

Bidding Challenges

by Steve Moese Tues Eve Nov 11

Board 4 ♠ KJ6
West ♥ K53
Deals ♦ A62
Both Vul ♣ K953

♠ A10	N	♠ Q98
♥ QJ74	W	♥ A1062
♦ K109543	E	♦ QJ
♣ 8	S	♣ J1062

EW 4♥; 4♦; ♠ 75432
1N; NS 1♠; ♥ 98
1♣ ♦ 87
♣ AQ74

We hear “Don’t open a weak two with a side 4-card major”. Here’s a hand that proves the point. West has 3 logical choices: Pass, 1♦ and 2♦(weak). If all you count is HCP, 2♦ will appeal. If you don’t open a weak 2 with a side 4-card

major Pass might seem right. If you believe a 10 HCP hand with 1 ½ Quick Tricks and 6 losers (21½ on the rule of 22) then you’ll open 1♦, justifying your choice by the two 10’s you hold. Pass will get you to ♥s (the best strain) and only 1♦ will get you to 4♥ - a lucky contract that makes this time. The field played at the 2-level. With EW holding two 8-card fits, the expected number of total tricks in the hand is (2SF+2): (8+8)+2=18. If they make 9 tricks we make 9 tricks. Bid to the 3 level. Of course, EW must know they have two 8- card fits before bidding on.

Board 3 – South will open 1♣ (preparing a 2♥ reverse). West overcalls 1♦ (2♦ is a big underbid-West has 3 control cards) North should bid 1♥. [After 1♣ -1♦, a **negative double** shows **BOTH** majors (the only auction where this is true) and a 1 Major bid promises 4 cards and 5+ HCP]. North’s hand is worth 7-8

Board 3 ♠ K63
South ♥ Q987
Deals ♦ 86532
E-W Vul ♣ 8

♠ J10	N	♠ 987542
♥ K43	W	♥ 62
♦ AJ10974	E	♦ Q
♣ K5	S	♣ QJ107

NS 4♥; 2♣;
EW 1♠

♠ AQ
♥ AJ105
♦ K
♣ A96432

support points for a major. South reevaluates—the ♦K is worthless. There are only 5 losers. If North has a 9 loser hand or better, game is likely. South is worth 18 Support Points for ♥s. Jump to 4♥. Swap the ♦K with the ♣9 and a more aggressive 3♦ jump would be right (splinter in support of ♥). Notice how complimentary shortness (S in ♦, N in ♣) allows extra tricks (cross ruffs).

Board 7 – Whether you are in slam or not, play this hand for the maximum tricks. If you play Puppet or 5-card Stayman,

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S	W	N	E
P	P	2N	P
3♣	P	3♠	P
4♣	P	4♦	P
4♠	P	?	

there is one more round of

Board 7 ♠ A1095
South ♥ AQJ
Deals ♦ AQJ
Both Vul ♣ Q76

bidding to identify the ♠ fit. 4♣ is more useful as a natural slam try than Gerber. If you want Aces, bid Gerber immediately. Whether you bid 4♣ or 6♣ the play is the same good technique in the black suits. Assume a ♦ lead (a ♣ or ♠ is

♠ J4	N	♠ K86
♥ 6542	W	♥ K987
♦ 643	E	♦ 109875
♣ 10982	S	♣ K

NS 6♠; 5N; ♠ Q732
5♣; 2♥; ♥ 103
N 4♦; S 2♦ ♦ K2
♣ AJ543

easy for South). Win the ♦K and attack ♠ first. Low to the ♠10 is best, intending to finesse later if East wins an honor. East wins ♠K and returns a ♦. Now attack ♣ by leading the ♣6. Win the ♣K - assume it’s honest. Lead the ♠2. When West plays the ♠J, draw trump and ruff out the ♣10. Make 12 tricks. You play so beautifully.

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