

## May 2019 Hand of the Month

When you are responding to a Take-out Double, remember partner is inviting you into the auction with support for the unbid suits. If you have a weak or boring hand, make the least available bid. If you have values or a long suit, be sure to show it by jumping. At the Fairlawn Game on May 16 2019 the North hand on # 16 is a good example. The auction on this hand is:

1C - P - 1D - X

2C - ?

**Board 16**  
West Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ K 7 6 3 2											
♥ K Q 9 6											
♦ 10 9 2											
♣ 10											
♠ Q 5 4		♠ 8									
♥ 5		♥ J 7 4 3									
♦ K 8		♦ Q J 7 6 5 4 3									
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If your hand is Qxxx Kxx Qxx Jxx on the above auction you should bid 2S. This is a boring 8 point hand. You should bid freely since partner has Spades. **However, the hand on Board 16 was not boring.** It had length, "working values" and a singleton: Kxxxx KQxx xxx x. Be sure to jump as your response - 3S. Partner will easily bid 4S. If you did not jump, partner will settle for a part score. The example hand has 8 points, but boring. The hand that day had 8 points but far from boring.