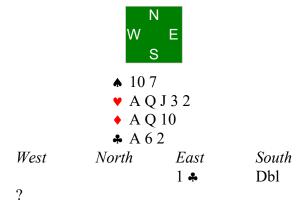
#### **Board B.1**East Deals None Vul

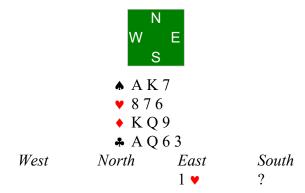


This is a strong 17 count. It's perfectly reasonable to agree to double and correct with hands like this. The danger comes if the opponents raise clubs preemptively. Say in the auction: 1C-X-3C-P-P-?

Now what?

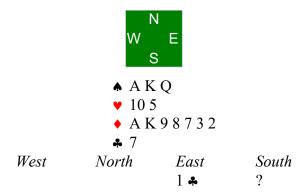
A good hand hand to discuss with partner. My style is to overcall 1 ♥ with this hand since I think it's worth about 18 points and hence isn't too strong to overcall 1N.

# **Board B.2**East Deals None Vul



A classic double. I have points and I don't know what to do. I would overcall 1N, but I don't have a heart stopper. That's a fatal flaw when opener had length in the suit.

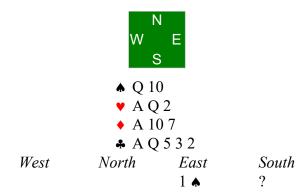
**Board B.3**East Deals
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Another good hand to discuss with partner. Is this a 1 ◆ overcall or a double and rebid diamonds?

My style is to double and bid diamonds. because we might easily want to be in  $5 \bullet$  on hands that partner will pass  $1 \bullet$ . It's not so much that I am afraid that the auction will pass out, as that I am afraid that partner won't be able to make sensible decisions later in the auction if they don't know my trick taking potential.

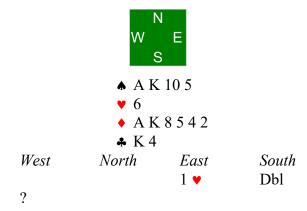
#### **Board B.4**East Deals None Vul



18 HCP and a 5 card minor. In your partnership do you double or bid 2 \*?

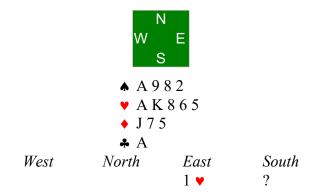
My style is to overcall 2 \* and then back in with double. This is largely because I really don't like the A QT and don't want to encourage partner to compete in hearts with only 4.

# **Board B.5**East Deals None Vul



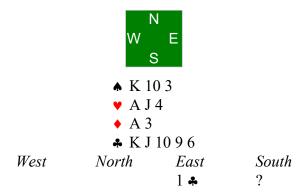
Another good one to discuss. Especially if you play equal level conversion doubles (ELCD). My style is to double and then bid diamonds. I jump to 3 ◆ if I am playing ELCD.

# **Board B.6**East Deals None Vul



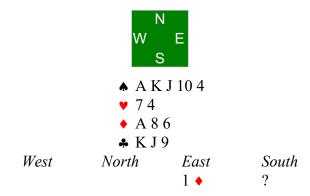
Trick question. You also want hearts to be trump. Just pass.

**Board B.7**East Deals
None Vul



compare and contrast with B.6. I still want clubs to be trump but 1 \* is not generally an effort to make clubs trump whereas 1 \* is an effort to make hearts trump. I happily overcall 1N here as I expect my club length to be useful most of the time whereas my heart length in the previous hand is only useful with hearts trump since RHO has at least 5 as well.

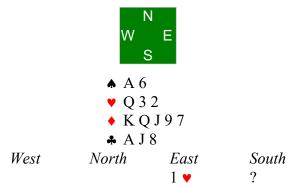




Another good borderline hand to discuss with partner.

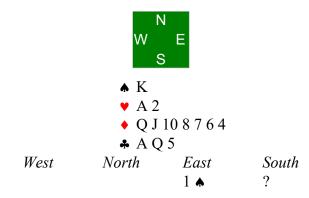
My style is to overcall 1 ♠.

# **Board B.9**East Deals None Vul



This time it's a minor and the suit is weaker. We had 16 HCP on 8 and 17 on this one, but I am more inclined to overcall 1N rather than 2 ◆ even with the tenuous stopper.

# **Board B.10**East Deals None Vul



Who knows what singleton kings are worth? I would overcall 2 ◆.