

February 2019 Hand of Month

Firestone-Cathy's DBC

Board 1	♠ K J 10 8 5 2	
North Deals	♥ Q	
None Vul	♦ 4	
	♣ J 10 9 7 3	
♠ A 9 7		♠ 3
♥ K J 10 6		♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 6		♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 5		♣ K 4
		♠ Q 6 4
		♥ 8 7 4 2
		♦ K 8
		♣ A Q 6 2

At the Monday Night game on February 4, 2019 - hand # 1 presents an interesting bid and play of hand. You have probably heard of "dummy reversal". Here is how it works on this hand. The auction:

2S - P - 3S - X

P - 4H All Pass

After a weak 2 bid by North, South made a good "further the preempt" bid of 3S. That makes West's bid more difficult, but X is a good bid. East should make the Match Point bid of 4H rather than 4D.

The play: South leads a Spade won by West. A small heart is led and East gets a surprise of a singleton Queen by North. Next a diamond is played and the finesse is taken (this is getting better and better). Now comes the play to start a dummy reversal - ruff a Spade. A diamond again and ruff another Spade with the 9. East's last heart is played to pull trump. While trumps are being played, East can discard the Club suit and claim the rest with the good Diamond suit. Declarer is able to discard losers while

dummy is pulling trump - thus a dummy reversal!