

April 2019 Hand of the Month

Quirk DBC

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q		
♥ 10 9 6 4 3		
♦ J 5 3		
♣ K 5 3 2		
♠ K 4 3 2		♠ 8 6 5
♥ A 8		♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10 7 6		♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 4		♣ A 9 8 7 6
♠ A J 10 9 7		
♥ K Q J 5		
♦ A K 9		
♣ 10		

Quirk Open game of April 16, 2019 hand # 8 is a good example of take-out doubles and responses. The auction should be West opening 1D:

1D - P - P - X

P - 1H - P - 2D

The double by South could be many hands, but when North bids a suit that South has strong support for, South must be careful. North may have little or nothing. So a Jump to 4H is wrong. But a Q bid tells North I have a great hand for you - like 19 points in evaluation. Tell me more. North now evaluates the given hand. North could be zero but the good points are 6 points, and a 5 card heart suit. South is advertising a really good hand so be sure to show yours. North's bid should be 4 H.

If North's hand was XX XXXX XXX XXXX the next bid after South's Q bid would be 2H.