

## Hand of Month November 2020

Dir: E		<b>18</b>
Vul: N-S	♠ K 9 8 6 2	
20	♥ A K Q 10 3	
4 7	♦ A 10	
9	♣ A	
♠ J 10	♠ Q 7	
♥ J 9 8 6 5 2	♥ 7 4	
♦ 6 2	♦ K J 9 7 3	
♣ Q 8 7	♣ J 9 6 5	
	♠ A 5 4 3	
	♥ -----	
	♦ Q 8 5 4	
	♣ K 10 4 3 2	

Hand # 18 of the Quirk Open game on 11/17/20 illustrates an interesting slam hand which was bid only half of the evening. Here is the auction which should take place:

P - P - 1S - P

2D - P - 4NT - P

5C - P - 5D - P

5S - P - 6S - P

Explanation: If you do not play Drury, you should learn it - GREAT CONVENTION. 2D in this auction says I have a 4-card limit raise for partner in Spades. The North hand is so good with "controls" everywhere - slam is evident. 4NT is Key Card for Spades and 5C is "1430" showing one Ace. Now North knows they have 9 trumps with the Ace and King. If North can find out if partner has the Spade Queen which is necessary for a Grand Slam and a King, 7S is real. You can only ask for the Queen if you have all 5 "Aces". 5D asks for the Queen. A bid of the agreed suit (Spades) says I do not have the Queen. If partner had the Queen they bid 5NT (with no King) or 6 of a minor which would show the King of that suit and the Queen. On this hand you settle for 6S.

If partner had the Spade Queen and a king - what a great Grand Slam!! 7S made that night since the Spades were 2/2. Non percentage.