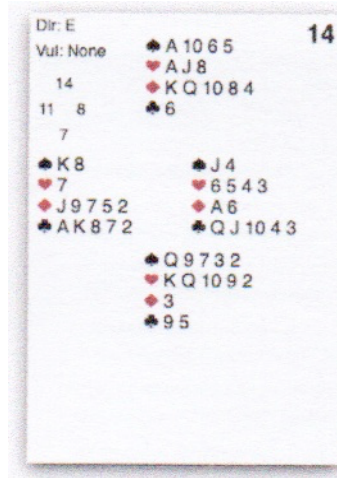


## Hand of the Month September 2020



Hand #14 of the Monday night game (9/28/20) is a bidding problem for N/S.

If the West hand opens 1D North has no bid - a take-out double with so many diamonds is not advisable. So, the auction will proceed:

1D - P - 1NT - 2D. The 2D bid by South is for the Majors (5/5). This bid should prompt North to bid 4S. 4S was reached only 3 times.

If West opens 1C rather than 1D North does have a take-out double. East will raise Clubs and South has a two-suit fit with North and should bid game in either Major. He only had 7 HCP but is 5/5. Best bid is a cue bid in Clubs asking North to pick a Major.

1C - X - 2C - 3C

P - 3S - P - 4S

All Pass

With distributional hands like South do not be timid.