

October 2019 Hand of Month

Dir: S				19
Wut: EW	J 10			
	8 2			
5	J 10 6			
13 12	Q J 10 9 5 3			
10				
9 4		AQ 7 6		
K J 10 4		AQ 7 5 3		
AK Q 8 7 5 4		3 2		
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		K 8 5 3 2		
		9 6		
		9		
		AK 7 6 2		

At the Monday night game on October 21, 2019 hand # 19 created a problem for East/West. The key bid must be made by West. The auction should be:

1D - P - 1H - P

4C - P - ?

The 4C bid is a splinter advertising 19 - 20 points and at most 1 card in the club suit. That should all East needs. To make the 4C bid where can the values be? K and J of hearts, solid diamonds and Spade King? The auction that might follow is:

1D - P - 1H - P

4C - P - 4S - P

5C - P - 6H

4S is a cue bid, 5C says I have first round control. Reaching slam was a top that night! Trusting partner's bids and knowing the diamond suit was solid, 7H was a better bid.