

### Cue Bidding – Recap

How should these hands be bid?

<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
♠ K Q	♠ A J 7 6
♥ A K 7 5 4	♥ Q J 10 3 2
♦ 10 4	♦ J
♣ A K J 10	♣ Q 6 4

1♥	3♥
4♣	4♠
5♣	5♦
6♥	

After you open one heart, partner raises to three hearts showing 10-12 with at least four card support. You show your first round club control and partner replies with a first round spade control. RKCB would be no help here as diamonds are the problem suit. If you show your second round club control partner can show second round diamond control (he already denied first round control when he bid 4♠). This enables you to bid the slam. This may depend on the diamond Ace being in the right place, if partner has the King, or on the club finesse, if partner doesn't hold the queen, but when dummy goes down you will see an easy 12 tricks.

<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
♠ A K 6 3 2	♠ 9 8
♥ K 7	♥ A Q J 5
♦ J 6 5 4	♦ A K Q 9 3
♣ A 9	♣ K 8

  

1♠	3♦
4♦	4♥
4♠	4NT
5♥	5NT
6♥	7NT

After you open one spade, partner forces with three diamonds, which you raise to four. From partner's point of view there could be two top spade losers, so his cue bid shows a heart control. You show your first round spade control and his RKCB 4NT discovers that all the key cards are held. 5NT asks for kings and when you show two partner can

just about count 13 top tricks, in either diamonds or no trumps. (It is just possible that an opponent could have four diamonds to the Jack, but then either Grand Slam will fail)

<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
♠ A K Q T 5	♠ J 7 6 3
♥ K 4	♥ Q J T 2
♦ Q 4	♦ K J 6
♣ A Q J 3	♣ K 4

1♠	3♠
4♣	4♠
Pass	

Partner raises your one spade opening to the three level showing 10-12 points. Over your club cue bid partner cannot show first round control in either red suit and so you must pass four spades knowing you have a top loser in both red suits. (Note that if you tried RKCB you could stop at the five level but it is possible that the opponents might get a heart ruff to get you down).

<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
♠ A 7 6	♠ 4
♥ K Q 8 7 5 2	♥ A J 9 3
♦ 6 3	♦ A 8 7 5 2
♣ A 7	♣ K 6 2

1♥	3♠
4♣	4♦
4NT	5♥
5NT	6♦
6♥	Pass

Following the 3♠ Splinter, you have a great holding in the splinter suit, but having two small diamonds cannot afford to bid 4NT in case partner holds neither the Ace nor the King of diamonds. So you make a cue bid of 4♣. Partner now knows that you are interested in slam but either lack the values to bid 4NT or has a suit which you are worried about. He continues the exchange of information by showing the diamond Ace. At this point, you bid 4NT and learn that partner has both red suit aces. 5NT (looking for the Grand) reveals a minor suit King missing, leading to a small slam on minimal values.