

Commentary for the u3a Spring Charity Bridge Festival



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Dear Bridge player

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Board 1. Dealer North. Vulnerability None

♠ A 9	
♥ Q 9 6 3 2	
♦ K Q 7 4 2	
♣ K	
♠ K J 10 8 7 5 2	♠ 3
♥ A	♥ J 10 7 4
♦ J 10 8	♦ 5
♣ Q 4	♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2
♠ Q 6 4	
♥ K 8 5	
♦ A 9 6 3	
♣ 8 7 3	

After North opens 1♥, what should South bid if East bids 3♣(weak)?

3♥ is possible, especially if 1♥ shows 5+. That might lead to 4♥ which North will have to play well to be only 1 down.

West will be tempted to bid ♠s, but supporting East's ♣s works better. Any plus score on this hand will score well.

Board 2. Dealer East. Vulnerability N/S

♠ K 9 4	
♥ A 6 3	
♦ K 9 5 4	
♣ 7 5 4	
♠ Q J 8 6 5 2	♠ 10 7
♥ Q J	♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 10 6	♦ A Q 8 7
♣ 8 6	♣ A Q 10 9
♠ A 3	
♥ K 10 9 7 5	
♦ 3 2	
♣ K J 3 2	

After a weak NT from East, South does best to bid a brave vulnerable 2♥. North should raise to 3♥ after West's 2♠. West may give up now, fearful that 4♥ is making thanks to the doubleton ♥QJ but bidding 3♠ works better as this is one down while 3♥ just makes for 140.

If South passes 1NT, it is harder for South to come into the auction after INT-2♥(transfer)-2♠, and 2♠ should make.

Board 3. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W

♠ A K J 7 6 ♥ 10 2 ♦ K 9 7 4 3 ♣ A ♠ 10 5 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ J 10 9 7 3 ♠ Q 9 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 6 2	♠ 2 ♥ K J 9 7 5 ♦ A J 10 8 ♣ 8 5 4 ♠ 2 ♥ K J 9 7 5 ♦ A J 10 8 ♣ 8 5 4
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This is an instructive hand to bid. 6♠ is an excellent contract, with no need to take the ♥ finesse. The critical bid is North's response to South's 1♠ opening. It is often bad to splinter with a singleton Ace – KQxx is a poor holding opposite a small singleton, but good here opposite a singleton Ace. But if North responds a Jacoby 2NT showing a good hand with ♠ support and then South shows the single ♦, the slam is easy to bid.

Board 4. Dealer West. Vulnerability All

♠ 9 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ — ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ A J 5 3 ♠ Q 10 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 6 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ Q 8 ♠ K 8 6 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q J 10 6 5 ♣ K 9 4	♠ A J ♥ A J 5 4 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 7 6 2 ♠ A J ♥ A J 5 4 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 7 6 2
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East-West may fancy their chances in ♥s here, but it is North-South who can make game in 4♠+1 or 5♦.

After East-West start 1♥-3♥, South has to bid a brave vulnerable 4♦ to get a chance of game; if South passes, 3♥ making will be a very good result for East-West, if West has the sense to pass this hand, having no Aces or singletons.

Board 5. Dealer North. Vulnerability N/S

♠ 5 ♥ A 9 8 6 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ J 10 6 4 2 ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4 ♥ J 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ A Q 9 ♠ A K J ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ J 7 5 4 2 ♣ 7 3	♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ A Q 9 3 ♣ K 8 5 ♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ A Q 9 3 ♣ K 8 5
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East-West have 26 points and will usually reach game. 4♠ is most likely to be bid, and is easily beaten.

3NT is less likely to be bid, but harder to beat. To do this the defence have to play on ♥s with North keeping the Ace for the third round to then enjoy more ♥ winners.

Board 6. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W

♠ K 10 9 4 ♥ K J 8 4 2 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ J ♠ 5 3 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2 ♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ A ♦ K 10 2 ♣ A 10 4 3	♠ J 8 ♥ 10 9 7 5 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ K Q 8 ♠ J 8 ♥ 10 9 7 5 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ K Q 8
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6♠ by South is a reasonable contract – if (as here) the major suits behave you don't need the ♦ finesse. Bidding 6♠ is not easy though. If North splinters to show the single ♣, South will be excited. But a start like 1♠-3♣-4♣(cue)-4♥(cue, denying a ♦ control) will not encourage South.

This is a good hand for "mini-splinters", where 1♥-3♣ shows a single ♣ in a hand worth at least a raise to 3♠.

Board 7. Dealer South. Vulnerability All

♠ Q 10 8 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q 9 7 3 2 ♣ 6 5	♠ J 3 ♥ A 6 4 2 ♦ A K 6 ♣ K 7 3 2
♠ A K 6 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ Q J 10 4	♠ 9 7 5 2 ♥ K J 8 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A 9 8

East-West should quickly reach 3NT. With East as declarer, this can be held to 9 tricks on a ♠ lead. However West will usually be declarer after opening or rebidding INT and can make 11 tricks by playing ♥s towards the Q109. Taking the double finesse in ♥s doesn't work so well, though.

Board 8. Dealer West. Vulnerability None

♠ A K ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ K Q 5 3 ♣ K Q 5 2	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ A J 9 8 4 ♦ J 6 ♣ J 8 6
♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ 10 ♦ A 9 8 7 2 ♣ 10 4 3	♠ J 10 8 5 ♥ K Q 5 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A 9 7

This is another hand where 3NT should be easily bid, this time by North-South. With both red Aces onside and ♣s 3-3, the play isn't very interesting. Ten tricks should be the very frequent result.

Board 9. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W

♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ A Q ♦ 5 3 ♣ J 10 6 2	♠ 4 2 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ A J 9 7 4 ♣ Q 3
♠ A K J 8 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ 7 4	♠ Q 9 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ A K 9 8 5

With the points 20-20 this is a part-score hand. Only South has a genuine opening bid, of 1♣ or a weak INT.

After a INT opener, North does well to pass rather than transfer to 2♠ with such a mouldy suit. INT makes 8 tricks unless East-West attack ♦s early, when 7 tricks will be the limit and indeed South can go down if the ♥ finesse is risked.

Those who open 1♣ will usually get to play in 2♣ or 3♣ for a safe +110, which may not be a good result.

Board 10. Dealer East. Vulnerability All

♠ 10 4 3 ♥ J 10 5 4 ♦ A J 2 ♣ Q 10 9	♠ K J 8 5 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ K Q 10 5 ♣ A K
♠ A 9 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ J 7 6 4 3	♠ Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ 8 5 2

Yet another easy-to-bid 3NT, usually after East opens 2NT.

Declarer may have to work hard to make 9 tricks, but equally the defence will find it hard not to be helpful. For example a ♠ lead gives a trick, East can then cash the ♣AK and use the ♠A to cross for a finesse of the ♦10. The only passive opening lead turns out to be a ♣ but even then declarer can prevail.

Board 11. Dealer South. Vulnerability None

♠ 4 ♥ 3 ♦ J 10 9 6 2 ♣ J 10 7 5 3 2	♠ 10 8 6 2 ♥ 10 8 5 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ K 6 4
♠ A 9 7 3 ♥ A J 4 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ A Q 8	♠ K Q J 5 ♥ K Q 9 7 6 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ 9

After South opens 1♥ and West overcalls INT, East-West may find the 4-4 ♠ fit and bid to 4♠. After an obvious singleton ♥ lead declarer will be tempted to play ♠Ace and

another, getting a rude shock and ending two down.

Played with care, 3NT can be made and +400 will be a very good score for East-West.

Board 12. Dealer West. Vulnerability N/S

<p>♠ J 6 3 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ Q 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 4 ♥ 10 8 7 6 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ K 6</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ J 2 ♦ J 10 8 2 ♣ A J 10 9 8 7</p> <p>♠ A K 9 5 2 ♥ A K 5 ♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ 3</p>
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After two passes, East may open a cheeky 1♣ or 3♣, but South should always reach 4♠. Good play makes this contract. After ruffing the second ♣, control is clearly a problem, so it is important to keep dummy's useful trumps and not play the ♠A or ♠K early. There are several variations, but the defence can be held to three tricks – one in each minor and the ♠Q.

Board 13. Dealer North. Vulnerability All

<p>♠ 10 9 8 2 ♥ 10 ♦ J 10 7 5 3 ♣ K 5 4</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A Q J 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q J 10 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 5 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ A K 8 6 4 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ A K Q J 4 3 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 6 2</p>
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The bidding may start quietly: South opens 1♠, West bids 2♣, North raises to 2♠. Whether South passes or bids 3♠, West will bid 4♥. Now East must like the hand – partner should have at most one ♠, and any finesses will be odds on. Raising to 5♥ looks right, and West, with the void can bid 6♥. This makes easily, indeed 7♥ can make if North covers when ♣AQ are played.

Board 14. Dealer East. Vulnerability None

<p>♠ Q 10 9 5 3 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ K 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ Q J 8 6 2 ♣ Q 7 2</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ A K J ♦ A 10 7 ♣ A J 9 8 6 3</p> <p>♠ A J 7 6 2 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ 10</p>
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If South bids a fanciful 1♠ over East's 1♣, North may bid 4♠. If doubled, this can cost 500 on perfect defence.

With a free run, East-West will reach 5♣ or 3NT. 5♣ is fairly easy, but 3NT is certainly not. After winning the ♠K, declarer has to guess which minor finesse to take. The ♦ one works thanks to the doubleton K onside, but ♣s looks more promising.

But how to tackle ♣s? No problem if the ♣K is doubleton onside, but leading the Q works if the 10 is singleton offside, while leading small works if the K is single onside. A toss up!

Board 15. Dealer South. Vulnerability N/S

<p>♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ A Q ♣ K Q J 10 6</p> <p>♠ K 4 2 ♥ A K J 9 4 ♦ K ♣ A 9 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 7 6 ♥ 8 6 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ 8 7 5</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 9 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ 2</p>
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After West opens 1♥, North's overcall of 2♣ makes it a little difficult for East-West, but they will still usually reach the decent 4♠ contract. This can be made double dummy, but the unfavourable layouts in the black suits make it hard, and most people will go down in practical play. For example if the ♦K is led at trick 2 after winning the ♣A, the 4th round of ♣s promotes a trump trick.

Board 16. Dealer West. Vulnerability E/W

♠ Q J 5 2 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 5 2 ♣ 8 ♠ A K 9 8 7 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 9 4 2	♠ — ♥ K 8 5 ♦ K 9 8 7 3 ♣ K J 7 6 3 ♠ 10 4 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 4 ♦ A 4 ♣ A Q 5
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Most Wests will open 3♠ but a few will try 4♠. After a 3♠ opener, South should bid 4♥ and will probably play there just making. After a 4♠ opening, South may bid 5♥ which is one down, possibly doubled by East. 4♠ plays very badly, three down, so could be doubled for 800 to North-South. However in most sequences North-South have no clear reason to double.

Board 17. Dealer North. Vulnerability None

♠ J 8 7 4 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 7 6 5 ♠ K 10 9 3 2 ♥ A K ♦ K J 8 6 3 ♣ 3 ♠ A 6 5 ♥ Q 9 7 3 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ K Q 8	♠ Q ♥ J 10 8 5 ♦ A 9 ♣ A J 10 9 4 2
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Although 4♠ can be made, 3NT is a more likely contract for East-West. The bidding might go 1♣-1♠-2♣-2♦-2NT-3NT. In 3NT the cards lie badly and there are serious communication problems, so although 9 tricks can be set up, 3NT will fail unless the defence are helpful to declarer.

Board 18. Dealer East. Vulnerability N/S

♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ A 7 ♠ K Q 9 ♥ 6 5 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ K 9 5 3 2 ♠ J 6 2 ♥ A K J ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 ♣ Q J	♠ A 5 3 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ 10 8 6 4
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1NT by North-South after South opens a weak NT is the likely contract here, although if South opens 1♦ a ♦ partscore may ensue. Things lie well, and 9 tricks are available in either strain, so those in ♦s will fare badly, and the few optimists in 3NT will prosper.

Board 19. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W

♠ A K 9 7 2 ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ 8 7 ♠ J 6 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ A Q 8 6 3 ♣ 5 4 2 ♠ Q 5 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A K J 10 6 3	♠ 10 8 4 3 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ J 10 9 2 ♣ Q 9
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Thanks to the favourable positions in both minors, 6♣ and 6NT can be made here, although both are poor contracts. (6♣ is slightly better as it protects the ♦K.) If South opens 1♣ North may be tempted, but 3NT will be the normal contract, making 12 tricks on the likely ♦ lead. Without the ♦ lead declarer may settle for 11 tricks rather than risk leading towards the ♦K and so get a poor score.

Board 20. Dealer West. Vulnerability All

♠ 8 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ A K J 8 7 ♠ Q 3 2 ♥ A J 10 ♦ Q 8 3 2 ♣ Q 9 5 ♠ A J 10 9 7 6 ♥ 7 6 5 ♦ K 5 ♣ 4 2	♠ K ♥ K Q 9 4 3 2 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ 10 6 3
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Despite having most of the points, East-West should be held to 8 tricks in ♥s, while North-South can make 4♠.

Assuming West and North pass, East will open 1♥. Without interference East-West may start 1♥-2♦-2♥ when West does well to pass; 11 points, but the ♥J isn't working and the shape and suit quality are very poor. If South bids 1♠ or 2♠, North-South might play in a ♠ partscore, but game is unlikely to be bid.

Board 21. Dealer North. Vulnerability N/S

♠ Q J 9 4 ♥ K J 9 2 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ A ♠ K 2 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 4 3 ♦ A J 7 ♣ 5 ♠ 8 7 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ Q J 9 6 4 3	♠ A 10 6 5 3 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 2
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West may be surprised to hear North open 1♥ here – the recommended choice with this 4441 shape. Should East and South pass, West does best to pass and collect 200 or 300.

If East bids over 1♥, East-West are destined to get a minus score. They can make 2♥ of course, but can never play there after the opening 1♥. Any South who plays in ♣s will not enjoy that either. So there will be very few successful contracts on this hand.

Board 22. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W

♠ K Q ♥ A 6 3 2 ♦ Q 5 ♣ J 10 6 5 2 ♠ A J 10 8 ♥ 7 5 ♦ J 10 7 2 ♣ A 7 4 ♠ 7 3 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ K Q 9 8	♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ K Q 10 9 ♦ A K 9 3 ♣ 3
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Another 4441 to open, and again 1♥ is the recommended opening, this time by East. With North-South silent, the bidding might start 1♥-1♠-2♠ when West might make a try with say 3♦ which East might like, bidding 4♣. Such optimism is well rewarded – the fit is perfect and 4♣ can be made thanks to the ♦Q onside, even if declarer loses two trump finesses.

Board 23. Dealer South. Vulnerability All

♠ J 9 6 3 ♥ — ♦ A K 7 5 4 ♣ A Q 7 2 ♠ Q 4 ♥ 8 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q J ♣ J 10 6 4 ♠ A 8 2 ♥ J 9 4 2 ♦ 10 6 3 2 ♣ 9 8	♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K 5 3
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The normal start here will be 1♦ from North and double by East. Those who play that 1♦ shows 4+ cards will be able to bid 2♦ with the South hand. Then after 2♥ by West and 3♦ by North, North-South will make 130 in a ♦ partscore, or do even better by earning 200 defending 3♥.

If the opening 1♦ may be less than 4 cards, South should pass East's double, North may make a takeout double when West bids ♥s.

This could lead to South playing in NT's which is unlikely to go very well.

Board 24. Dealer West. Vulnerability None

<p>♠ Q 7 3 ♥ A K 8 3 2 ♦ K ♣ A J 6 4</p> <p>♠ 10 2 ♥ J 7 5 4 ♦ 9 6 4 3 ♣ 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ Q 6 ♦ A Q J ♣ K Q 5 3</p>
<p>♠ A J 5 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 10 8 7 5 2 ♣ 10 8</p>	

West will squirm when seeing East's double of North's opening 1♥. Assuming South correctly passes, 2♦ is the right bid, but some may bid INT, or even worse pass.

North will double 2♦ for takeout when South should bid 2♠ which should make. If East-West bid on they have no making contract and could even get doubled for a very bad score.

Board 25. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W

<p>♠ A Q J 3 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 4</p> <p>♠ K 6 4 2 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ J 8 6</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 5 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ A Q J 8 ♣ 10 7</p>
<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ 6 5 4 ♦ K 3 ♣ K Q 9 5 3 2</p>	

North-South have only 22 points, and the chance of 5♣ making for them must be less than 10%, but with everything right, 5♣ rolls home. 3NT is a bit better contract than 5♣ and that also makes – 10 tricks for +430.

Bidding either game will lead to an undeserved good score.

Board 26. Dealer East. Vulnerability All

<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A J 6 5 3 2 ♣ J 7</p> <p>♠ A 10 6 3 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 10 6 2</p>	<p>♠ J 8 ♥ K Q 8 6 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ K 9 5 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 7 5 4 ♥ 5 4 ♦ K 10 8 7 ♣ 8 4</p>
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Here 6♥ can only be beaten if the defence find an opening ♠ lead; without it, a ♦ ruff can be negotiated before drawing trumps and running the ♣s.

6♣ should never make though – the ♦ ruff is an extra trick in ♥s, not in ♣s.

6♥ might be bid if East opens a light 1♥ and the bidding starts 1♥-2♣-3♣-3H, but the normal contract will be 4♥ making 11 or 12 tricks.

Board 27. Dealer South. Vulnerability None

<p>♠ J 10 3 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ K 10 9 4 ♣ A 8 5</p> <p>♠ K Q 2 ♥ K J 6 3 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ 10 7 6</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 7 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ A J 2 ♣ Q 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ K J 9</p>
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North-South will usually play this in INT.

If South is declarer, West may lead a ♥ making 8 tricks fairly straightforward. If North is declarer, a ♥ lead presents more problems, and indeed double dummy the defence can hold INT to 7 tricks. But there are lots of opportunities for the defence to go wrong and so it will be very hard to avoid helping declarer make 8 tricks.

Board 28. Dealer West. Vulnerability N/S

♠ J ♥ K Q 6 ♦ 10 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ J 6 3 ♠ A K 8 7 3 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ J ♣ 10 9 8 5 ♠ Q 9 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q	♠ 10 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ A K 7 2 ♣ A K 7 4 2
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North-South do well to keep quiet here. Any contract their way could be expensive.

East-West can make 6♣ by taking every right view: win the lead (a ♥ is most challenging); then, *keeping the ♣5*, play ♦A and a ruff, ♣A and another ♦ ruff, then lead the precious ♣5 to finesse the ♣7 and draw the last trump.

Any pairs who bid 6♣ and find this line will deserve the splendid result!

Board 29. Dealer North. Vulnerability All

♠ — ♥ J 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ K Q 7 5 3 ♣ J 3 ♠ K J 9 8 6 4 ♥ A ♦ J ♣ Q 9 5 4 2 ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ K Q 9 8 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A K 8 6	♠ A 7 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A 10 9 6 4 2 ♣ 10 7
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This is a lively hand to test people's judgement. What should North call first?

Too good for a weak 2, too light for 1♥, so I'd pass and await developments. East should pass and South opens 1♥, pleasing North. But then West bids ♠s, North should bid 4♥ and East will bid 4♠.

Now for the judgement: North-South should judge to bid their easy-to-make 5♥ and East-West have to judge to bid 5♠. This can be made, but even one down doubled is a good save.

Board 30. Dealer East. Vulnerability None

♠ A K J 10 ♥ Q 6 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 7 6 4 ♠ 7 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ A 10 9 2 ♣ K J 8 5 3 ♠ 9 8 ♥ A 10 ♦ K Q J 8 7 5 3 ♣ Q 2	♠ Q 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ K 9 7 5 ♦ 6 ♣ A 9
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With the poor suit and 4♥s as well, East should refrain from a weak 2 opening but may be unable to resist 1♠ after North-South start 1♦-1♥. South would then rebid ♦s which North would do well to pass knowing the ♠s are not a great asset.

2♦ just makes for North-South.

Despite my criticism, an opening 2♠ works well here; it can apparently be made (not easily) and it would provoke South into 3♦ which fails.