


October, 2018 Hand of the Month

<p>Board 15 South Deals N-S Vul</p>	<p>♠ A 10 9 6 4 3 ♥ — ♦ A 10 8 5 4 ♣ A 7</p>	
<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ Q J 7 3 2 ♣ 3 2</p>		<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ K J 10 7 3 2 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ J 5</p>
	<p>♠ K J 2 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ — ♣ K Q 10 9 8 6 4</p>	

After partner makes a preemptive bid, do you play a new suit as forcing? If you do not you should reconsider. At the Fairlawn game on 10/23/18 hand #15 is a good example. Assume South opens 3C. The North hand is actually very good for partner since the hand has "four" first round controls: 3 Aces and a void. Slam is a possibility, but game is a MUST. Playing Raise Only Non Force (RONF) over preempts North can bid 3S hoping partner may have a Spade fit (asking for 3 card support in Spades). So South would raise 3S to 4S. Presumably we know partner has 10 black cards from this auction and a good Club suit. A Spade slam or a Club slam is very possible.

Another question on this hand is whether South has a preempt. With 3 card support in both majors and an outside void and a good Club suit, a 1C opener should be considered. Be sure to do one or the other.