

## Bulletin 13

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### News

Bridge4money.com continues to grow. We now have 278 regular players. We have also have some new additions coming which we are proud to announce: The \$2 and 10c rooms are almost ready, plus we have more bidding tests on the way. We are also offering an advanced bidding test which we warn you will be difficult to pass. If you do so you will be marked so that your partner knows your bidding is of a high standard. See the recent news letter for more details.

We also plan to hold some competitions over the summer, for example a best bid hand competition, details will be out on the site soon.

### Some Statistics

As of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June At 16:30 GMT

#### Top 10 Winners

\$3041.38  
\$2466.82  
\$1038.60  
\$953.65  
\$658.48  
\$478.88  
\$453.37  
\$380.86  
\$342.75  
\$336.30

#### Top ten most boards played

18,517  
13,969  
10,627  
10,427  
9,617  
9,391  
8,479  
8,303  
8,014  
7,873

**Rating System** (If you would like to know your rating, email [david@bridge4money.com](mailto:david@bridge4money.com))

Reminder

- ★ = Bottom 1/3 of players
- ★★ = Middle 1/3 of players
- ★★★ = Top 1/3 of players
- ☆☆ = Played less than 50 boards

## **Tips**

- 1). The 5-level belongs to the opponents.
- 2). Read the system but also familiarise yourself with the defensive carding methods too!
- 3). Please, please tell your friends about us!

## Hands From bridge4money.com

We are always looking for hands for our bulletins. If you have a hand that you would like to be written up, with or without your name mentioned please email it, possibly with some explanation to [david@bridge4money.com](mailto:david@bridge4money.com)

The following exciting hand occurred in the \$1 room:  
Dealer North: Love All

<b>North</b>	
♠ Q 6 3	
♥ 6	
♦ 8 6 4	
♣ T 9 7 6 5 2	
<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ A K J 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ Q T 7	♥ A K J 4 3
♦ K Q T 7 3 2	♦ A 9
♣ VOID	♣ J 8 4
<b>South</b>	
♠ T 9 8	
♥ 9 8 5 2	
♦ J 5	
♣ A K Q 3	

North	East	South	West
pass	1 heart	2 clubs (a)	4 clubs (b)
5 clubs (c)	5 diamonds (d)	pass	5 notrump (e)
pass	7 hearts (f)	All pass	

- a). NEVER EVER over call a 4-card suit at the 2-level.
- b). Splinter, showing heart support and short clubs. Ideally the bid would promise a 4<sup>th</sup> heart but you can't have everything...
- c). Good bid, taking space away from the opponents.

d). With good trumps and a side Ace, East correctly evaluates that he has a good hand and makes a cuebid. Note this is completely safe as the bidding could still stop in 5 hearts.

e). Now that west expects to be facing the Ace of diamonds the hand becomes even more powerful so he tries 5nt 'Grand Slam Force' asking partner to bid a grand slam with 2 of the top 3 honours in hearts.

f). As requested.

There was nothing in the play of course.

The following hand occurred in the \$1 a hundred room:

**'The 5-Level Belongs To The Opponents!'**

Dealer West: EW vul

North	♠ <b>K 9 5</b>		
	♥ <b>J 5</b>		
	♦ <b>Q J 8 7 6 3</b>		
	♣ <b>9 6</b>		
West	♠ <b>A Q J 4 3</b>	East	♠ <b>T 8 7 6</b>
	♥ <b>Q 9 3</b>		♥ <b>A T 7 6</b>
	♦ <b>A K 9 2</b>		♦ <b>5 4</b>
	♣ <b>K</b>		♣ <b>8 3 2</b>
	South		
	♠ <b>2</b>		
	♥ <b>K 8 4 2</b>		
	♦ <b>T</b>		
	♣ <b>A Q J T 7 5 4</b>		

West	North	East	South
1 spade	3 diamonds (a)	3 spades (b)	5 clubs (c)
5 spades (d)	Pass (e)	pass	6 clubs (f)
Double (g)	All pass		

- a). Weak jump overcall. Using the favorable vulnerability to disrupt the opponents' auction.
- b). Not many points but the 4 trumps, Ace and ruffing value make the hand worth a raise. Remember that a raise to 3 spades in competition really only promises the values for a raise to 2 spades.
- c). Another excellent bid, taking away space from the opponents.
- d). This is poor judgment. There are 19 points but the King of clubs is wasted and the hand has plenty of defence. It would be better to double and 'take the money'.
- e). Although he has a defensive trick the 5 club bid does not promise any defence so it would be wrong to double at this point.
- f). Undoing the good work. The hand has some defense and no reason to believe that 6 clubs will be cheap anyway.
- g). With confidence.

6 clubs doubled went down 4 for 700 to EW (800 less 100 honours) and 5 spades would have failed by a trick for 100 to NS.

Good Luck!