

Using Your Clues



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Time for a Joke

A health center with a pool and exercise equipment opened in a small town. In mere days, city hall received an indignant letter from one of the neighbors complaining about the center and especially the changing rooms as an affront to public decency.

“Ya’ can’t go to my windows without getting an eye full of naked women,” said the man. “Such depravity, think of the children, yada, yada”

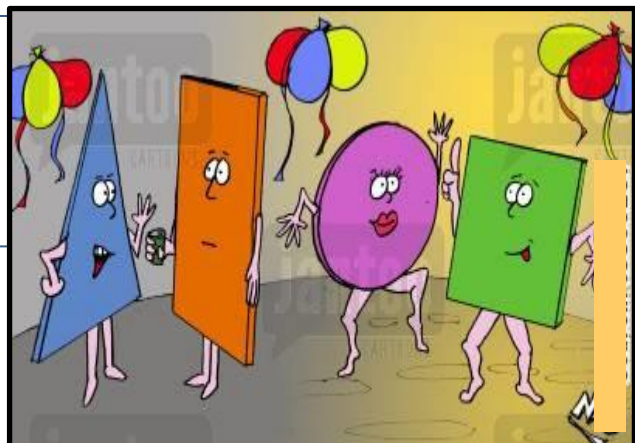
A commission was dispatched to the complaining man’s house to investigate. Nothing could be seen from his windows as the windows of the changing rooms were not just frosted, but painted, leaving maybe a couple of inches on top.

When the committee member pointed this out the alert citizen indignantly replied, “Just climb the bookcase and hold on to the ceiling fan!”

Try to build a snapshot of the other 3 hands.



Guessing HCPs & Shapes



"Hey, check out the square dancing with Brenda...!"

1)

East:

♠J3 ♥K4 ♦Q7653 ♣J98

North	East	South	West
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
2C	Pass	2S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

If you (East) have 7 HCPs, how many does partner have?

11-12

♠XXXXX ♥XX ♦XX ♣XXXX

Can South have 4 ♥'s in his hand?

12-15 HCPs

Possibly. South wouldn't bid 2H after 1NT, because North would've rebid 2H with 4 of them.

South:

♠XX ♥XXXX ♦XXXX ♣XXX

6-9 HCPs

If you (West) have 1 spade, how many does partner have?

3-4

2)

West:

♠3 ♥Q952 ♦QJ953 ♣KJ8

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2S	Pass	3H	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

If you (West) have 9 HCPs, how many does partner have?

7-8

HELP SUIT - Partner, I want you to have HCPs or shortness in hearts.

What to lead? Q♦

North has 13-15 HCPs with:
 1) ♥ honors or
 2) a singleton ♥ and 5 ♣'s (why?) or
 3) a doubleton ♥ and 7 minor cards.

North:

♠XXXX ♥XXX ♦XX ♣XXXX

~ 14 HCPs

South:

♠XXXX ♥XXX ♦XXXX ♣XX

10-11 HCPs

South has 9-11 HCPs with:
 1) 5 ♠'s and 5 ♥'s or
 2) 4 ♠'s and 3 ♥'s (why not 4?) or
 3) 5 ♠'s and 3 or 4 ♥'s.

Mystery #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Vul: N/S

Lead: K♥

North
 ♠ KJ108
 ♥ 632
 ♦ K95
 ♣ AJ2

West
 ♠
 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 4
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ 6
 ♣

South
 ♠ AQ72
 ♥ J8
 ♦ A4
 ♣ K10873

Time to review your clues:

Once you find out West has 6 hearts with 5 HCPs in them, how can he also have the Q♣? He would've opened the bidding 2H.

Mystery #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

Vul: E-W
Dlr: East

South
♠ AJ92
♥ 8
♦ J104
♣ Q10984

Let's Look at Clue #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

Vul: E-W
Dir: East

South
 ♠ AJ92
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J104
 ♣ Q10984

To solve the mystery, first answer these questions:

1) What is East's likely shape and strength?

Since East opened 1D and rebid 2C, he showed five diamonds and at least four clubs. His delayed heart support (temporizing) confirmed three cards in that suit, and therefore has a singleton or void in spades. His jump to 3H showed extra values, a hand worth 15 to 17 playing points.

Let's Look at Clue #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

Vul: E-W
Dir: East

South
♠ AJ92
♥ 8
♦ J104
♣ Q10984

2) What is West's likely shape and strength?

West will have five hearts to proceed to game, and either three or four diamonds. The secret here is that West could not hold more than four spades, since with five spades and five hearts he would have responded 1S first and rebid his hearts later.

This means your partner (North) holds at least four spades and did not have enough HCPs to enter the auction.

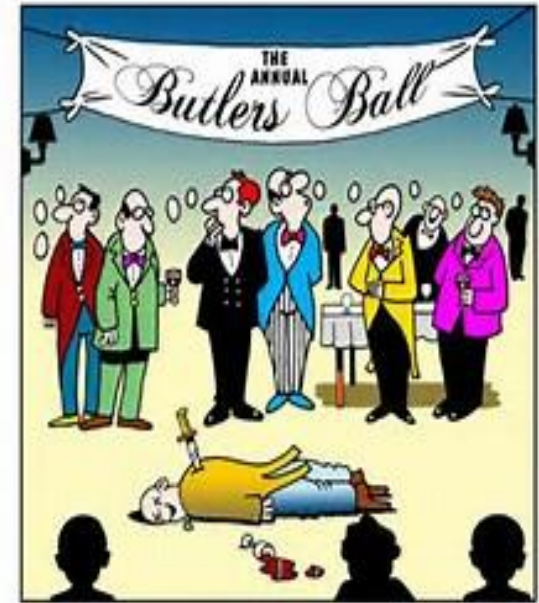
Another Joke

Hung Chow calls in to work and says, "Hey, boss I not come work today, I really sick. I got headache, stomach ache and my legs hurt. I not come work."

The boss says, "You know Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel like this I go to my wife and tell her to give me sex. Makes everything better and I can go to work. You try."

Two hours later Hung Chow calls again: "Boss, I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon. You got nice house."

Let's Look at Clue #3



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

Vul: E-W
Dir: East

South
♠ AJ92
♥ 8
♦ J104
♣ Q10984

3) Will the opponents make 4♥?

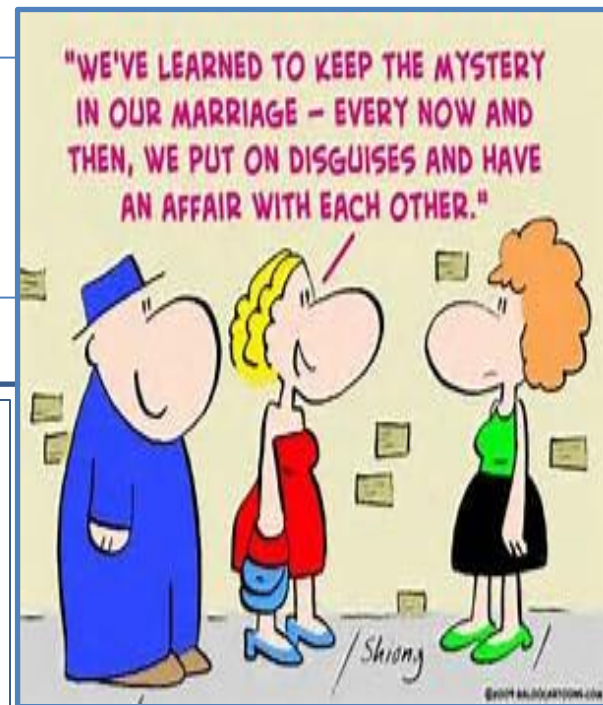
The opponents are highly likely to make 4♥ (-620), since your partner couldn't bid. He rates to contribute only one or two tricks, maybe in the trump suit. You have one defensive trick (A♠) and they have a five-card diamond suit as a source of side tricks.

Let's Look at Clue #4

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

Vul: E-W
Dir: East

South
 ♠ AJ92
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J104
 ♣ Q10984



4) How will you fare in 4♠?

You will probably lose 1 heart, 2 clubs, 2 diamonds and maybe a trump trick.

You can ruff three of your partner's hearts in your own hand (the short side of trumps).

Down two or three doubled (-300 or -500) versus -620 if they play in 4♥.

Who could blame North for not bidding his ratty spade suit with such a weak hand and a worthless K♦?

Mystery Solved!



Elementary, my dear Watson!

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	???	

North
 ♠ K8763
 ♥ 10852
 ♦ K7
 ♣ J5

Vul: E-W
 Dlr: East

West
 ♠ Q54
 ♥ AKJ63
 ♦ 832
 ♣ 107

East
 ♠ 10
 ♥ Q94
 ♦ AQ965
 ♣ AK62

Solution: Your favorable vulnerability should compel you to bid 4S!

South
 ♠ AJ92
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J104
 ♣ Q10984

The opponents will make 5H vulnerable (-650). You'll go down 2 doubled (-300) in 4S.

Playtime

