

September, 2018 Hand of the Month

Fairlawn Bridge Club

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

When you are responding to a Take Out Double, be sure to jump if you have 8 points or more - especially if you have a 5 card suit.

The South hand at the Fairlawn game on board #2 (9/6/18) is a good example. West opens 1H and North makes a take-out double followed by a Pass by East. Since South has 8 points and a 5 card spade suit, be sure to jump to 2S. North's double in most cases will advertise a 4 card spade suit and opening values. In this case North has an easy bid of 4S. This contract was only reached one time on that day. If South's hand had a six card spade suit, just bid 4S immediately.

Remember- once a partner has made a take-out double, they are not required to bid again. Responder must bid their cards!!!