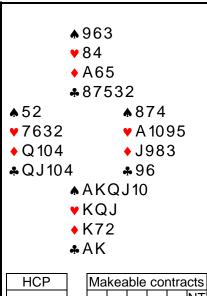
## Improve your Bridge by reviewing these interesting deals from the club.

I am going to start posting one interesting hand from the club game each night in an effort to help you and your partner with your post-mortems. Fearghal

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Ν	4	3	2	6	5	
S	4	3	2	6	5	
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W	-	-	1	-	-	

Board 19: Dealer South: EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

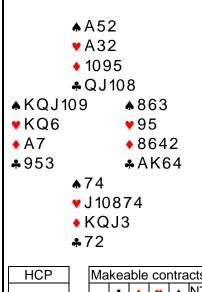
Well done if you bid to 6♠ and well done again if you made it!

However there is no need to stretch your bidding to 6 because making 4 + 2 will be a good score too. Declarer has 9 top tricks and can set up 2 more in Hearts by knocking out the Ace but where will his 12<sup>th</sup> trick come from?

It will come from a Diamond ruff in dummy! Win the Club lead, and knock out the Ace of Hearts. Win the trump return and cash your two Heart winners throwing a Diamond from dummy. Now play King, Ace and ruff your third Diamond in dummy.

Only now do you draw trumps. Well played.

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Board 20: Dealer West: All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Some will be in  $2 \spadesuit$ , others in  $3 \spadesuit$  and others in  $4 \spadesuit$ . Some Easts will respond 1NT and this should end the auction.

Declarer can be held to 8 tricks if North starts off with an unlikely trump lead. In reality all Norths will lead the ♣Q.

Declarer can make 9 tricks now if he knocks out the ◆A and ruffs his third Heart in dummy. To succeed in his mission declarer needs to play Hearts at trick 2. If he makes the mistake of playing even one round of trumps, North can hold declarer to 8 tricks by playing Ace and another trump and then a third round of trumps when he gets in with the ♥A and now declarer will have no trump in dummy with which to ruff his third losing Heart.

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