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A Delicate Bid by Steve Moese Tue 3/18

Board 4 ♠ 1075
West ♥ AK84
Deals ♦ Q5
Both Vul ♣ 10765

♠ J42	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q3
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ QJ1092	♥ 53					
♦ AK6	♦ 987					
♣ 84	♣ AKQJ32					

NS 3♠; 3♦;	♠ AK986
EW 2N; 2♠;	♥ 76
1♥	♦ J10432
	♣ 9

Here's an interesting hand where both sides have chances to make 9 tricks! If you bid to 3♠ as NS you will win many Match Points. EW can steal the board by bidding a delicate 3N. Here's one way.

Not everyone will open the West hand 1♥. The arguments against are 11 HCP and flat 3532 shape. The arguments for are 2 Quick Tricks and great ♥ intermediate cards. This is the 2/1 auction we had last night. 2♣ is a game force showing either natural ♣s (4+ cards) or any balanced game force (2+ ♣s. With 5+♦ we bid 2♦). 2♦ shows a suit or a concentration of strength (Stoppers) in a hand that doesn't want to rebid ♥ (implying 6 cards) or NT (implying stoppers in the side suits). 3♣ reveals real ♣s. 3♥ says nothing left to bid and denies a ♠ stop. **3♠ is the delicate bid.** Partner could have rebid 2♥ to show 3-card support earlier – s/he doesn't have ♥ support. S/he could have rebid 2N or 3N, so s/he doesn't have a full ♠ stopper (the unbid suit). What does 3♠ mean? When both partners have bypassed showing a NT stopper in a suit, the cue bid of that suit asks for a **partial stopper**. A partial stopper is any of Qxx, Q10x, Jxx, J10X, J9x – a holding that when combined with partner's honor creates a frozen suit and a stopper. A frozen suit means the side leading the suit 1st gives up a trick. Why bid 3N? South's Double asks for a ♠ lead. Knowing the ♠ suit is frozen, and trusting opponents will cooperate with each other, the 3N bid is a reasonable gamble. Sure enough, a ♠ lead gives EW

W	N	E	S
1♥!	P	2♣ ¹	P
2♦ ²	P	3♣	P
3♥	P	3♠ ³	X
3N! All Pass			

1=GF: Bal or ♣s
2=Values or suit
3=Asks Partial Stopper

3/18 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein (61.5%)
2nd QA: Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis (59.5%)



Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let's learn together!

Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7 PM	Tue 11 AM	Tue 7 PM	Fri 11 AM	Sat 10-12 AM
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Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

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- Friday 3/21 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM. **Disturbing Opponent's No Trump DONT** by Bob Fisk.
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Lexington, KY Sectional	May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional	May 24-25
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the 9th and game going trick. West was happy to have ♠J42 and not ♠J4!!! A ♦ lead sets 3N! Try it to see why! EW 3N+3 got 5.5/6 MPs. NS 3♠+3 got 2.8/4 MPs.

Post Mortem – Opening the West hand 1♥ requires partnership discussion. Precision opens this 11 HCP hand routinely.

When partner makes a “strange” or delicate bid, assume partner is bidding logically. Trust is a major ingredient to success at bridge. Follow Sherlock Holmes' advice: **“Eliminate all other factors, and the one which remains must be the truth”** (Sir A. Conan Doyle, Sign of the Four).

Newcomer News — by Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007

Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

Mar 22 – Judy Ruehl and Bob Fisk

Mar 29 – Kay Mulford and John Meinking

Apr 5 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman

This week we set our sight on slam. Enjoy!

Board 13 ♠ 4 3 2

North Deals ♥ K 4

Both Vul ♦ K J 4

♣ K J 5 4 3

♠ 6 5

♥ Q 10 9 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ 10 9 7 2



♠ 9 8 7

♥ J 6 3

♦ Q 10 9 5 3

♣ Q 8

♠ A K Q J 10

♥ A 8 7 5

♦ A 6

♣ A 6

NS 7N; 7♠;

6♣; 5♥; 3♦

(Tuesday 3/18)

Bidding – South has 22 HCP with 5 spades to the AKQJ10 and will open this hand 2♣ (21+ HCP any shape, 22+ if balanced). North has 11 HCP and should be thinking slam in a suit or NT. Most will bid 2♦ (Waiting, promising K or better values, Game Forcing). South can now show their spade suit by bidding 2♠. North is strong enough to immediately bid 4NT asking for key cards in spades (Roman Key Card or 1430 RKC). South’s response is 5♠ (2 or 5 key cards with the Q of trump). From the 2♣ open, North knows South has 5 key cards and with the remaining kings and a possible source of tricks in clubs can push for 7♠ or settle for 6♠.

Play of the Hand – On a ♥10 lead (10 from Q109), South has 2 losers (2♥). Declarer can ruff one heart as

long as hearts break 4-3. They can also pitch one or two hearts by setting up a good clubs in dummy. Best play to make 7 will be to win the ♥A, draw two rounds of trump, and then cash two clubs. When the ♣Q falls on the second round of clubs we can comfortably ruff a third low club, draw the last trump and then run 2 more clubs pitching your heart losers for making 7♠ for 2210 or 1460 if you settled for small slam.

Post Mortem – Not often we ask for keycards and partner has all 5 plus the queen of trump. Getting to this slam is much easier when you play Roman Key Card (Regular or 1430). If you are using Blackwood you will not know about the ♠Q and will definitely settle for 6♠.

Bd 13	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
7♠ N	2210		6	0
6♠ S	1430		5	1
3 NT N	720		4	2
3 NT S	690		3	3
3 NT N	660		2	4
4♠ S	650		1	5
7♥ S		200	0	6
6♠ S	1430		4	0
4♠ S	710		3	1
5♠ S	680		1.5	2.5
4♠ S	680		1.5	2.5
4♠ S	650		0	4

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>