WHERE is THAT EXTRA TRICK?

Playing Duplicate bridge, we all know that it can be vital to not only make your contract
But to make as many overtricks as you can. Scoring 650 rather than 620 (for example)
Will bring you a near top board.

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                          A104     DEALER – 1 Club
                          1094              1 NT
                          A6                Pass
                          KQ652


J6     Pass                                        KQ97    Pass
75     Pass                                        Q8      Pass
Q5432                                              KJ87    Pass
J1084                                              973


                          8532     1 Heart
                          AKJ632     4 Hearts
                          109
                          A
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Partner gave me a load of precise information. He showed:
A   12-14 NCP
B   Balanced Hand
C   No 4 card support
D   No 4 card spade suit

You know you have 24-26 pts. Between you, and at least a 6-2 heart fit (since North has
a balanced hand which must contain 2 or 3 hearts). 4 hearts should be the final contract.

West leads the 3 of diamonds, and you win the Ace in dummy. Looks like you'll make 4 H
easily with A spades, 5-6 heart tricks, A diamonds, AKQ of clubs. That's 10 or 11 tricks.
Win A of diamonds, cash AK of hearts and they break 2-2, you now have 11 tricks.

Is there a way to make even more tricks? Look at the 2 hands. Can you see where the 12th
Trick might come from? Not from spades, with only small cards other than the Ace.
Only 6 heart tricks, nothing to ruff in dummy, and not in diamonds. That leaves clubs.

Why making an extra trick is important. Let's say your in 4 Hearts and you can only count
9 tricks. You have to figure out if there's a way to make an extra trick to make your game.
When declaring a contract, go all out to make as many tricks as you possibly can, without
jeopardizing your contract.

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                    AQ82      DEALER – 1 NT
                    A2                      2 Spades
                    1095
                    AQ63

96                                          K73      Pass
J5      Pass                                KQ97     Pass
KJ873   Pass                                A42
J952                                        1084

                    J1054     2 Clubs
                    108643    Pass
                    Q6
                    K7
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Over 2 clubs, North responds 2 spades and South passes. By using Stayman, rather than transferring, NS have arrived in an excellent 2 Spade contract.
If North had no 4 card major and responded 2 Diamonds, South would have bid 2 Hearts and North would pass.

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                    95        2 Spades (Michaels)
                    AJ963     3 Diamonds
                    KQ985
                    9

AK873   DEALER – 1 Spade                    J4       Pass
KQ74              Pass                       1085     Pass
4                Pass                        J62
Q84                                         A10762

                    Q1062
                    2         2 NT (Asks which minor)
                    A1073     Pass
                    KJ53
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Some players think that South could bid 3 clubs and that North could correct to 3 diamonds, but that may not work out. What if South held the following hand: Q10xx 2 A KJ10xxxx? South would want to play 3 clubs even though North's minor is diamonds. This would be the hand where South bids 3 clubs over 2 spades. 2 NT CAN'T be to play, it asks partner to bid his minor.