

## August 2019 Hand of the Month

Dir: N		
Vul: None		K 10 7 6
		J 6 4 3
6		10 7 3
14 11		Q 3
9		
2		AQ 5
AK 10		8 7 5 2
QJ 6 2		A 9 8
A 10 9 8 2		J 5 4
		J 9 8 4 3
		Q 9
		K 5 4
		K 7 6

From the Quirk Open game of 8/13/19 Hand # 1 illustrates some bidding understandings. There are three Passes to West. Many partnerships will open the West hand 1D so that they have an easy rebid of 2C (opening 1C and rebid 2D would show a "Reverse"). So the auction should go:

P - P - P - 1D

P - 1H - P - 2C

P - 2NT - P - 3H

Here is the understanding of this auction: the 2NT bid is invitational (showing good 10 to 11) asking West if they have a good opener (14+). If West had a weaker opener, they should Pass. In this case they would accept the invite and bid 3NT. But just in case East has a 5 card heart suit, they accept by bidding 3H showing a 3 card heart suit. This 3H bid can only be made if they are "accepting" the invite. With the given hand East would bid 3NT. Double finessing Clubs creates 9 tricks - for a very good score.