a

classic 3♣ rebid. EW will pass here forward. North can mark time with 3♦ and South might venture 3NT, protecting the pointed suit Kings. North makes a SLAM TRY by bidding 4♦ - showing a 5-5 pattern.

	S	W	N	E
1♣	P	1♥	P	
3♣	P	3♦	P	
3N	P	4♦	P	
4♠	P	4N	P	
5♥	P	5N	P	
6N!	AP			

South accepts ♦s by control bidding the ♠K. (Advanced bidding allows control bidding on any 1st or 2nd round control below the level of game. 4N is 1430 and 5♥ shows 2 key cards w/o the ♦Q. North announces all 5 Keycards. South now chooses among 6♣, 6♦, 6N, and 7♣. 7♣ shows a long running suit (not missing J10xxxx). With the ♦Q unknown, 6N is a common Match Point choice. Some say 7N shows 3 or 4 Kings. Not prudent here. See below.

Opening Lead - East will likely lead a top ♠ against 6N, avoiding the risk that a black suit sets up a trick, and revealing the !QJ doubleton – a poor defensive holding on this bidding.

The Play - Declarer can count 9 top tricks with the potential to develop tricks in ♣ and ♦. ♠ and ♥ offer no chance at extra tricks. The best line is to Win the opening lead in North (declarer’s hand) and play a ♦ toward Dummy (South). The fall of the ♦ honor should indicate a restricted choice finesse is odds on. But before putting all our eggs in one basket, our job as declarer is to take all our chances – every one of them. Play on ♣ top down. When ♠’s split 3-3 we no longer have the need to tackle the 2nd round question in ♦. We have 13 tricks. Count them!

Post Mortem –Experienced pairs will reach some slam. 13 Tricks depends on a 3-3 ♣ break or ♣ J10 (8 cases - 37.4%) or ♦ playing for 5 tricks (♦Q tight EW, or Singleton honor in W - 4 cases - only 12.4%). Combining changes yields: 37.4 % + 12.4% (62.6%) = **45.2%** - a POOR Grand Slam.

9/30 – Future Master Leaders/Unit Champs

1st OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones** (75.3%) 
2nd OA: **Al & Janet Venosa** (61.1%)



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Grand slams at MPs need more than a 50-50 chance. True odds depend on the field. In a weak field, a small SLAM wins the pot. In a strong field you might need the higher scoring small slam (NT). The Open game bid slam 4 of 5 times. The 149’er didn’t bid 1 slam. With strength for Slam, control bidding (leave space available for this) can help identify whether 2 quick losers exist. Key card asks keep us out of bad slams. Avoiding GS when percentages are poor is a winning bridge. Go with the odds. Prefer NT over the minor at Match Point Pairs. Choose the safer slam at IMPs/Teams.

Bd 3	Scores		Mps	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
7♦ N	1440		4	0
6 NT S	1020		2.5	1.5
6 NT N	1020		2.5	1.5
6♣ S	940		1	3
3 NT S	490		0	4
3 NT S	520		4	0
5♣ S	440		1.5	2.5
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5♣ S	440		1.5	2.5
5♣ S	440		1.5	2.5

Newcomer News – by Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007

This Saturday Lorna Davis, Bob Fisk and Pam Campbell will be running the 10am game. This week we look at a hand where game is possible even though the opponents open and respond in the bidding.

Board 18 ♠ A1063

East ♥ K974

Deals ♦ A9

N-S Vul ♣ K75

♠ KQ		♠ 2
♥ 32		♥ AJ1086
♦ K7432		♦ 1065
♣ QJ83		♣ 10962

NS 5♠; ♠ J98754

3N; ♥ Q5

2♥; 1♦; ♦ QJ8

1♣ ♣ A4

Board 18 (Friday 10/7)

Bidding – West in third seat opened the bidding at our table a little light with 1♦. North with 14 HCP and support for the other suits, especially the majors, made a takeout double. East with only 5 HCP and five good hearts decided to make life interesting with a weak jump shift to 2♥ (0-5 HCP, 6 hearts). Sure they were short a heart but with vulnerability in their favor they choose to take up bidding space from the opponents. South has 10 HCP and 6 spades. South should count on a spade fit given partner’s takeout double and give themselves 13 support points (10 HCP, 2 for extra trump, 1 for the club doubleton). Partner (North) is promising an opening hand so 4♠ should be a great place to play even if they only have 3 card spade support.

Play of the Hand – On a ♥3 lead (leading partner’s suit) declarer (South) has 4 losers (1♠, 1♥, 2♦). One of your diamonds can be ruffed in dummy and when the diamond finesse also works you only have two losers or 11 tricks for +650.

Post Mortem – When partner promises support and an opening hand, do not be afraid to count support points and bid to game when you have the values.

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 18	NS	EW	NS	EW
4♠ S	680		4	0
4♠ S	650		2	2
4♠ S	650		2	2
5♠ S	650		2	2
3♠ S	200		0	4
4♠ S	650		3.5	0.5
Pass	650		3.5	0.5
2♠ S	200		1	3
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