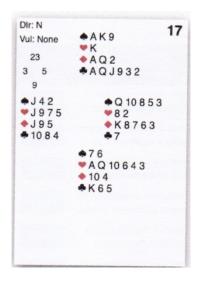
## October 2020 Hand of Month



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:

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,1Diamond 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.