

February 2018 Hand of Month

Fairlawn Bridge Club

Board 10 ♠ AK 9 6 2
East Deals ♥ 4
Both Vul ♦ AK 10 6 2
 ♣ 3 2

♠ 10 3 ♥ 9 8 7 2 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ Q J 10 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q ♥ Q J 10 6 5 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ 9 4
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♠ J 8 7 5 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A K 8 6 5

At the Fairlawn game on 2/13/18 hand # 10 created an interesting "Cue Bid" series.

If East deals and passes, South will open 1S and the North hand should be thinking Slam since there are probably no Spade losers. The auction should proceed:

1S - P - 2D - P

3C - P - 3S - P

4C - P - 4D - P

4H - P - 4NT - P

5H - P - 5NT - P

7H

After the 3S bid, North needs to know about the two worthless suits in the minors before taking action. 4C is Ace of Clubs, 4D is Ace of diamonds, 4H is Ace of Hearts, 4NT is Key Card Blackwood, 5H is two Aces and no Queen, 5NT asks for Kings (this can only be done when all 5 Key cards are accounted for). Using Specific Kings bid the suit of the King you have. But if you have 2 or more Kings, bid the Grand Slam. This last understanding is mine. More scientific bidders bid their Kings in order of suit. I feel 2 kings is sufficient for partner.

If East opens 2H, South should overcall 2S. Overcalling bad suits like this can only be done when you have a good hand, which South has. Then the auction would be:

2H - 2S - P - 3H

P - 4C - P - 4D

etc. - same as above.