

## October 2020 Hand of Month

Dir: N		17
Vul: None	♠ AK 9	
	♥ K	
23	♦ AQ 2	
3 5	♣ AQJ932	
9		
♠ J 4 2	♠ Q 10 8 5 3	
♥ J 9 7 5	♥ 8 2	
♦ J 9 5	♦ K 8 7 6 3	
♣ 10 8 4	♣ 7	
	♠ 7 6	
	♥ AQ 10 6 4 3	
	♦ 10 4	
	♣ K 6 5	

If partner opens the bidding 2C, the most often response is 2D, negative or waiting. However sometimes there is a positive response and be sure to make it. A positive suit response to a 2C opener requires 8 points or more, a five card suit or longer and 2 of the top 3 honors. Hand # 17 of the Canton game on October 21, 2020 is a good example how a positive response can make an auction easy. The auction should be:

2C - P - 2H - P

3C - P - 4C - P

4NT P - 5H - P

5NT P - 6C - P

6NT

The 2C opener knows partner has at least 5 hearts and the AQ. The 4C bid confirms a Club fit. Key Card Blackwood confirms 2 "Aces". Now you do the counting: 2 Spades, 3 Hearts, 1 Diamond and 6 Clubs = 12 tricks. The 5NT bid can be used since we have all 5 "Aces". Specific kings is a good response showing the suit of your king. If there are no kings, merely rebid the trump suit. If the

**Diamond king was present, 7NT was the bid. Making a positive response on this hand made the auction easy.**