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Fairlawn Bridge Club

Board 9	♠ 10
North Deals	♥ J 10 9 7
E-W Vul	♦ 9 4 3
	♣ J 10 8 5 3
♠ AK 8	♠ Q J 7 6 5 4 2
♥ A 8 2	♥ K 6 3
♦ A 10 5	♦ K
♣ AK Q 9	♣ 7 4
	♠ 9 3
	♥ Q 5 4
	♦ Q J 8 7 6 2
	♣ 6 2

EW 7N; EW 7♠; EW 4♥; EW 5♣; EW 2♦;
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Be sure to count your tricks when you are given information. Hand # 9 at the Fairlawn Game on 1/18/18 presents a counting lesson for West. After North passes, East opens 3 Spades and South passes. Count your tricks West: Spades 7; Hearts 1; Diamonds 1; Clubs 3. That is 12 tricks if partner only has a 7 cards spade suit and nothing else. Be sure to check for Kings. The auction should be:

P - 3S - P - 4NT

P - 5C - P - 5NT

P - 5H - P - 7NT

7 card spade suit and 2 kings - looks like 14 tricks. Grand Slam was only bid twice - once in Spades and once in NT. Don't give in so quickly West.