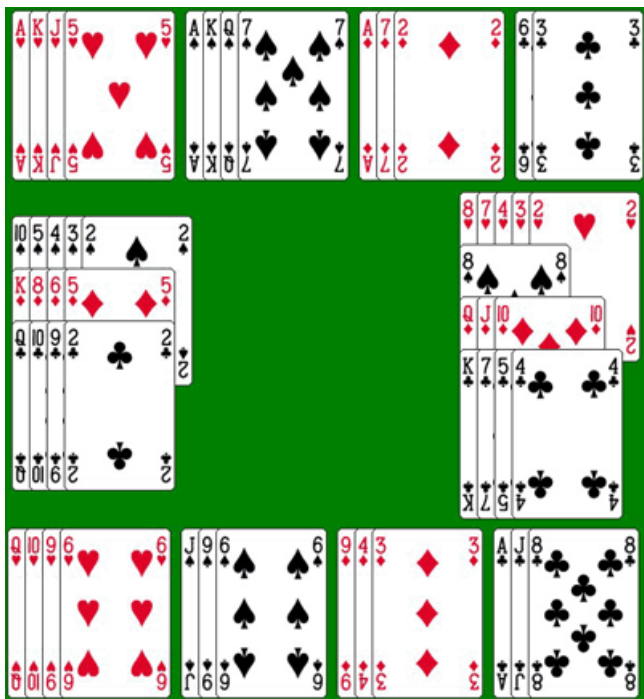


Board 8 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 was interesting in that it exemplified the advice of one of Australia's greatest Bridge players, Tim Seres.



I was sitting West and the auction proceeded as shown below:

West	North	East	South
2♠!	Dbl	3♣	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

I opened 2S showing 5 spades and a 4 or 5 card minor suit. North doubled because she had a massive hand of 21 HCP. Partner, East was only keen to play in a minor suit and bid 3C to see if Clubs was my minor suit.

South naturally bid 3H to show a 4 card hearts suit. As soon as North heard that, she jumped to 4NT with her huge hand. After being told partner had one Ace, felt safe in bidding 6H.

**I opened with the 2C to the 3, K and A.**

South led the 6H and got the bad news that all 5 opposition hearts are in East's hand. After playing one more heart, South led the JS at trick 4.

On the next spade lead, East ruffed and returned a 4C at trick 6 which I won with my QC.

I followed with the 10C for North to ruff with her KH. She then switched to diamonds with her AD at trick 8 but lost the next two diamonds.

I then led another spade at trick 10 to give East yet another ruff.

Slam did not work out too well for N/S, going off 4.

The best that they could hope for was 3NT or possibly 4NT

The warning that Tim Seres gives is that when opponents pre-empt and crowd out your bidding space, it is best to give up on thoughts of a slam. The wild distributions would get you.

Learning Weak Twos and how to defend them is a worthwhile task!

	West	North	East	South
1	2♣	3♣	K♣	*A♣
2	2♠	*A♥	7♥	6♥
3	3♠	5♥	8♥	*9♥
4	4♠	7♠	8♠	*J♠
5	5♠	A♣	*2♥	6♠
6	*Q♣	6♣	4♣	J♣
7	10♣	*K♥	5♣	8♣
8	6♦	*A♦	10♦	3♦
9	5♦	2♦	*J♦	4♦
10	*K♦	7♦	Q♦	9♦
11	10♠	K♠	*3♥	9♠
12	8♦	*J♥	4♥	10♥
13	9♣	Q♣	7♣	*Q♥

*Happy Bridging, Bal*