

Bridge Hands – Week of 31st October 2021

Here are three hands from WCBU pairs on Thursday 4th November, 2021 which have an element in common in that bidder has two long suits to choose from. It was interesting to see the wide variety of ways they were bid. How would you and your partner bid them.

Board 5		N bertie222 3*		E suziq2 6*	
W JillyRabz 6		S lady macb 5			
♠AK43 ♥KQ64 ♦K98 ♣53		♠J96 ♥10 ♦QJ652 ♣KJ108		♠5 ♥5 ♦A10743 ♣AQ9642	
		♠Q10872 ♥AJ98732 ♦ ♣7			
		W N E S Pass 1♦ 2♦ Dbl Pass 3♣ 3♥ Dbl Pass Pass Pass		3♥x South	
				0 0	

On board 5 most Easts opened 1C. By opening 1D, East has a rebid at a lower level. In addition, in SAYC a bid of 1C does not guarantee a club suit. Some Souths overcalled 1H; some overcalled 1S and then rebid the hearts; and the one shown used a Ghestem bid to show 5-5 in the majors. Only one West ended the bidding with 3NT and made it by adopting the safety play of finessing 9C.

Board 8		N meryl3000 6		E Robot	
W Robot		S merlesaxe4 4*			
♠53 ♥AJ ♦986 ♣Q107654		♠AJ1042 ♥ ♦AKJ754 ♣A2		♠7 ♥K1097632 ♦Q10 ♣J98	
		♠KQ986 ♥Q854 ♦32 ♣K3			
		W N E S Pass 1♠ 3♥ 4♠ Pass 6♠ Pass Pass Pass		6♠ North	
				0 0	

Here again North has a choice of opening suit. While spades are shorter, they make a diamond rebid cheaper as well as making it more difficult for East to overcall. At most tables East overcalled 3H. The best bid by South where North has opened 1S is 4H showing spade support and 10+ points.

14^D

N Lilvat 5					E suziq2 6*
♠ K9632					♠ 10532
♥ K					♥ A10
♦ KQJ8653					♦ Q54
					♣ 10974
W JillyRabz 6	W	N	E	S	
♠ KQ974			Pass	1♦	
♥ 754	1♠	2♣	3♠	Dbl	
♦ A9732	Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass	
♣	Pass				
S treetops38 6*					
♠ AJ86					
♥ QJ8					
♦ J1086					
♣ A2					

4♥ North
0 0

Invariably South opened 1D. East overcalled 1S and North has to decide whether to call hearts or clubs first, with the final contract various levels of H or C. The opening lead is always a spade on which South played the AS and North KD.