

## February 2021 Hand of The Month

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

On the January 21, 2021 evening game hand # 6 was a problem for North. The auction was: P - P - 2S - ? Many North players merely bid 4H since they have 10 tricks themselves. If partner (South) has some "values", there may be more. Rather than bidding 4H North should make a takeout double. So, the auction would go:

P - P - 2S - X

P - 4C - P - 4NT

P - 5H - P - 7H (or 7NT)

When South jumps, they have a good hand responding to the double. 4NT is Key Card Blackwood for Clubs and 5H by South says I have 2 Key Cards. That is all North needed for 13 tricks. The grand slam was bid only once. When you have a hand as good as North, do not give up.