

April 2018 Hand of the Month

Fairlawn Bridge Club

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At the Fairlawn game on April 10, 2018 hand # 14 is an example of defending against a 1NT overcall. The auction should proceed with East opening 1S and South overcalling 1NT. West has just one bid: DOUBLE!

When an opponent overcalls 1NT, there is only one way to show a good hand and that is Double. South will probably take 4 tricks for a plus 500 for East/West. When West doubles, East - you have no decision to make. You must pass.

Therefore, after a 1NT overcall, any new suit bid is not forcing. It shows a weak hand with a long suit.

For example:

1S - 1NT - 2D

This 2D bid would be weak and show a long diamond suit. Non-forcing.