

November 2018 Hand of the Month

<p>Board 4 West Deals Both Vul</p>	<p>♠ 43 ♥ J65 ♦ A1063 ♣ AK93</p>	<p>♠ KJ109 ♥ AK ♦ Q9875 ♣ Q5</p>									
<p>♠ AQ8752 ♥ Q10873 ♦ K2 ♣ —</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 6 ♥ 942 ♦ J4 ♣ J1087642</p>
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Cue bids are extremely important in many cases - particularly slam bidding. On October 25 at the Fairlawn Game hand # 4 is a good example. Possible auction:

1S - P - 2NT - P

4C - P - 4H - P

5C - P - 5H - P

6S

2NT is Jacoby, 4C shows a void, 4H is 1st round control in Hearts, 5C still cue bidding, 5H 2nd round control in Hearts - that is all West needed since West has 2nd round control in Diamonds - 6S.

North may not be quiet so the auction may go:

1S - X - 2NT - P

3C - P - 3H - P

4C - P - 4H - P

6S

2NT is limit raise or better in Spades, 3C is Cue bid showing a control in Clubs, 3H is a cue bid showing 1st round control in Hearts, 4C shows 1st and second round control in Clubs, 4H shows 2nd round control in Hearts - that is all West needed - 6S.

Without Cue Bids this is an impossible slam to bid.