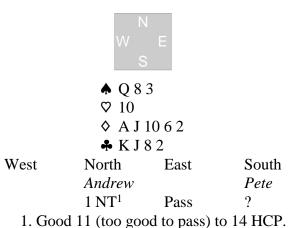
Invitational with Minors -- Problem



We play 4-suit transfers: $2 \spadesuit$ shows six or more clubs, and 2 NT shows six or more diamonds.

Bidding 2 & asks opener for a 4-card major. Over opener's response: 2 NT is invitational to 3 NT (whether or not holding a major suit); and 3 & or 3 \$\display\$ shows five or more cards in that suit, usually a 4-card major, and is forcing to game.

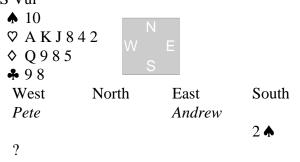
What would be your plan, in my seat? Be specific.

One and a Half Suiter -- Problem

Board 15

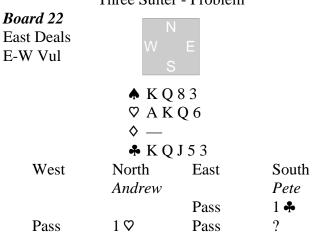
South Deals

N-S Vul



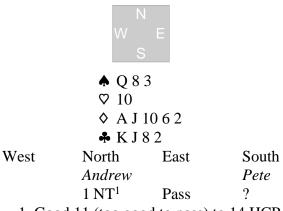
What would be your call, in my seat, playing in a matchpoint pairs event?

Three Suiter - Problem



- 1. Do you agree with my 1 ♣ opening bid?
- 2. What would be your plan in my seat, after partner responds $1 \heartsuit$?

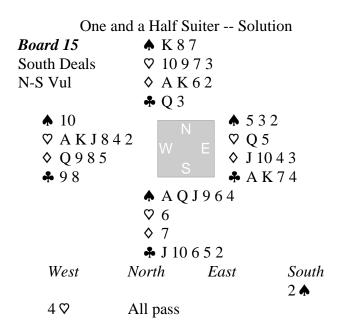
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1. Good 11 (too good to pass) to 14 HCP.

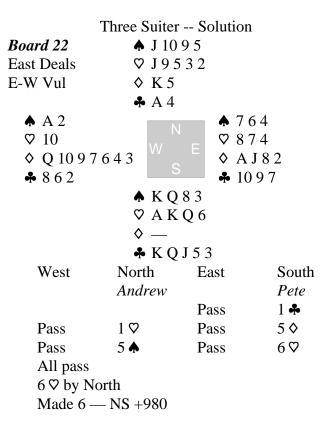
This is a neat situation. Bid $2 \clubsuit$. If partner responds $2 \heartsuit$, try for 3 NT with 2 NT.

However, if partner shows fewer than four hearts, 3 NT will be at risk. So, over opener's 2 ⋄ or 2 ♠, pass! [sorry, no hand record for this board, 25]



Unwilling to pass as West, I was short of the values to bid $3 \spadesuit$. We play a jump to $4 \heartsuit$ as preemptive: hoping to make, but based on shape. My hand was way below minimum, but that was my choice.

North led the \diamond A. When I dropped the queen, undeterred, she continued with the king. Down one was a fine result, even if they could only make $3 \spadesuit$.



- 1. The 1 ♣ opening bid was 100% correct. Never open 2 ♣ with a 3-suiter. Think about all the ways that could go wrong.
- 2. Many players would rebid $4 \diamondsuit$, showing a singleton or void in diamonds, with the values to make $4 \heartsuit$. Since partner has no top trumps, they will probably rebid $4 \heartsuit$. Continue with $5 \diamondsuit$, showing a void and sufficient values for $5 \heartsuit$. With a fifth heart and a working ace, partner has an easy $6 \heartsuit$ bid.

We play that $5 \diamondsuit$ is exclusion keycard Blackwood; partner's $5 \spadesuit$ response showed one keycard outside diamonds, same result.