



Charged Party(ies)	Vernon Hodge Carolyn Motes	ACBL #	M047966 N611431	Hearing Date	8/1/22
Disciplinary Body	Online Ethical Oversight Committee	Hearing Location	Web-Conference using Zoom		
Charging Party	Joseph Jones	ACBL#	5399696	Complainant	Jeff Edelstein
				ACBL#	O200338

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES**

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Jan Martel, Chairman	Q916802		
Cheri Bjerkan	M868447		
Ron Smith	L328600		

**INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING** (excluding committee members)

Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
Vernon Hodge	M047966	web conf.	Charged Party	Marilynn Greenberg	L635007	web conf.	Panel Advisor
Carolyn Motes	N611431	web conf.	Charged Party			Select One	Select One
Justin Coniglio	O200338	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
Jeff Edelstein	Q809461	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One

**EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED** (Summarize evidence and arguments presented including testimony. If additional space is needed, continue on page 3 of this hearing report.) (Note: provide new documentary evidence introduced during the hearing to the Office of National Recorder)

See attached.

**COMMITTEE FINDINGS OF FACT** (based on the evidence, state the committee's conclusion as to what happened)

See attached.

**DECISION** (click on the box next to Not Responsible or Responsible of violating the CDR to add a check mark.)

Not responsible

Responsible

**CDR GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE** Type the section(s) and description(s) found in CDR 3 which led to the discipline).

301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

**DISCIPLINE** (Unless a discipline begins immediately, which requires you to complete a Notice of Immediate Discipline, all begin dates should start at least five days after you submit this hearing Report to the Office of National Recorder.

Disciplined Party is convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating (or has admitted to such action). CDR 401(H) YES  NO

	Start Date	End Date	Additional Requirements/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> REPRIMAND		N/A	Hodge Probation 2 years beginning September 12, 2025 and ending September 11, 2027; Motes Probation 2 years beginning September 12, 2024 and ending September 11, 2026.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROBATION	See comment to the right:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	See comment to the right:		Hodge suspended for 3 years beginning September 12, 2022 and ending September 11, 2025; Motes suspended for 2 years beginning September 12, 2022 and ending September 11, 2024.

Is the disciplined party Suspended because of an Ethical Violation (CDR 401(H))? YES  NO

Is the Suspension imposed due to an Ethical Violation more than one year (CDR 401(H))? YES  NO

EXPULSION  N/A

SUSPENDED SENTENCE (only used in conjunction with an imposed Suspension from above that you have converted to Probation). State the condition of the sentence below

EXCLUSION from Events and Programs (list the exclusions and the dates of the events or activities). CDR 401(F)  
Charged Parties cannot play together in ACBL sanctioned games during their probationary periods.

REDUCTION OR FORFEITURE of Masterpoints (MP) or Tournament Rank or Disqualification. Please specify below:  
Forfeiture of all MPs earned playing together online between January 2022 and March 2022.

**STATE THE OFFENSE(S) FROM APPENDIX B, CHART 1 and/or CHART 2 OF THE CDR**

N/A

The discipline imposed above is outside the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2. If it is OUTSIDE the guidelines, a reason must be stated below.

The suspensions and probationary periods are within the guidelines. The Panel elected not to require forfeiture of 25% of all MPs since they were earned over a very long time with many other partners, but rather to require forfeiture of those MPs earned playing online together during the period of proven collusion.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIR)**

/s/ Jan Martel



Date: 9/1/2022

Electronic Signature (type name above)

Wet Signature (sign above)

## ATTACHMENT A

### AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE ONLINE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

#### VERNON HODGE/CAROLYN MOTES DISCIPLINARY DECISION

##### Procedural History

On May 23, 2022, National Recorder, Jeff Edelstein, submitted a *Recorder Complaint* against Carolyn Motes and Vernon Hodge to Joseph Jones, ACBL Executive Director, alleging a pattern of exchanging unauthorized information while playing online in ACBL sanctioned games.

On May 23, 2022, charges of ethical misconduct under CDR Rule 301(A)(2)<sup>1</sup>, Collusive Cheating, Online, were initiated against Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes by Mr. Jones based on the Complaint submitted by Mr. Edelstein. The Charge Letter under “Summary of Facts” states:

Four investigators and the National Recorder’s Office have all reviewed online sessions played by Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes and have unanimously concurred that Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes are illegally exchanging information during these sessions in violation of CDR Rule 301(A)(2).

Charging Party Jones appointed Jeff Edelstein and Justin Coniglio to serve as Co-Advocates and designated Online Ethical Oversight Committee (OEOC) members Jan Martel to serve as Presiding Chairperson of a 3-person Hearing Panel and Cheri Bjerkan and Ron Smith as the two other panelists. Marilynn Greenberg was designated as Advisor for the hearing.

On June 13, 2022, Chair Martel advised the parties of her appointment as Chair of the OEOC Panel and that Cheri Bjerkan and Ron Smith had been appointed as OEOC panelists and that the hearing would be held at 2:00p.m. EST on July 26, 2022 by web-conference using Zoom. Martel further advised the parties of the following:

- (a) Sabrina Goley is the ACBL Compliance Coordinator and Marilynn Greenberg will serve as the Advisor to the Panel. Both are neutral parties in the process and cannot offer an opinion on the allegations or evidence. If you have questions regarding the procedures set forth in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR), you can direct your questions to them.
- (b) Pursuant to CDR 501(K), the Charging Party and the Charged Party have a right to appoint an Advocate to represent them before the Disciplinary Body at their own cost. The Advocate shall not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to CDR 10.6, the effective date of the applicable CDR in this matter is August 1, 2021.

- (c) The Charged Parties and the Charging Party were advised of their right to challenge any panel member for cause, such as bias, in accordance with CDR 501(I). Chair Martel advised the parties that challenges for cause must be submitted to Compliance Coordinator Goley in writing by June 20, 2022. No objections or challenges were submitted by the deadline.
- (d) Pursuant to CDR 501(G), Martel directed the pre-hearing disclosure of available evidence and the identity of witnesses. The witness list should identify the witness by name and include a summary of the witness' expected testimony. Martel recommended that the Charged Party review the Charged Party Tips included in the Notice of Charges provided on April 11, 2022. Martel directed the parties to email their pre-hearing submissions by 3:00 p.m. EST on the following dates to Sabrina Goley in one email and she will provide each party a copy. The Charging Party's pre-hearing disclosure was due by June 27, 2022 and the Charged Parties' prehearing disclosure was due by July 11, 2022.
- (e) Martel advised the Charged Parties that they are not required to appear at the hearing and that failure to appear will not be grounds for discipline.

The Charging Party's Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statement was provided to the Charged Parties on June 27, 2022 (see Exhibit A attached hereto). The Charged Parties' Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statement was provided on July 26, 2022 (see Exhibit B attached hereto) after a postponement request approved by Chair Martel. The evidentiary materials and charging documents ("the Packet") were then compiled by Compliance Coordinator Goley and provided to the Charged Parties, the Advocates and OEOC panelists on July 26, 2022. The hearing ultimately took place on August 1, 2022 after a postponement request by Mr. Hodge.

## **EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED**

### **Charging Party's Pre-Hearing Disclosure**

The Co-Advocates Edelstein and Coniglio Pre-Hearing Disclosure was comprised of five sections:

- I. The background of the Charged Parties, including their Masterpoint holdings, a copy of their convention card, and a BBO report showing that they share an IP address.
- II. The background of the Co-Advocates for the Charging Party and that they do not intend to call witnesses at the hearing.
- III. Full scores for five full sessions between January and March 2022 that were reviewed along with highlighted commentary on selected boards.
- IV. Examples of approximately 62 hands from January 1 to January 31, 2022 that demonstrate possession of Illicit/Information (I/I). These examples include bidding, opening leads and defense.

- V. A table with links to 64 hands showing all the Charged Parties' opening leads against suit contracts during 11 BBO sessions in March 2022. It is included to demonstrate Charged Parties' accuracy in leads against suit contracts.

### **Charged Parties' Pre-Hearing Disclosure**

In his Pre-Hearing Disclosure, Mr. Hodge explained his bidding style, which in large part is based upon judgment rather than hard and fast rules, and taking advantage of errors made by weaker players common to the BBO field. He is a certified director and bridge teacher and has trained Mrs. Motes to be his partner. He explained that they have the same IP address because they play from separate rooms in her condominium. He then presented 11 hands that he had posted on his Bridge Facebook Page where he analyzed the bidding and play, presumably to show his style. Finally, Mr. Hodge responded in detail to 99 hands that had been commented upon in the Advocates' Disclosure. Mr. Hodge presented no exculpatory hands.

In her Pre-hearing Disclosure, Mrs. Motes explained her background and how she returned to the game after a long absence and Mr. Hodge became her mentor. She attributed a lot of their success to their use of upside-down count, attitude and suit preference. She also assured that she would never think of cheating or even know how to cheat. Finally, Mrs. Motes responded in detail to 98 hands presented by the Advocates.

### **The Hearing**

The OEOC hearing convened on August 1, 2022 at 2p.m. EDT by Web-Conference using Zoom. Chair Jan Martel presided and panelists Ron Smith and Cheri Bjerkan were present. Marilynn Greenberg was present as Advisor. Charging Party Advocates Jeff Edelstein and Justin Coniglio were present, although Jeff Edelstein presented for the Advocates, and Charged Parties Vernon Hodge and Carolyn Motes also appeared.

After introductions, the Chair explained that the Panel had read and was familiar with the lengthy Pre-Hearing Disclosure Statements submitted by all parties and therefore those arguments should not be repeated. The Chair then invited the Charging Party Co-Advocates to make their presentation.

### **Charging Party's Presentation**

Advocate Edelstein had submitted his written presentation to the Advisor in advance of the hearing (see Exhibit C attached hereto) and he essentially followed it during his presentation.

Advocate Edelstein explained that Mr. Hodge has 2,752 MPs, has been a Life Master since 1/2/96 and is a Certified Director and Better Bridge Instructor. Mrs. Motes has 3,256 MPs and has been a Life Master since 6/1/78. They are both experienced Gold Life Master players. According to BBO, they share an IP address.

Advocate Edelstein explained that during their review, he and his Co-Advocate examined hands played online together by the Charged Parties between January 1 through March 31 2022. They examined five full sessions played in February 2022 and found only one exculpatory hand. They found many examples of hands in January 2022 where it was obvious that I/I was shared. They focused on opening leads made during March 2022 and found that their percentage of success far exceeded that of world class players.

Advocate Edelstein then set forth 12 traits of pairs that share I/I, all of which traits are common in the hands played together by Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes:

- Consistently Accurate Opening Leads
- Accurate Defensive Shifts
- Off-Shape Doubles that Rarely Fail
- Four Card Overcalls Generally Land
- Passing Forcing Bids With No Negative Outcomes
- Compensating Overbidding and Underbidding
- Highly Accurate High Level Decisions
- Stopping Short of Game When the Hands Don't Fit Well
- Driving to Game When the Hands do Fit Well
- Highly Accurate Penalty Doubles
- Recovering From Mis-clicks
- Bids/Leads That Fool Opponents but not Partner

Advocate Edelstein then presented with commentary four groupings of hands:

1. Opening the shorter major – too often to be a coincidence and never miss
2. 4-card openings and overcalls – too often to be a coincidence and never miss
3. Passing forcing bids – never any adverse consequence
4. Other hands demonstrating use of I/I – overly aggressive or conservative depending upon how well hands fit and inconsistent treatment depending upon situation

In all, the Charging Party Co-Advocates found more than 60-70 deals that were suspicious. This record led the Charging Party Co-Advocates to conclude well beyond a reasonable doubt that the Charged Parties were colluding online and that such collusion was blatant. The Co-Advocates asked for a minimum punishment of at least two-years suspension and two-years probation and a forfeiture of 25% of each Charged Party's MPs.

At the conclusion of the Charging Party's presentation, the Charged Parties were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Hodge asked Advocate Edelstein why one player has to stop bidding when his partner signs off. Mr. Edelstein responded that this would be unusual and should be alerted. Mr. Hodge then questioned Mr. Edelstein's comments about the hand where responder doubled and Mr. Hodge explained that was a support double. Mr. Edelstein answered that there are many other ways for responder to show 3 or 4 card support for opener's major suit bid and support double is not one of them and in fact, double denies 3-4 card support.

There were no more questions and Chair Martel turned the floor over to the Charged Parties for their presentations.

### **Charged Parties' Presentations**

Mr. Hodge did not show any hands during his presentation. He made the following points to explain and justify their bids and play:

- His leads are typically aggressive and unique.
- He often does not bid with a "monster" hand if the opponent opener is on top of him or if he and his partner have a misfit. He relies on judgment and sometimes wins and other times loses.
- He trained Mrs. Motes to do it his way, not like others. He "hounds her" on using good judgment at the table.
- Minor suits with a N/T opener are a disadvantage so they will often bid a major suit after finding a minor suit fit.
- They bail out of if is not their hand. They often make a 4-card overcall in third position at the one level to "muddle the waters." If partner raises he can pass and it will not get out of hand.
- They use Minorwood and Queen Ask but they sometimes get confused and make a strange bid.
- He often doubles 5 level bids in competition and often employs a tapping defense.
- Some of the bids that he and his partner made were embarrassing and they often mis-click.
- They have a shared IP address because he plays in her condominium in separate rooms where conditions are better. Collusion during play would just distract him.
- He did not prepare exculpatory hands because he did not know he was supposed to do that.
- They play upside-down count, attitude and suit preference.
- They win or lose not because of their own play but due to their opponents' play, especially gifts from the less experienced players on BBO.
- Just because they had a good streak means nothing. Like most games, after this good streak they had a bad streak.

Mrs. Motes then made her presentation:

- Their first two bids limit their hands or they realize they have a misfit. In this case they let the opponents have the bid,
- They often get gifts from the opponents and they take them.
- Their cards "talk to them" and they can tell partner what suit to switch to.
- They are horrified that people think they are colluding and they are not the type of people to do that.

The Advocates had no questions. The Panel had several questions.

Chair Martel asked why they did not present exculpatory hands where some of these strange bids actually backfired. Mr. Hodge responded that he did not realize he was supposed to do that. He also commented that he trades futures 24/7 and sometimes falls asleep at the table. He also recalled a hand where he lost 1700 points because he took a risk, but the rewards of risk-

taking on BBO are much greater since the field is weak and he would take fewer risk with a stronger field.

Chair Martel then pointed out that upside-down suit preference signals are very unusual and should be alerted. Mr. Hodge responded that they put “UDCAS“ in the chat box. Ms. Martel responded that that could be read to mean Upside-down Count and Attitude Signals, and it should be written out in detail on their convention card.

Panelist Bjerkan then made several comments. She noted that they are often not alerting their special agreements and it would help a lot if they would routinely alert these agreements. She then pointed out several inconsistencies in their explanations. For example, they say that they do not fight about suits, but there are a number of hands where they do. Their convention card says a bid of a new suit over a weak two bid is forcing but then in actuality, they sometimes pass a new suit over a weak two opener. Mr. Hodge says that he prefers to be aggressive, but he often passes with a very good hand. Finally, their unconventional bidding style should only work half the time but the Panel was not able to find any hands where their bidding style resulted in a bad board.

At this point no one had any more comments or questions. Chair Martel advised that the Panel would try to issue a Hearing Report within 30 days and the Hearing was adjourned.

### **PANEL’S FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Charging Party bears the burden of proving ethical misconduct to a level of “comfortable satisfaction,” defined by the CDR as:

A burden of proof that is met when, after a careful weighing of the evidence and the facts proved by direct, circumstantial or other evidence, the decision maker has a comfortable satisfaction that he or she has reached a correct and just conclusion. It is higher than [the] “preponderance of the evidence” standard but not as high as “beyond a reasonable doubt.”

Direct evidence, circumstantial evidence, hearsay evidence, witness statements, mathematical analysis and any other relevant evidence (including evidence from outside of the ACBL) may be used to establish Comfortable Satisfaction. These factors go to the weight given to such evidence and not its admissibility.” (See CDR at page 2).

The Panel was comfortably satisfied in accordance with CDR Rule 301(A)(2) that Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes were colluding online by sharing information. There were many hands where this was evident, and there were few, if any, where their unconventional style got them in any trouble. In most cases their explanations for their unusual bidding and play were inconsistent. They would stick to their system when it would lead to a successful result, and ignore the system

when doing so would lead to a poor result. This could not be explained by anything other than exchanging unauthorized information.

While there were many, the Panel gave several examples of hands where it was obvious that I/I was being shared:

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Comment: Despite Mrs. Motes making a 2-over-1 forcing bid, Mr. Hodge passes 3C with a 16-point hand.

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Comment: Mr. Hodge overcalls 1S with a 4 card spade suit and a very weak hand. Despite having 5 spades and a singleton, Mrs. Motes passes, thereby preventing opponents from finding their 4H contract.

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Comment: Even though S bid 1H, Mr. Hodge underleads his Ace of hearts to find Mrs. Motes' only values.

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Comment: Mrs. Motes is vulnerable and bids spades twice with only four spades and a very weak hand. Her penalty double of 4H indicates that she is aware of Mr. Hodge's greater than expected values. Mr. Hodge goes on to underlead his Ace of D rather than leading the usual King of spades.

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Comment: Mrs. Motes signs off in 2S despite having an opening hand across from partner's opening hand. Mr. Hodge ignores Mrs. Motes' sign-off and bids 3NT, seemingly aware of Mrs. Motes' underbid.

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	<b>W</b> ashmarwah	<b>E</b> 12Thomas	♠ AK83 ♥ A63 ♦ 8653 ♣ J2	♠ 2 ♥ KQ87 ♦ AQJ942 ♣ Q10
	<b>S</b> vernonh	♠ 109765 ♥ ♦ K107 ♣ K9543	4♦ E      NS: 0 EW: 0	

Comment: Mr. Hodge opens 1C in first seat with a 6 count and then takes a free bid of 2S in a competitive auction. Mrs. Motes then only bids 3S despite having support for both spades and clubs and a void in diamonds. Mr. Hodge has the obvious spade lead but instead leads a low club after which Mrs. Motes leads a heart for a ruff. This line of play would not be possible without the use of I/I.

<https://tinyurl.com/m8xcmhm3>

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ AK7432 ♥ K102 ♦ K6 ♣ J4	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♠   P   1♦ P   2♠   P   2♦ P   P   P   3NT
	<b>W</b> Ricky444 ♠ Q105 ♥ 987 ♦ J82 ♣ A1063	<b>E</b> sscrim ♠ 986 ♥ QJ65 ♦ 74 ♣ K982
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ J ♥ A43 ♦ AQ10953 ♣ Q75	3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

Comment: Mrs. Motes showed a weak hand with her rebid of 2S, thereby signing off. Nonetheless, Mr. Hodge went to game, apparently aware of Mrs. Motes' underbid.

D	8	N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
		♠ 10762 ♥ 92 ♦ A6432 ♣ 72	P	P	1♣	X
W	jack says		1NT	2♠	3♣	3♦
			P	P	P	
		E bsanders25				
		♠ 43 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ J7 ♣ AK854				
		S vernonh				
		♠ AQJ9 ♥ A86 ♦ Q1095 ♣ 93				
			3♦ S	NS: 0 EW: 0		

Comment: This auction is impossible, and Mr. Hodge's explanation that (1C) – Dbl – (1NT) – 2S shows spades and a minor is difficult to believe.

<https://tinyurl.com/32w33jub>

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Comment: The auction is impossible, but probably because of a 4C mis-click instead of 4S, but the opening lead of the 10 of clubs makes no sense unless he knew that partner had the AK of clubs.

## Disciplinary Sanctions

The Panel finds that the Charged Parties' unethical conduct falls within CDR Rule 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating Online. The Panel imposes a 3-year suspension followed by a 2-year probation upon Mr. Hodge and a 2-year suspension followed by a 2-year probation upon Mrs. Motes. The Panel also rules that they are to lose all their MPs earned playing together online during January through March 2022. Finally, the Panel rules that Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes should not be permitted to play together online during their probationary periods.

The suggested discipline set forth in the guidelines at CDR Rule 301(A)(7) for a first time ethical violation is a minimum of 2-years suspension and a forfeiture of 25% - 100% of MPs. Other than the MP forfeiture, the discipline imposed by the Panel upon each of the Charged Parties is within the guidelines. The main reason why the Panel decided to impose a longer suspension upon Mr. Hodge is that the Panel found the recommended minimum discipline of a two-year suspension to be inadequate given that Mr. Hodge is both a Certified Director and bridge teacher. That is, Mr. Hodge was in a position of trust and thus he had a higher duty not to take advantage of the other players in the game. By colluding in this manner, Mr. Hodge clearly failed to live up to this duty and thus a greater penalty is justified. As for the MP forfeiture aspect of the discipline, the Panel elected not to require forfeiture of between 25% and 100% of all MPs held by the Charged Parties as is set forth in the CDR guidelines. Rather, since the MPs of the Charged Parties were earned over such a long period of time playing with many other partners, the Panel elected to require forfeiture of all MPs earned by the Charged Parties while playing online together between January 2022 and March 2022 since this penalty is more closely related to the actual violations.

### **Approved:**

*/s/ Jan Martel*  
Jan Martel, Chair

*/s/ Cheri Bjerkan*  
Cheri Bjerkan

*/s/ Ron Smith*  
Ron Smith

# EXHIBIT “A”

## CHARGING PARTY’S PRE-HEARING DISCLOSURE

Online Ethical Oversight Committee  
Charging Party’s Pre-Hearing Disclosure  
Vernon Hodge and Carolyn Motes, Charged Parties

### Summary of Evidence

On May 23, 2022, the ACBL filed a charge letter alleging that the Charged Parties violated the Code of Disciplinary Regulations by exchanging illicit information (“I/I”). The evidence submitted below maintains that the Charged Parties cheated in online play during January to March 2022. This disclosure packet contains the Charging Party’s evidence and consists of five sections.

Section I provides background on the Charged Parties, including their Masterpoint holdings, a copy of their convention card, and a BBO report showing that they share an IP address.

Section II states the background of the Co-Advocates for the Charging Party. The Co-Advocates do not intend to call any witnesses at the hearing.

Section III provides full scores for five full sessions. All of the boards from these sessions are provided, with highlighted commentary on selected boards.

Section IV lists examples of various plays that demonstrate I/I. These examples include bidding, opening leads, and defense.

Section V is a table with links to hands showing all the Charged Parties’ opening leads against suit contracts during eleven BBO games in March. This table comprises 64 hands and is included to demonstrate the Charged Parties’ accuracy in leads against suit contracts.

## Section I

### Player Background and Agreements

According to the ACBL database, Vernon Hodge (M047966) and Carolyn Motes (N611431) both reside in Dallas yet list different addresses for their respective residences.

Mr. Hodge joined the ACBL in 1979. He became a Life Master on January 12, 1996. As of June 8, 2022, he was a Gold Life Master with 2,743 Masterpoints, including 155 gold points, 1,215 black points, and 871 online points. He is also an ACBL certified director.

The date Ms. Motes joined the ACBL is unavailable as it predates League recordkeeping; she became a Life Master on June 1, 1978. As of June 8, 2022, she was a Gold Life Master with 3,247 Masterpoints, including 84 gold points, 1,807 black points, and 871 online points.

SCR05	Member No.- M047966	11:48:5
		As of 06/08/2022
Mr Vernon Earl Hodge	Rank- Gold L.M.	Total Pts- 2,743.86
1615 John West Rd Apt 716	Dues Status- Paid	
Dallas TX 75228-5482	Date Pd Thru- 11/22	Gold Pts- 155.19
	Date Paid- 12/07/21	Red Pts- 187.52
	Amount Paid- 46.00	Silver- 314.03
(H) 214-826-4419 (W) 214-329-9072	Date Joined- 10/01/79	Black Pts- 1,215.73
Unit No.- 176 Dallas		Online Pt- 871.39
District No.- 16	L.M. Date- 1/12/96	Y-T-D Points
Receives Bulletin- Yes	Inact Date- 10/01/21	All YTD Pts- 192.93
BR: 11	Reinst Date- 12/07/21	MiniMcKenney .00
	MP Race- 2500-3500	Ace of Clubs .00
Male	Born: 8/01/1953	Online Pts- 192.93
		Senior Pts- .00
		Sectional- .00
Life Member		2016 LM Rank Exemption Used
Certified Director		
Better Bridge Teacher		
2002 Amnesty Reinstatement		
SCR05	Member No.- N611431	11:50:40
		As of 06/08/2022
Mrs Carolyn H Motes Jr	Rank- Gold L.M.	Total Pts- 3,247.93
3525 Turtle Creek Blvd Apt 10e	Dues Status- Paid	
Dallas TX 75219-5513	Date Pd Thru- 9/22	Gold Pts- 84.90
	Date Paid- 8/26/21	Red Pts- 145.07
	Amount Paid- 48.00	Silver- 338.34
(H) 208-351-0446 (C) 208-351-0446	Date Joined- 1/01/50	Black Pts- 1,807.98
Unit No.- 176 Dallas		Online Pt- 871.64
District No.- 16	L.M. Date- 6/01/78	Y-T-D Points
Receives Bulletin- Yes	Inact Date- 3/01/99	All YTD Pts- 192.93
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Female	Born: 12/18/1936	Online Pts- 192.93
		Senior Pts- .00
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When investigating a pair, it is standard practice to ask BBO for a pair's Convention Card, any aliases that either partner plays under, and whether the pair share an IP address. What follows is the information our office received from Shelagh Paulsson of BBO regarding Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes:

**They share an IP Address.**

**Aliases by ACBL #**

<b>ACBL number</b>	<b>Username</b>	<b>Points</b>
M047966	AmbroseJr	0.00
M047966	AmbroseBjr	0.00
M047966	vernonh	846.68

**VERNONH and SCARLETTKI**

**VERNONH ACBL# M047966**

**Created 2010-02-22**

**Last login 2022-05-08**

**AMBROSEJR ACBL# M047966**

**Created 2018-04-17**

**Last Login 2018-04-30**

**AMBROSEBJR ACBL# M047966**

**Created 2018-4-18**

**Never used**

## Aliases by ACBL#

ACBL number	Username	Points
N611431	scarlettki	764.37
N611431	honeymunch	82.56

### SCARLETTKI ACBL# N611431

Created 2021-12-29

Last login 2022-05-09

### HONEYMUNCH ACBL# N611431

Created 2013-01-24

Last login 2020-07-21

The Charged Parties had one convention card posted on BBO, which is provided below.

NAMES Vernon Carolyn

GENERAL APPROACH

Bergen 2 over 1 game Force

Two Over One: Game Forcing  Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid

VERY LIGHT: Openings  3rd Hand  Overcalls  Preempts

FORCING OPENING: 1♠  2♠  Natural 2 Bids  Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT  
15 to 17  
12 to 14  
5-Card Major Common   
System On Overdouble \_\_\_\_\_  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♥   
Forcing Stayman   
2♥ Transfer to ♠   
2♠ relay to 3C \_\_\_\_\_  
2NT 8 to 9 HCP \_\_\_\_\_

3♠ invitational \_\_\_\_\_  
3♣ invitational \_\_\_\_\_  
3♥ Forcing \_\_\_\_\_  
3♠ Forcing \_\_\_\_\_  
Weak NT 4th Seat \_\_\_\_\_  
4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
Smolen   
Lebensohl  ( \_\_\_ denies)  
Negative Double  \_\_\_\_\_

2NT 20 to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
Transfer Responses:  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ relay to 4C \_\_\_\_\_  
3NT 24 to 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Conventional NT Openings  
12-15 nt in 4th seat

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length      4      5  
1st/2nd                              
3rd/4th                              
RESPONSES  
Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
Other: Bergen Raises \_\_\_\_\_  
1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  \_\_\_ to \_\_\_  
3NT: \_\_\_ to \_\_\_  
Drury  : Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length      4      3      NF 0-2      Conv.  
1♠                                                  
1♦                                                  
RESPONSES  
Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
Single raise  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frequently bypass 4♦   
1NT/1♠: 6 to 9  
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  10 to 12  
3NT: 13 to 15  
Other: Minorwood

DESCRIBE

2♠ 21+ to \_\_\_ HCP      Cheaper Minor 2nd Negative  
Strong  Other  Suit Forcing and Slam Invi  
2♦ Response: Neg  Waiting   
2♦ 6 to 11 HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv   
2♥ 6 to 11 HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
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RESPONSES/REBIDS

Raise only non Forcing  
2NT Force  New Suit NF   
Raise only non forcing  
2NT Force  New Suit NF   
Raise only Non Forcing  
2NT Force  New Suit NF

OTHER CONV CALLS: New Minor Forcing  2-Way NMF  \_\_\_\_\_  
Weak jump shifts: In Comp.  Not In Comp.  \_\_\_\_\_  
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round  To Game  \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section II

### Witness Testimony

#### Jeff Edelstein

Mr. Edelstein of Tampa, Florida, serves as co-advocate for the Charging Party, ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones. He is the author of this disclosure document, including the “Advocate’s Concern” commentary below. At the hearing, Mr. Edelstein may discuss general bridge play and bidding theory and will present some of the boards below for the panel to consider.

Mr. Edelstein is an Emerald Life Master. He has approximately 9,300 Masterpoints and won the North American Pairs in 2019. He currently serves as the National Recorder for the ACBL.

#### Justin Coniglio

Mr. Coniglio of Tampa, Florida, serves as co-advocate for the charging party, ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones, and is the Assistant National Recorder for the ACBL. He is a Gold Life Master with approximately 2,800 Masterpoints. Mr. Coniglio is a former Vice President and Disciplinary Chair of the Tampa Bay Bridge Center.

Section III  
Review of Full Sessions with Highlighted Boards

February 12, 2022

Session # 97562, Direction: E/W

Score: 67.66%

Highlighted Boards: 1,5,7,8,9,13,16,17

1	4♠S-1	50	84.69%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ykcbm7pb">https://tinyurl.com/ykcbm7pb</a>
2	4♥E-1	-50	70.41%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ytbmdbyp">https://tinyurl.com/ytbmdbyp</a>
3	4NS-6	300	98.96%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4a9rj2hd">https://tinyurl.com/4a9rj2hd</a>
4	4♥E=	620	65.31%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/477rsfyd">https://tinyurl.com/477rsfyd</a>
5	1♥W+2	140	68.37%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9ft3vv">https://tinyurl.com/2p9ft3vv</a>
6	5♣x E-2	-500	0.00%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yfapd8za">https://tinyurl.com/yfapd8za</a>
7	3NxS-1	200	98.98%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9af6ah">https://tinyurl.com/2p9af6ah</a>
8	4♠N-1	50	45.92%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p845tsd">https://tinyurl.com/2p845tsd</a>
9	3♠E=	140	76.04%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yvdsdlynz">https://tinyurl.com/yvdsdlynz</a>
10	3NW+2	660	91.84%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yxjysdhf">https://tinyurl.com/yxjysdhf</a>
11	3♠S+1	-170	77.55%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/a5ybtary">https://tinyurl.com/a5ybtary</a>
12	3♠S=	-140	59.57%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yby5jbzd">https://tinyurl.com/yby5jbzd</a>
13	3NS+1	-630	31.63%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5n6p64dy">https://tinyurl.com/5n6p64dy</a>
14	4♠E+1	450	70.41%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2e4ad84x">https://tinyurl.com/2e4ad84x</a>
15	3♥N=	-140	48.98%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc44ab5u">https://tinyurl.com/yc44ab5u</a>
16	4♣xS-1	100	83.67%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8zwbtm">https://tinyurl.com/2p8zwbtm</a>
17	2♠N=	-110	56.12%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mr3wypam">https://tinyurl.com/mr3wypam</a>
18	4♠E+1	450	89.36%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4ywr7mr9">https://tinyurl.com/4ywr7mr9</a>

Board 1

+50 (84.69%)

<https://tinyurl.com/ykcbm7pb>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes overcalls a 4-card club suit which catches Mr. Hodge's 5-card suit. Instead of sacrificing at 5C, Mr. Hodge decides to defend and leads his singleton diamond which beats 4S.

<b>D</b> 1		<b>N</b> rikiros1 ♠ J7 ♥ QJ63 ♦ KQ43 ♣ A52	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td>1♦</td><td>2♣</td><td>2♠</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>4♠</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	W	N	E	S		1♦	2♣	2♠	P	2NT	P	4♠	P	P	P	
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	<b>S</b> giorafr ♠ AKQ953 ♥ K102 ♦ J106 ♣ 7		4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0																

Board 5

+140 (68.37%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9ft3vv>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes opens a bad 8-count and then passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 1H bid. This works well as 3H is the maximum of the hands.

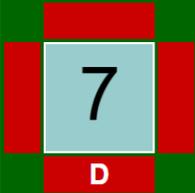
<b>D</b> 5	<b>N</b> eitano ♠ KQ96 ♥ K8 ♦ K963 ♣ 1063	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   P   1♦   P 1♥   P   P   P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ J1073 ♥ A9654 ♦ Q105 ♣ A		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 54 ♥ 1073 ♦ AJ72 ♣ K754
	<b>S</b> kalish ♠ A82 ♥ QJ2 ♦ 84 ♣ QJ982	1♥ W      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 7

+200 (98.98%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9af6ah>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge overcalls his four-card diamond suit instead of his better four-card club suit which catches partner's five-card suit (similar to board 1 above).

	<b>N</b> suedene	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ A109632 ♥ 7 ♦ 4 ♣ Q9763	2♦ X X P	3♦ P 3NT P
<b>W</b> Vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki	
♠ J5 ♥ KQ6 ♦ K752 ♣ AJ54		♠ KQ8 ♥ 10952 ♦ Q9863 ♣ 8	
	<b>S</b> naplesjune	3NTx S NS: 0 EW: 0	
	♠ 74 ♥ AJ843 ♦ AJ10 ♣ K102		

Board 8

+50 (45.92%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p845tsd>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge opens 1H with a shapely 6-count and Ms. Motes decides to simply raise to 4H with 6 hearts, 16 points and a singleton. The limit of the hand is 4H. After the lead of the TD is allowed to hold, Ms. Motes find the shift of AC and another club.

D 8	<b>N</b> suedene		W	N	E	S
	♠ AK963 ♥ ♦ A732 ♣ K1092		1♥ P P	1♠ 4♠	4♥ P	P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettiki			
♠ 42 ♥ J108753 ♦ KQ986 ♣	♦ 10		♠ Q108 ♥ AKQ9642 ♦ 10 ♣ AJ			
	<b>S</b> naplesjune					
	♠ J75 ♥ ♦ J54 ♣ Q876543					
					4♠ N	NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 9

+140 (76.04%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yvdsynz>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes opens a 9-count and Mr. Hodge, despite holding a prime 13-count, doesn't bid 3NT or 5C, but allows the auction to die in a partial.

<b>D</b> 9	<b>N</b> suedene ♠ 1042 ♥ 762 ♦ AJ86 ♣ 986	<b>W</b> N E S P 1♣ X 1♥ P 1♠ P 2♦ P 2♠ P 3♠ P P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ A8 ♥ K10954 ♦ 1095 ♣ AQ2		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ K9765 ♥ J ♦ Q4 ♣ K7543
	<b>S</b> naplesjune ♠ QJ3 ♥ AQ83 ♦ K732 ♣ J10	3♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 13

-630 (31.63%)

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6p64dy>

Advocate's concern: The Charged Parties frequently find their partner's values on opening lead. Here, Mr. Hodge had no clear lead but the AS found partner's best suit. This was a below average board because this defense allowed South to establish the JS for an easy tenth trick.

<b>D</b> 13	<b>N</b> louhol ♠ 732 ♥ AQJ63 ♦ ♣ AQJ64	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♥   P   2♦ P   3♣   P   3NT P   P   P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ A5 ♥ 1094 ♦ 10543 ♣ K832	♠ A	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ KQ98 ♥ 875 ♦ J62 ♣ 1075
	<b>S</b> posiepacke ♠ J1064 ♥ K2 ♦ AKQ987 ♣ 9	3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 16

+100 (83.67%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8zwbtm>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 3S bid with 16 points and solid 3-card spade support. 3S is the limit of the hand.

<b>D</b> 16	<b>N</b> scottie91	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 86432 ♥ 864 ♦ 1082 ♣ AK	P 3♠ P P	P P P P	1NT P X	3♣ 4♣ P
<b>W</b> Vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ Q10975 ♥ J972 ♦ Q54 ♣ 6	♠ 10	♠ AKJ ♥ A53 ♦ K976 ♣ J83			
	<b>S</b> rajisun				
	♠ ♥ KQ10 ♦ AJ3 ♣ Q1097542				
		4♣x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 17

-110 (56.12%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3wypam>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's failure to bid over Ms. Motes' 2C bid clearly demonstrates illicit knowledge that Ms. Motes overcalled with a poor hand and there was no better fit available. The heart lead hits well but the rest of the charged parties' defense allowed declarer to make the contract.

<b>D</b> 17	<b>N</b> scottie91 ♠ AQ9654 ♥ A7 ♦ A52 ♣ Q8	<table border="1"><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>2♣</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>2♠</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	W	N	E	S		1♠	2♣	P	P	2♠	P	P	P			
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	<b>S</b> rajisun ♠ J8 ♥ J9653 ♦ 973 ♣ A109	<table border="1"><tr><td>2♠ N</td><td>NS: 0 EW: 0</td></tr></table>	2♠ N	NS: 0 EW: 0														
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February 13, 2022

Session # 3731

Direction: E/W

Score: 61.36%

Highlighted boards: 8,9,17,18

1	3♣W+2	150	68.01%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4zef9dwe">https://tinyurl.com/4zef9dwe</a>
2	3♥S+2	-200	81.99%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/58nrfwj3">https://tinyurl.com/58nrfwj3</a>
3	2♠S-1	50	10.00%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bdzy3x44">https://tinyurl.com/bdzy3x44</a>
4	2NS-1	100	94.49%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8zbit5">https://tinyurl.com/2p8zbit5</a>
5	3♣E-1	-50	59.56%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yfpya535">https://tinyurl.com/yfpya535</a>
6	3NS=	-400	69.70%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vunnwvpj">https://tinyurl.com/vunnwvpj</a>
7	3♥N=	-140	20.96%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2yr4pes6">https://tinyurl.com/2yr4pes6</a>
8	2♥W=	110	91.54%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ysukvdzp">https://tinyurl.com/ysukvdzp</a>
9	5♥xN-3	500	91.54%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9yuv4v">https://tinyurl.com/2p9yuv4v</a>
10	4♥S=	-620	56.99%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8896c8">https://tinyurl.com/2p8896c8</a>
11	4♥W+1	450	77.57%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc5nhrum">https://tinyurl.com/yc5nhrum</a>
12	2NW=	120	18.01%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2mry93ck">https://tinyurl.com/2mry93ck</a>
13	5♣N-1	100	83.09%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9xb56p">https://tinyurl.com/2p9xb56p</a>
14	2♥E-1	-50	23.90%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/47whkaby">https://tinyurl.com/47whkaby</a>
15	4♥E=	420	31.25%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9cyzet">https://tinyurl.com/2p9cyzet</a>
16	4♦W=	130	92.28%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yck6mc85">https://tinyurl.com/yck6mc85</a>
17	1NW+1	120	79.41%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9rtxds">https://tinyurl.com/2p9rtxds</a>
18	3NW=	400	54.14%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mu4k2zu6">https://tinyurl.com/mu4k2zu6</a>

Board 8

+110 (91.54%)

<https://tinyurl.com/ysukvdzp>

Advocate's concern: The charged parties' convention card is marked that a double of 1NT is penalty.  
Ms. Motes' double doesn't seem to be takeout or penalty but catches her partner with good values and a decent 5-card heart suit.

D 8	<b>N</b> Ichiban2	W	N	E	S
	♠ 852 ♥ J102 ♦ 942 ♣ KJ52	P P 2♥	P P P	P X P	1NT P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 1043 ♥ K9843 ♦ AK8 ♣ 84		♠ AK96 ♥ 765 ♦ Q105 ♣ 1073			
	<b>S</b> Leonhild				
	♠ QJ7 ♥ AQ ♦ J763 ♣ AQ96				
		2♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 9

+500 (91.54%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9yuv4v>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's simple raise to 3S is suspicious as most players with the West hand would not stop short of game. Ms. Motes' double of 5H seems to indicate that she is aware that Mr. Hodge is at the top of his 3S bid.

<b>D</b> 9	<b>N</b> Ichiban2 ♠ QJ843 ♥ K10764 ♦ J ♣ 93	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   P   1♠   2♠ 3♠   4♠   X   P P   5♥   X   P P   P
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ K109 ♥ ♦ A9842 ♣ A10742	♠A	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ A7652 ♥ AQ2 ♦ 105 ♣ Q65
	<b>S</b> Leonhild ♠ ♥ J9853 ♦ KQ763 ♣ KJ8	5♥x N      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 17

+120 (79.41%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9rtxds>

Advocate's concern: This is common for the charged parties: when the hands fit well, they get to game and when the hands don't fit well, they stay low. Mr. Hodge's 1NT bid is very conservative but works well as Ms. Motes opened an 11-count.

<b>D</b> 17		<b>N</b> cloutier ♠ 852 ♥ Q104 ♦ KQ74 ♣ A102	<b>W</b> 1♦ 1NT	<b>N</b> P P P	<b>E</b> 1♣ 1♠ P	<b>S</b> P P P
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ A3 ♥ J853 ♦ A10862 ♣ Q5			<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ QJ96 ♥ K7 ♦ J5 ♣ KJ974			
	<b>S</b> dalgrep ♠ K1074 ♥ A962 ♦ 93 ♣ 863					1NT W NS: 0 EW: 0



February 19, 2022

Session # 37807

Direction: N/S

Score: 64.33%

Highlighted boards: 1,2,4,7,9,10,11,14,17

1	3♠S-1	<b>-50</b>	<b>56.78%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4d28xzn8">https://tinyurl.com/4d28xzn8</a>
2	6♣xN=	<b>1540</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/kww92stk">https://tinyurl.com/kww92stk</a>
3	4♥xN+1	<b>690</b>	<b>95.76%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9hzh7m">https://tinyurl.com/2p9hzh7m</a>
4	3NW+2	<b>-660</b>	<b>88.14%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2uffx67h">https://tinyurl.com/2uffx67h</a>
5	2♥N+2	<b>170</b>	<b>71.19%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4arp6hxt">https://tinyurl.com/4arp6hxt</a>
6	2♥E+2	<b>-170</b>	<b>65.25%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/42d8truz">https://tinyurl.com/42d8truz</a>
7	3♦N-2	<b>-200</b>	<b>25.42%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p86hj25">https://tinyurl.com/2p86hj25</a>
8	3♠E=	<b>-140</b>	<b>24.58%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p98du6r">https://tinyurl.com/2p98du6r</a>
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12	1NE+5	<b>-240</b>	<b>94.83%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/m2rnrsk8">https://tinyurl.com/m2rnrsk8</a>
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15	3♥W=	<b>-140</b>	<b>32.76%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4ktf6ppz">https://tinyurl.com/4ktf6ppz</a>
16	3NW-2	<b>200</b>	<b>89.83%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4msrnpck">https://tinyurl.com/4msrnpck</a>
17	2♠W=	<b>-110</b>	<b>72.03%</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4cdy965m">https://tinyurl.com/4cdy965m</a>
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Board 1

-50 (56.78%)

<https://tinyurl.com/4d28xzn8>

Advocate's concern: The Charged Parties have a tendency to overcall 4-card suits and find a fit. Ms.

Motes goes low with a simple 2S raise but does compete to 3S.

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Board 2

+1540 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/kww92stk>

Advocate's concern: 1NT alerted as 15-17 (their Convention Card is marked 15-17 and 12-14 NT openings), 2S is alerted as relay to clubs and 3H is alerted as slam try. Assuming all alerts are accurate, it is still disconcerting that Mr. Hodge drives to the club slam and catches an absolutely perfect dummy at the top of their NT range.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A3 ♥ Q952 ♦ AK8 ♣ A852	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P 1♣ P 1♦ P 1NT P 2♠ P 3♣ P 3♥ P 3♠ P 6♣
<b>W</b> rwhite2526 ♠ K742 ♥ 108764 ♦ 63 ♣ 43		<b>E</b> bkravis ♠ J1065 ♥ AK3 ♦ 9754 ♣ 97
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ Q98 ♥ J ♦ QJ102 ♣ KQJ106	6♣x N NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 4

-660 (88.14%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2uffx67h>

Advocate's concern: A spade lead is the only way to hold 3NT to 5. Most players would consider a heart lead rather than underleading the QS into the opening NT bidder's spade suit.

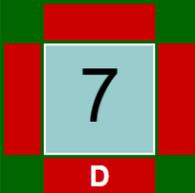
<b>D</b> 4	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ Q653 ♥ J7532 ♦ 76 ♣ 63	1NT P 2♠ P P	2♣ P 3NT P P
<b>W</b> bobvb	♠ 3	<b>E</b> nharring	
♠ J1074 ♥ AK6 ♦ KQ10 ♣ Q84		♠ K ♥ Q1084 ♦ A83 ♣ AK1097	
	<b>S</b> vernonh		
	♠ A982 ♥ 9 ♦ J9542 ♣ J52		
		3NT W	NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 7

-200 (25.42%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p86hj25>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge shows incredible restraint in not bidding 5C or 3NT over Ms. Motes' competitive 1NT overcall. 3D is certainly not the best contract but Mr. Hodge seems to have illicit knowledge of partner's holding in passing 3D.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W N E S</b>			
	♠ 1094 ♥ Q85 ♦ KJ10852 ♣ 6	1♥ P P P	1NT 3♦ P	P P	1♣ 2NT P
<b>W</b> Sandy HHK		<b>E</b> pmfdds			
♠ Q72 ♥ K9642 ♦ AQ96 ♣ 5		♠ J83 ♥ J3 ♦ 743 ♣ QJ1043			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ AK65 ♥ A107 ♦ ♣ AK9872				
		3♦ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 9

+110 (71.93%)

<https://tinyurl.com/crkxwbpj>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge does not have a weak jump response to partner's opening bid. His 2S bid does get the pair to right contract and blocks E/W from establishing their heart fit.

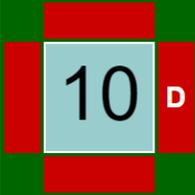
D 9	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A ♥ 3 ♦ AK10762 ♣ K10654	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♦   P   2♠ P   P   P
<b>W</b> Sandy HHK ♠ 54 ♥ KQ1084 ♦ QJ95 ♣ A8		<b>E</b> pmfdds ♠ QJ97 ♥ A976 ♦ 84 ♣ 973
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ K108632 ♥ J52 ♦ 3 ♣ QJ2	2♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 10

-150 (58.47%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2s46pt2u>

Advocate's concern: Three concerns on this hand: 1) Mr. Hodge doubling with a flattish 8-count, 2) Ms. Motes not competing to 3S, 3) Ms. Motes underleading her AS.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki		<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A10752 ♥ 109 ♦ Q982 ♣ J2			2♣ P	1♦ 3♣	X P
<b>W</b> darrown		♠ 5	<b>E</b> sevens44			
♠ 863 ♥ Q765 ♦ J ♣ KQ643			♠ Q ♥ KJ8 ♦ AK543 ♣ A1097			
	<b>S</b> vernonh					
	♠ KJ94 ♥ A432 ♦ 1076 ♣ 85					
						3♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 11

+450 (69.48%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yckz97hz>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes' failure to show a good hand or exploring slam in any way demonstrates knowledge that Mr. Hodge opened an aceless 11-count.

<b>11</b> D	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ J10 ♥ A1095 ♦ AK1094 ♣ K7	2♣ P	4♥	P	1♥ P
<b>W</b> darrown		<b>E</b> sevens44			
♠ A97 ♥ 72 ♦ Q8 ♣ AJ9543		♠ Q632 ♥ 63 ♦ J632 ♣ 1062			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ K854 ♥ KQJ84 ♦ 75 ♣ Q8				
		4♥ S			NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 14

+50 (59.32%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p89df4p>

Advocate's concern: This is an aggressive lead by Mr. Hodge which finds partner's length and strength.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ Q1073 ♥ Q97 ♦ 1076 ♣ J108	2♦ P	P P	1NT 2♥	P P
<b>W</b> rien 25			<b>E</b> wiejul		
♠ 86 ♥ 108432 ♦ Q853 ♣ 93	♠ 2		♠ A95 ♥ A6 ♦ KJ4 ♣ A7652		
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ KJ42 ♥ KJ5 ♦ A92 ♣ KQ4				
					2♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 17

-110 (72.03%)

<https://tinyurl.com/4cdy965m>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes led a low club which generally shows an honor. Upon winning the AC, Mr. Hodge found the dangerous yet successful switch of a low heart. This seems to indicate that Mr. Hodge knew that partner had the KH and not the KC.

<b>D</b> 17		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 652 ♥ K109 ♦ QJ92 ♣ 1065	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>1♣</td></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>P</td><td>2♦</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>2♠</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr></tbody></table>	W	N	E	S		P	P	1♣	1♠	P	2♦	P	2♠	P	P	P
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<b>W</b> klyndunbar ♠ AK1043 ♥ 843 ♦ A6 ♣ K82	♥ 5	<b>E</b> dun_ ♠ Q9 ♥ Q62 ♦ K10843 ♣ J93																	
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ J87 ♥ AJ75 ♦ 75 ♣ AQ74	2♠ W      NS: 1 EW: 0																	

February 21, 2022

Session # 49860

Direction: E/W

Score: 60.56%

Highlighted boards: 1,3,4,6,7,8,14,18

1	2♥xN-2	300	94.44%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/7e539rc4">https://tinyurl.com/7e539rc4</a>
2	2♦E+3	150	75.00%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5n8f4e3y">https://tinyurl.com/5n8f4e3y</a>
3	3♠xN-2	300	100.00%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yck8rbmd">https://tinyurl.com/yck8rbmd</a>
4	6NW-1	-100	37.04%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/8rzw58nd">https://tinyurl.com/8rzw58nd</a>
5	2♥E+1	140	67.59%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8pnbjp">https://tinyurl.com/2p8pnbjp</a>
6	2♦E-1	-100	17.59%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/muxm673v">https://tinyurl.com/muxm673v</a>
7	4♥S-2	200	96.30%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2acw4fmu">https://tinyurl.com/2acw4fmu</a>
8	4♥N=	-420	37.04%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/592vzsuw">https://tinyurl.com/592vzsuw</a>
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10	3NS+1	-630	61.11%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mt8x6bus">https://tinyurl.com/mt8x6bus</a>
11	4♠S-3	150	86.11%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8n7xp3">https://tinyurl.com/2p8n7xp3</a>
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14	4♥E+2	480	75.00%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3nv8n372">https://tinyurl.com/3nv8n372</a>
15	3♣xE+1	570	90.74%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p93f8pz">https://tinyurl.com/2p93f8pz</a>
16	4♦S+1	-150	31.48%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bdf8mtyd">https://tinyurl.com/bdf8mtyd</a>
17	4♣N-1	50	29.63%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/dmr5sb2n">https://tinyurl.com/dmr5sb2n</a>
18	3NN=	-600	36.11%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/57fx9wj5">https://tinyurl.com/57fx9wj5</a>

Board 1

+300 (94.44%)

<https://tinyurl.com/7e539rc4>

Advocate's concern: The 1C opening is Precision. Ms. Motes does not bid at her first opportunity and then makes a nebulous double after North's 1H bid. Mr. Hodge correctly bids diamonds instead of clubs and then sits for Ms. Motes' second double. Ms. Motes led the AS and then switched to the AD on trick 2. This bidding, double, and defense indicates knowledge of partner's holdings.

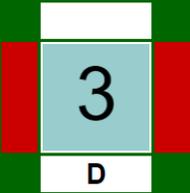
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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 97 ♥ 852 ♦ K942 ♣ KJ98	♠A	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ AK65 ♥ K74 ♦ AQ107 ♣ 52
	<b>S</b> dougs ♠ Q108432 ♥ 9 ♦ 865 ♣ 1074	2♥x N    NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 3

+300 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yck8rbmd>

Advocate's concern: The bidding, double and defense on this hand all indicate that Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes were aware of each other's holdings.

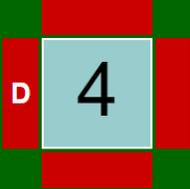
	<b>N</b> au	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ QJ106 ♥ 653 ♦ AQ9 ♣ K95	1♣ X	1♠ P	2♣ P	3♠ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A5 ♥ K974 ♦ J106 ♣ A763	♥ A	♠ 432 ♥ AQ8 ♦ K75 ♣ Q1082			
	<b>S</b> dougs				
	♠ K987 ♥ J102 ♦ 8432 ♣ J4				
		3♠x N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 4

-100 (37.04%)

<https://tinyurl.com/8rzw58nd>

Advocate's concern: The slam fails as the diamond finesse is off but the real question is why does Ms. Hodge make a quantitative bid with 19 points and why does Mr. Hodge accept with 12 points.

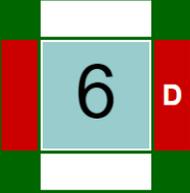
	<b>N</b> evette	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>
	♠ J762 ♥ A1062 ♦ K98 ♣ J3	1♦ P 1♥ P 1♠ P <b>2♣</b> P 3NT P 4NT P 6NT P P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki
♠ K1084 ♥ 8 ♦ A10643 ♣ KQ8		♠ AQ3 ♥ KQJ95 ♦ QJ ♣ A72
	<b>S</b> LMarshall	
	♠ 95 ♥ 743 ♦ 752 ♣ 109654	
		6NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 6

-100 (17.59)

<https://tinyurl.com/muxm673v>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes' 2D, alerted as weak, is neither weak nor a 6-card suit. This works as Mr. Hodge has 3-card diamond support and a minimum hand.

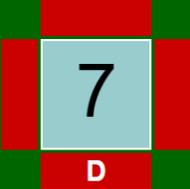
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	♠ A4 ♥ KQ76 ♦ J1054 ♣ A109	1♣ P	P P	P 2♦	P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ KJ72 ♥ A102 ♦ Q93 ♣ K75		♠ 983 ♥ J93 ♦ AK876 ♣ J2			
	<b>S</b> LMarshall				
	♠ Q1065 ♥ 854 ♦ 2 ♣ Q8643				
		2♦ E		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 7

+200 (96.30)

<https://tinyurl.com/2acw4fmu>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's dangerous lead of the JS works well; Ms. Motes switched to the QC at trick 2 to beat the contract 2. This lead and shift demonstrate illicit information.

	<b>N</b> mamarosen	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ 64 ♥ QJ10642 ♦ 5 ♣ 8765	P 3♦ P 4♥ P	P 2NT P 3♥ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki	
♠ KJ1072 ♥ 83 ♦ 10874 ♣ A2		♠ A983 ♥ 95 ♦ J96 ♣ QJ93	
	<b>S</b> cindydrat	4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0	
	♠ Q5 ♥ AK7 ♦ AKQ32 ♣ K104		



Board 14

480 (75%)

<https://tinyurl.com/3nv8n372>

Advocate's concern: This hand clearly demonstrates illicit information between Ms. Motes and Mr. Hodge. Ms. Motes alerted her 1C opening as a misclick and when Mr. Hodge doubled 2C by South, Ms. Motes bid her four-card heart suit rather than her six-card spade suit. This was fortunate as Mr. Hodge had 4 hearts and 1 spade.

	<b>N</b> furia 24	W	N	E	S
	♠ J86 ♥ Q97 ♦ Q10942 ♣ 98	X 4♥	P P	1♣ 2♥ P	2♣ P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 10 ♥ K542 ♦ A53 ♣ AJ764		♠ KQ9742 ♥ AJ86 ♦ K87 ♣			
	<b>S</b> TRAZOM				
	♠ A53 ♥ 103 ♦ J6 ♣ KQ10532				
		4♥ E		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 18

-600 (36.11%)

<https://tinyurl.com/57fx9wj5>

Advocate's concern: This pair has a proclivity for overcalling 4-card suits and almost always finding partner with 4-card support. This is no exception as Mr. Hodge's 4-card heart overcall finds Ms. Motes with 4-card support and decent values.

<b>18</b> D	<b>N</b> Owcli	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 10 ♥ K875 ♦ AJ72 ♣ 8762	1♥ P P	1NT 3NT P	P P	1♣ 3♣ P
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki		
♠ J63 ♥ Q1043 ♦ Q1086 ♣ K3			♠ K9754 ♥ J962 ♦ K94 ♣ Q		
	<b>S</b> dianaai				
	♠ AQ82 ♥ A ♦ 53 ♣ AJ10954				
					3NT N      NS: 0 EW: 0

February 25, 2022

Session # 71946

Direction E/W

Score: 59.89%

Highlighted boards: 2,5,7,9,11,12,16

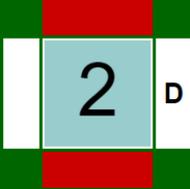
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2	5♠N-1	100	86.92%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mtzje85b">https://tinyurl.com/mtzje85b</a>
3	5♥W=	650	68.46%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kpms5mf">https://tinyurl.com/3kpms5mf</a>
4	3♥S-2	200	93.85%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3v7sycez">https://tinyurl.com/3v7sycez</a>
5	4♠W-1	-50	88.46%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yx6bfh5u">https://tinyurl.com/yx6bfh5u</a>
6	4♠W+1	650	70.31%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc2chnd6">https://tinyurl.com/yc2chnd6</a>
7	7NW=	2220	94.62%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/duesc7tk">https://tinyurl.com/duesc7tk</a>
8	2♥N+2	-170	63.08%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ytpj9dr7">https://tinyurl.com/ytpj9dr7</a>
9	2♠S-1	50	87.69%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/47yrrarc">https://tinyurl.com/47yrrarc</a>
10	2♠S=	-110	31.54%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/znvhzm5j">https://tinyurl.com/znvhzm5j</a>
11	6NS+1	-1020	60.77%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/z9wvcj95">https://tinyurl.com/z9wvcj95</a>
12	3♣E-1	-50	4.62%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8c7spu">https://tinyurl.com/2p8c7spu</a>
13	2♠S+1	-140	21.54%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/m7pdbm3v">https://tinyurl.com/m7pdbm3v</a>
14	4♥N-1	50	91.54%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3wxrb4j3">https://tinyurl.com/3wxrb4j3</a>
15	2♥xW-1	-100	37.69%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8mp8x5">https://tinyurl.com/2p8mp8x5</a>
16	3♠S=	-140	49.23%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhsxz">https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhsxz</a>
17	1NN=	-90	38.46%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mhyvhzu5">https://tinyurl.com/mhyvhzu5</a>
18	2♠E+1	140	35.38%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p942sh9">https://tinyurl.com/2p942sh9</a>

Board 2

+100 (86.92%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mtzje85b>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes makes a cue bid raise after Mr. Hodge opens 1H. Mr. Hodge drives the hand to 5H with a flat minimum hand in a competitive auction. This bidding indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes had a preemptive raise rather than a limit raise. Ms. Motes switched to a low club on trick 2.

		<b>N</b> mi381el	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ KQJ863			P	1♦
		♥ 4	1♥	1♠	2♠	3♣
		♦ J7543	4♥	4♠	P	P
		♣ 7	5♥	P	P	5♠
			D	D	D	
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 972			♠ 54			
♥ KJ1095	♥A		♥ A8762			
♦ K2			♦ Q9			
♣ AQ5			♣ 8643			
		<b>S</b> Knowreally				
		♠ A10				
		♥ Q3				
		♦ A1086				
		♣ KJ1092				
			5♠ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 5

-50 (88.46%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yx6bfh5u>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge overcalls 1S on a bad 7-count and competes to 4S after Ms. Motes jumps to 3S (their convention card says that jump raises are weak after overcall). Looking at both hands, it is clear that 4S is a good sacrifice as the hands fit well together.

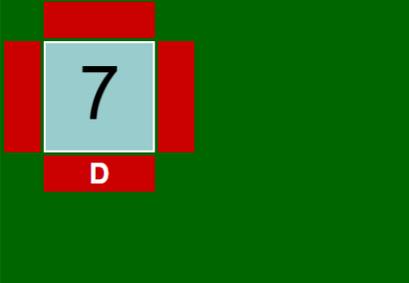
<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> njmayer	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ A2 ♥ Q98765 ♦ 764 ♣ 42	1♠ 4♠	P P	P P	1♣ 4♥ P
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J9876 ♥ J4 ♦ K10532 ♣ Q			♠ KQ105 ♥ 32 ♦ QJ98 ♣ K95			
		<b>S</b> delwest1				
		♠ 43 ♥ AK10 ♦ A ♣ AJ108763				
			4♠ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 7

+2220 (94.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/duesc7tk>

Advocate's concern: 4NT was alerted as keycard for spades, 5C showed 1 or 4 and 5H was alerted as Queen ask for spades. The 7NT bid seems to be based on the knowledge that Ms. Motes had a running diamond suit.

	<b>N</b> ltsai	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 10654 ♥ J76 ♦ 974 ♣ J63	2♣ P 3♠ P 4NT P 5♥ P 7NT P	P	3♦ P 4♦ P 5♣ P 6♦ P P	P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ AKQJ72 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 2 ♣ AQ7		♠ 9 ♥ 10 ♦ AKQJ1085 ♣ 10982			
	<b>S</b> ameliefion				
	♠ 83 ♥ K98432 ♦ 63 ♣ K54				
					7NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 9

+50 (87.69%)

<https://tinyurl.com/47yrrarc>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes does not double 2H for the lead yet Mr. Hodge correctly finds the heart lead from Q84 instead of a top diamond.

<b>D</b> 9	<b>N</b> Ittsai ♠ KQ952 ♥ 95 ♦ 8543 ♣ Q4	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   P   P   1NT P   2♥   P   2♠ P   P   P
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ A108 ♥ Q84 ♦ 10972 ♣ AJ10	♥ 4	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ J73 ♥ KJ106 ♦ J6 ♣ 6532
	<b>S</b> ameliefion ♠ 64 ♥ A732 ♦ AKQ ♣ K987	2♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 11

-1020 (60.77%)

<https://tinyurl.com/z9wvcj95>

Advocate's concern: Compare this hand to the previous hand. Ms. Motes doubles 4C for a club lead yet Mr. Hodge wisely ignores his partner and makes a passive diamond lead. This indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes had nothing resembling a lead-directing double.

<b>11</b> D	<b>N</b> lauracoon	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ K32 ♥ AKJ63 ♦ AKJ ♣ Q9	P P P	4♣ 6NT P	X P P	1NT P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 985 ♥ 10975 ♦ 9862 ♣ K10	♦ 9	♠ 10764 ♥ 2 ♦ 75 ♣ J87654			
	<b>S</b> Salbell				
	♠ AQJ ♥ Q84 ♦ Q1043 ♣ A32				
		6NT S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 12

-50 (4.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8c7spu>

Advocate's concern: Despite Ms. Motes initiating a 2/1 game forcing auction, Mr. Hodge allows the auction to die in 3C. This bidding indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes did not have her original bid. Ms. Motes also declined to look for a spade fit.

D 12	<b>N</b> lauracoon	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ QJ65 ♥ K542 ♦ A96 ♣ 75	1♥ P 2♦ P P	P	2♣ P 3♣ P	P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ K3 ♥ AQ983 ♦ QJ84 ♣ A6		♠ 10874 ♥ 6 ♦ K105 ♣ KQJ108			
	<b>S</b> Salbell				
	♠ A92 ♥ J107 ♦ 732 ♣ 9432				
					3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 16

-140 (49.23%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhsxz>

Advocate's concern: This is another ace underlead against a suit contract that finds partner's king. The charged parties routinely underlead aces against suit contracts with no negative consequences.

<b>D</b> 16	<b>N</b> ralphbr	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A97 ♥ Q764 ♦ K ♣ A8763	1♥ 3♥ P	2♣ 3♠ P	2♥ P	2♠ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J3 ♥ AJ985 ♦ A653 ♣ J4	♥ 8	♠ 865 ♥ K102 ♦ Q842 ♣ K109			
	<b>S</b> matt0116				
	♠ KQ1042 ♥ 3 ♦ J1097 ♣ Q52				
		3♠ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

## SECTION IV

Hands by Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes that demonstrate Illicit Information being exchanged during the bidding, opening leads, and defense

All hands are from BBO ACBL games from January 1 to January 31, 2022

January 1, 2022

10:15 am

<div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 5px;">D</div> </div>	<b>N</b> gepmom	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 8 ♥ QJ75 ♦ K76 ♣ KQ963	1♠ P	2♣	P P	1♣ P
<b>W</b> Vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ KJ97 ♥ K109 ♦ 1052 ♣ J82	<div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♣2</div>	♠ A6542 ♥ 43 ♦ Q9843 ♣ 10			
	<b>S</b> 1612709				
	♠ Q103 ♥ A862 ♦ AJ ♣ A754				
		2♣ S			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/www796ad>

Mr. Hodge makes a 1S overcall on a 4-card suit and a bad hand. Ms. Motes never raises with 5-card support and a singleton. The opponents never get to their cold 4H game.

January 1, 2022

12:15 pm

Boards: 5,9

<b>D</b> 5		<b>N</b> plantlady2 ♠ KJ104 ♥ 4 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ QJ102	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b> 1♣ P P	<b>E</b> P P P	<b>S</b> 1♥ 3NT
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ A987 ♥ A103 ♦ 93 ♣ K986	♥3		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 532 ♥ QJ865 ♦ 754 ♣ 74			
	<b>S</b> pama5 ♠ Q6 ♥ K972 ♦ A1086 ♣ A53		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/mwu8dema>

Even though South bid 1H, Mr. Hodge finds the unusual underlead from AT3 of hearts, hitting Ms. Motes' only values.

D	N kellyw303	W	N	E	S
9	♠ 42 ♥ 962 ♦ 10973 ♣ KJ97	X	P	P	1♥
		P	2♥	2♠	3♥
		P	P	3♠	4♥
		P	P	X	P
		D	D		

January 1, 2022

2:15 pm

Boards: 6,17

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ AK7432 ♥ K102 ♦ K6 ♣ J4	P	1♠	P	1♦
<b>W</b> Ricky444		P	2♠	P	3NT
♠ Q105 ♥ 987 ♦ J82 ♣ A1063		P	P	P	
	<b>S</b> vernonh	<b>E</b> sscrim			
	♠ J ♥ A43 ♦ AQ10953 ♣ Q75	♠ 986 ♥ QJ65 ♦ 74 ♣ K982			
					3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/m8xcmhm3>

Ms. Motes signs off at 2S with 6 spades and an opening hand. The Charged Parties play new minor forcing so she does not lack a way to game force. Mr. Hodge's jump to 3NT indicates that he is aware that Ms. Motes underbid her hand.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>D</b>  <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">17</span> </div>		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 62 ♥ Q3 ♦ A95 ♣ AJ9652	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3♣</td> <td>4♣</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S		3♣	4♣	P	5♠	P	P	P
W	N	E	S												
	3♣	4♣	P												
5♠	P	P	P												
<b>W</b> scjconsult ♠ KQJ87 ♥ 8 ♦ K1043 ♣ Q83	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">         ♥ Q       </div>	<b>E</b> suejackson ♠ A10943 ♥ K9542 ♦ Q7 ♣ K													
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 5 ♥ AJ1076 ♦ J862 ♣ 1074		5♠ W      NS: 0 EW: 0												

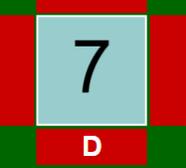
<https://tinyurl.com/3suejwec>

Ms. Motes' lead of the QH could be costly given that East showed both majors but instead hits Mr. Hodge's strong holding.

January 1, 2022

4:15 pm

Boards: 7,16

	<b>N</b> zoodle	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A4 ♥ K10742 ♦ AQJ ♣ J96	1♣ 1♠ P	1♥ X P	X 2♠	P P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ KQ93 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 63 ♣ AK75		♠ J1052 ♥ 9863 ♦ K74 ♣ 82			
	<b>S</b> CarolynSab				
	♠ 876 ♥ J ♦ 109852 ♣ Q1043				
		2♠ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/mppfasr7>

Mr. Hodge underbids his 18-count while Ms. Motes overbids her 4-count. This type of overbidding and underbidding is common among colluders.

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	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 1064 ♥ ♦ KJ10765 ♣ KQJ4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">         ♣ 9       </div>
	<b>S</b> owend ♠ AKJ92 ♥ AK63 ♦ A ♣ A86	4♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

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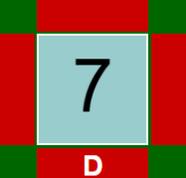
Despite Mr. Hodge opening 2D, Ms. Motes makes the unusual yet successful lead of the 9C from 953.



January 2, 2022

2:15 pm

Boards: 7,16,17

 7 D	<b>N</b> kas_ ♠ AJ8 ♥ AJ1087 ♦ Q8 ♣ K54	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♦   1♥   2♦   P 2NT   P   P   P
	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ K765 ♥ 9643 ♦ KJ2 ♣ A8	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ Q92 ♥ KQ5 ♦ A10973 ♣ Q2
	<b>S</b> queenathen ♠ 1043 ♥ 2 ♦ 654 ♣ J109763	2NT W   NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4h9dh799>

Mr. Hodge opens an 11-count and lacks a heart stopper yet bids 2NT over Ms. Motes' simple raise to 2D. Extraordinarily, Ms. Motes passes with 2NT with 13 points.

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	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ K ♥ K642 ♦ KQ974 ♣ K42	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♠4</div>
	<b>S</b> vafrau ♠ QJ106 ♥ Q3 ♦ A3 ♣ 109865	2♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ycknechz>

Mr. Hodge bid diamonds twice and denied spade support, yet Ms. Motes successfully underleads her AS to Mr. Hodge's singleton King.

D 17	N dufrane	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ7		1♦	2♥	P
	♥ 82	2♠	3♦	4♣	P
	♦ KQJ7654	4♠	P	P	P
	♣ 7				
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ AK109643		♠ 2			
♥ 6		♥ AJ10953			
♦ 108		♦ 93			
♣ K93		♣ AQ42			
	S vafrau				
	♠ 85				
	♥ KQ74				
	♦ A2				
	♣ J10865				
		4♠ W		NS: 0	EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/x4cdb44f>

Ms. Motes makes a weak jump overcall with a good 11-count and Mr. Hodge drives to game with his 10-count. The hands fit perfectly together and 4S is cold.

D 12	N Gailkr	W	N	E	S
	♠ AK3 ♥ A874 ♦ 53 ♣ J853	P	1♣	P	1♦
W vernonh	♦ 8	P	1♥	P	4♥
♠ J765 ♥ 53 ♦ AQ107 ♣ K107		P	P	P	
	S kazdi	E scarlettki			
	♠ 94 ♥ KQJ9 ♦ KJ962 ♣ Q2	♠ Q1082 ♥ 1062 ♦ 84 ♣ A964			
		4♥ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/mvay2hsw>

A spade lead looks indicated, but Ms. Motes' diamond catches her partner's best values. What really stands out is that after winning the diamond lead, Mr. Hodge shifted to a low club away from his king.

January 7, 2022

6:15 pm

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A742 ♥ J103 ♦ 98732 ♣ J	<b>W</b> N E S 1♥ X XX 1♣ P 2♦ 2♥ 1♠ P P P
<b>W</b> normaf1 ♠ Q ♥ AQ984 ♦ QJ54 ♣ 1084		<b>E</b> juliekim ♠ J10983 ♥ K76 ♦ A ♣ K976
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ K65 ♥ 52 ♦ K106 ♣ AQ532	2♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ywe7h25r>

Ms. Motes' decision to eschew the apparent 4-4 spade fit to bid her bad 5-card diamond suit demonstrates knowledge of her partner's hand. On defense, Mr. Hodge won the AC, played the QC and then played the 2C for Ms. Motes to ruff. Despite suit preference for diamonds, Ms. Motes successfully underled her AS after ruffing the third club.

January 8, 2022

1:15 pm

Boards: 8,15

<b>D</b> 8		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ K632	P	P	P	1♠
		♥ Q83	P	2♠	P	P
		♦ KQ	P			
		♣ J972				
<b>W</b> lundr12			<b>E</b> avroyaf			
♠ A974			♠ 10			
♥ KJ65			♥ 1074			
♦ 10843			♦ J9762			
♣ 4			♣ AK86			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ QJ85				
		♥ A92				
		♦ A5				
		♣ Q1053				
			2♠ S			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yahrhc2d>

Mr. Hodge opens 1S in fourth seat and, despite that the Charged Parties play Drury, Ms. Motes makes a simple raise with 4-card spade support and 11 points.

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	<div style="background-color: white; padding: 2px;">W ashmarwah</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">           ♠ AK83            ♥ A63            ♦ 8653            ♣ J2         </div>	<div style="background-color: white; padding: 2px;">E 12Thomas</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">           ♠ 2            ♥ KQ87            ♦ AQJ942            ♣ Q10         </div>	<div style="background-color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">♣4</div>
	<div style="background-color: white; padding: 2px;">S vernonh</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">           ♠ 109765            ♥            ♦ K107            ♣ K9543         </div>	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">4♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0</div>	

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8h7bcp>

Mr. Hodge opens 1C vulnerable in first seat with a shapely 6-count and then freely bids 2S in a competitive auction. Ms. Motes is content with a gentle raise to 3S despite having support for both of Mr. Hodge's suit and a working void. Mr. Hodge has a safe spade lead but instead leads a low club. Ms. Motes won the AC and promptly returned a heart for Mr. Hodge to ruff. All aspects of this hand demonstrate an exchange of illicit information between the Charged Parties.

January 8, 2022

3:15 pm

Boards: 2,15

		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ 1073			P	1♦
		♥ KQ64	P	1♥	P	1NT
		♦ Q9	P	2♣	P	2NT
		♣ AQ93	P	P	P	
<b>W</b> eunie			<b>E</b> Malek2000			
♠ Q98			♠ AK64			
♥ A1098			♥ 32			
♦ 10542			♦ J63			
♣ J6			♣ 10754			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ J52				
		♥ J75				
		♦ AK87				
		♣ K82				
		2NT S		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/49zmszy7>

In response to Ms. Motes' new minor forcing which typically shows 5 or more hearts, Mr. Hodge bids 2NT instead of 2H. Ms. Motes, with a full opening hand, doesn't bid 3NT. 2NT is the limit of the hand.

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	<b>W</b> rzinman133 ♠ A8 ♥ KQ52 ♦ 10974 ♣ Q93	<div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♥A</div>
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ J764 ♥ AJ107 ♦ K3 ♣ K84	3♠ E      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/mvabwzpm>

Another unsupported ace lead that demonstrates illicit information being exchanged between the Charged Parties.

January 8, 2022

6:15 pm

Boards: 12,13

D 12	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 1052 ♥ Q942 ♦ K53 ♣ J97	<b>W</b> 1♦ P 3♥ P P	<b>N</b> P P	<b>E</b> 3♣ 3NT	<b>S</b> P P
	<b>W</b> morganah75 ♠ A3 ♥ A753 ♦ AQ1076 ♣ 43	♥K	<b>E</b> tomani ♠ QJ87 ♥ 106 ♦ 8 ♣ AQ10865	3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0	
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ K964 ♥ KJ8 ♦ J942 ♣ K2				

<https://tinyurl.com/4yc4ps6h>

Mr. Hodge's lead of the KH from KJ8 instead of a spade demonstrated I/I.

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<b>W</b> 69heyguru ♠ QJ9832 ♥ K5 ♦ Q76 ♣ 108		<b>E</b> slvrcard ♠ 10 ♥ 108743 ♦ AK952 ♣ J7																			
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ A75 ♥ AJ9 ♦ J108 ♣ K653	<div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">         3♣ N      NS: 0 EW: 0       </div>																			

<https://tinyurl.com/bdzk37t5>

Mr. Hodge fails to explore game with a full opening hand after Ms. Motes has opened the bidding. 3C is the limit of the hands.

January 9, 2022

9:15 am

D 9	N gnbwhitby ♠ 3 ♥ AKQJ1062 ♦ Q1096 ♣ 7	W N E S 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ P 4♥ P P 4♠ 5♥ P P P
W vernonh ♠ KJ8 ♥ 87 ♦ AJ3 ♣ AJ542	♣ 5      ♣ 10 ♣ 3	E scarlettki ♠ A10764 ♥ ♦ 8752 ♣ Q1098
	S craigpyke ♠ Q952 ♥ 9543 ♦ K4 ♣ K63	5♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y2v7yzh3>

Ms. Motes overcalls 1S on a 6-count and Mr. Hodge fails to raise her with good 3-card support and 14 points. He does, surprisingly, sacrifice red versus white when the opponents get to 4H. The lead of the TC and the duck by Mr. Hodge is also notable on this hand.

January 9, 2022

11:15 am

Boards: 6,8

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ K93 ♥ K ♦ 107652 ♣ AQ64	P P	3♦	2♥ P	P P
<b>W</b> majorfarm		<b>E</b> cwls19			
♠ A1042 ♥ 83 ♦ J983 ♣ 973		♠ 865 ♥ AJ10965 ♦ Q ♣ K82			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ QJ7 ♥ Q742 ♦ AK4 ♣ J105				
		3♦ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yzxxfvx7>

Mr. Hodge's pass of 3D with an opening hand is hard to fathom unless he is aware that 3NT and 5D cannot make. 3D is the limit of the hand.

D 8	N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ 10762 ♥ 92 ♦ A6432 ♣ 72	P	P	1♣	X
W jack says		1NT	2♠	3♣	3♦
♠ K85 ♥ 10753 ♦ K8 ♣ QJ106		P	P	P	
	S vernonh	E bsanders25			
	♠ AQJ9 ♥ A86 ♦ Q1095 ♣ 93	♠ 43 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ J7 ♣ AK854			
		3♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/muvrex6a>

Mr. Hodge's 3D bid misrepresents his hand but lets the partnership play in its 9-card diamond fit instead of their 8-card spade fit.

January 9, 2022

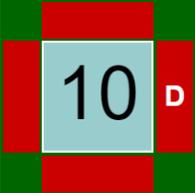
2:15 pm

Boards: 3,10,13,18

	<b>N</b> Edlene ger	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ J8 ♥ KQ5 ♦ J643 ♣ KQJ9	P 3♣	1♦ P	2♣ P	P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ Q109 ♥ A93 ♦ K102 ♣ 10872		♠ AK76 ♥ 1076 ♦ A7 ♣ A653			
	<b>S</b> BBear14				
	♠ 5432 ♥ J842 ♦ Q985 ♣ 4				
					3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y3r2da9d>

Ms. Motes' vulnerable 2C bid on A653 of clubs showed I/I when double and 1NT are both available. She does hit Mr. Hodge's only 4-card suit. The Charged Parties regularly overcall four-card suits, but here Ms. Motes declined to bid spades.

	<b>N</b> jmmills ♠ AJ8752 ♥ A8 ♦ 10 ♣ J863	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♦</td> <td>P</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			1♠	P	2♥	P	3♦	P	4♦	P	4♥	P	6♥	P	P	P
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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ ♥ KJ10764 ♦ A76532 ♣ 9		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ KQ963 ♥ Q952 ♦ KJ4 ♣ A																				
	<b>S</b> agraygbar1 ♠ 104 ♥ 3 ♦ Q98 ♣ KQ107542	6♥ W      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/mryt6aa4>

This slam failed as the diamonds were situated poorly, but the auction suggests illicit information being exchanged.

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	<b>S</b> jd49 <span>♠</span> 742 <span>♥</span> AQ87654 <span>♦</span> 2 <span>♣</span> 82	
		<span>5♥x S</span> NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/32w33jub>

This auction by the charged parties is unclear but the lead of the TC instead of the AS demonstrates illicit information.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ Q2 ♥ AJ6 ♦ KJ42 ♣ J865	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♥A</div>	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ A64 ♥ KQ103 ♦ 1097 ♣ Q72																					
	<b>S</b> BbMajor ♠ KJ1073 ♥ 752 ♦ AQ ♣ 943		2♣x S      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/ynujkp9v>

Mr. Hodge opens a flattish 12-count, bids 1NT without a spade stopper, and then makes a penalty double when his partner could have as little as 6 points. The AH lead catches perfectly, Ms. Motes has an unexpected 11-count, and the opponents go for -500.

January 14, 2022

Session # 22800

<b>D</b> 1		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A986 ♥ Q9762 ♦ 8 ♣ A106	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♠   P   2♠ 3♥   X   P   P P
<b>W</b> winnie47 ♠ KJ ♥ AK1043 ♦ J754 ♣ J9	♦ 8	<b>E</b> mundarv ♠ Q72 ♥ 8 ♦ KQ102 ♣ Q8432	
	<b>S</b> Vernonh ♠ 10543 ♥ J5 ♦ A963 ♣ K75		3♥x W      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9n793c>

There is a lot going on here that indicates collusion between the charged parties. Ms. Motes opens her 4-card spade suit instead of her 5-card heart suit, a hand many would choose not to open at all. Her spade opening catches Mr. Hodge with 4 spades and a decent 9-count. Mr. Hodge could reasonably go to 4S over the double as this should be a maximal/cards double by Ms. Motes. Instead, he elects to defend 3HX. Finally, after winning the AD, Mr. Hodge returns the 9D asking for a spade return; Ms. Motes instead returns the 6C.

Two other examples of opening a 4-card major instead of a 5-card major:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p93jmj3>

<https://tinyurl.com/ycy49tr8>

January 14, 2022

Session # 22804

<b>D</b> 8		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ J7 ♥ K742 ♦ J985 ♣ KJ3	<b>W</b> 1♣ 1NT	<b>N</b> P P	<b>E</b> 1♠ P	<b>S</b> P P
<b>W</b> igheal1 ♠ 43 ♥ QJ9 ♦ A42 ♣ A6542	<b>♠ J</b>		<b>E</b> mesmith1 ♠ K8652 ♥ A65 ♦ KQ3 ♣ 108			
		<b>S</b> Vernonh ♠ AQ109 ♥ 1083 ♦ 1076 ♣ Q97	<b>1NT W</b> <b>NS: 0 EW: 0</b>			

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2wyxax>

Ms. Motes has length in both unbid red suits but finds Mr. Hodge's best suit instead. After winning the second spade, Mr. Hodge found the diamond shift on trick 3.

January 15, 2022

Session # 29489

Boards 3,11,16

3 D	N thegoose03	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q4 ♥ 10742 ♦ KQ862 ♣ K4	P 3♣	P P	X P	2♠ P P
W Vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ K862 ♥ K853 ♦ 7 ♣ A1096		♠ 97 ♥ AJ6 ♦ AJ94 ♣ J873			
	S railed				
	♠ AJ1053 ♥ Q9 ♦ 1053 ♣ Q52				
		3♣ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/5cfbcreu>

Ms. Motes makes a risky takeout double of 2S and Mr. Hodge correctly judges to bid his 4-card minor instead of his 4-card major. Contrast this with the next board.



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<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ 9 ♥ AQJ10532 ♦ 1065 ♣ Q8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♥A</div>	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ Q874 ♥ K86 ♦ 983 ♣ 743																					
	<b>S</b> ebogy ♠ AKJ6 ♥ 9 ♦ AJ2 ♣ KJ1062		5♣ S      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxhther>

Mr. Hodge overcalls 2H with 7 hearts and Ms. Motes psyches 2S with Q874 and fails to support hearts with K86. This dangerous bid kept the opponents out of 4S and she must have known they would be safe at the 3 level. Mr. Hodge's failure to lead his singleton spade is also noteworthy. Out of 151 tables to play this board, this was the only time clubs was the final contract. All other results were either N/S playing spades or E/W playing hearts.

January 15, 2022

Session # 29494

D 16	N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ K84 ♥ 63 ♦ A104 ♣ KQ875	1♥ 5♦ P	2♣ X P	X 5♥ P	3♣ X
W LISpengler	♠ 4	E mego4			
♠ 95 ♥ AQ10854 ♦ Q953 ♣ A		♠ Q763 ♥ J9 ♦ K86 ♣ J943			
	S Vernonh				
	♠ AJ102 ♥ K72 ♦ J72 ♣ 1062				
		5♥x W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/y97aa69t>

The KC looks like a safer lead but this risky lead caught Mr. Hodge's best suit.

January 15, 2022

Session # 29500

Boards: 3,8,10

<b>3</b> D	<b>N</b> Hello966	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 52 ♥ AJ104 ♦ 854 ♣ QJ75	1♥ 2♠ P	P 3♣ P	1♠ 3♠	1♦ 2♣ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A986 ♥ K9863 ♦ AQ9 ♣ 8		♠ QJ743 ♥ 52 ♦ 62 ♣ 10964			
	<b>S</b> deearm				
	♠ K10 ♥ Q7 ♦ KJ1073 ♣ AK32				
		3♠ E			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4dpu6ywk>

Mr. Hodge doesn't press for game when Ms. Motes takes two bids with her 3-count and QJ743 of spades.

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	<b>S</b> dgusail ♠ Q7432 ♥ J87 ♦ KQ82 ♣ 4	3♣ E      NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8fypuu>

Mr. Hodge's pass of 3C with a prime 20-count suggests that he is aware of his partner's weak hand.

	<b>N</b> marel ♠ A542 ♥ A1043 ♦ KJ5 ♣ J4	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   2♣   P   1NT P   3NT   P   2♦ P   P   P   P
	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ J87 ♥ 86 ♦ Q1083 ♣ 10832	
	<b>S</b> sherbgr ♠ Q109 ♥ 95 ♦ A964 ♣ AKQ6	3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxdkta5>

Mr. Hodge had an unclear lead and the heart doubleton catches his partner's best suit.

January 16,2022

Session # 36056

<b>D</b> 17		<b>N</b> RiMiL ♠ AK543 ♥ J86 ♦ KQ109 ♣ A	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♠   P   3♠ P   4♠   P   P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ J8 ♥ KQ32 ♦ 4 ♣ QJ9752	♥A		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 762 ♥ A97 ♦ J52 ♣ 10864
		<b>S</b> kpartha ♠ Q109 ♥ 1054 ♦ A8763 ♣ K3	4♠ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yckm829s>

Another unsupported ace lead that catches partner's king.

January 16, 2022

Session # 36060

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ 8 ♥ A9874 ♦ K2 ♣ A9872	1NT P	1♥ 2♣	P P	P P
<b>W</b> athenak			<b>E</b> AlexJimmy			
♠ A96 ♥ KQJ ♦ Q94 ♣ K1063			♠ Q54 ♥ 1052 ♦ J87653 ♣ Q			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ KJ10732 ♥ 63 ♦ A10 ♣ J54				
		2♣ N		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/y2jffdeh>

Mr. Hodge's failure to bid with 6 spades and a 9-count suggests that he is aware of Ms. Motes' strength and shape.

January 16, 2022

Session # 36065

D 1	N scarlettki ♠ K8742 ♥ 5 ♦ QJ874 ♣ J6	W    N    E    S 2♥   1♠   P   1NT P     P     P   P
W joanjoan68 ♠ 96 ♥ QJ1072 ♦ A5 ♣ KQ109	♠ 2	E Indymarion ♠ Q1053 ♥ K984 ♦ K106 ♣ 82
	S vernonh ♠ AJ ♥ A63 ♦ 932 ♣ A7543	3♥ W            NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2k2rsecx>

Ms. Motes opens 1<sup>st</sup> seat with a 7-count and Mr. Hodge takes only one bid with a full opening hand and then sells out to 3H. This demonstrates illicit information about the strength of Ms. Motes' opening bid. The opening lead by Ms. Motes is also noteworthy.

January 17, 2022

Session # 42555

Boards: 3,6,7

 3 D	<b>N</b> bagelsnlox	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ Q84 ♥ AJ6 ♦ J82 ♣ 10743	X 5♣ X	3♥ P P	3♠ P P	2♥ 4♥ 5♥ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A3 ♥ 105 ♦ AKQ74 ♣ AK85	♦ Q	♠ J7652 ♥ 82 ♦ 103 ♣ Q962			
	<b>S</b> gram4				
	♠ K109 ♥ KQ9743 ♦ 965 ♣ J				
		5♥x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5s3p4t>

Mr. Hodge's decision to bid 5C rather than 5D indicates that he is aware of Ms. Motes' minor-suit holdings.

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Ms. Motes preempts 2S on a hand many would consider an opening hand. Ms. Motes' failure to raise 3H to 4H with 3-card support, a solid spade suit, and a working singleton indicates that she is aware of the nature of Mr. Hodge's hand.

January 17, 2022

Session # 42560

D	8	N	plaidnnl	W	N	E	S	
		♠ 1098732	P	2♠	3♥	3♠		
		♥ J	♦ Q5	4♥	P	P	4♠	
		♣ A1063			X	P	P	P
W	vernonh			E	scarlettki			
♠ K4				♠ A6				
♥ K10543				♥ AQ972				
♦ 109643				♦ AJ2				
♣ 9				♣ Q87				
		S	nonchalont					
		♠ QJ5						
		♥ 86						
		♦ K87						
		♣ KJ542						
				4♠x N		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/mxxhzd8v>

Mr. Hodge's penalty double of 4S can only be made with knowledge of Ms. Motes' extra strength for her 3H overcall. The unusual lead of the 7C allowed the Charged Parties to score 3 trump tricks.

January 21, 2022

Session # 65836

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ Q6 ♥ K9862 ♦ Q108 ♣ KJ6	1NT P P	P 2♥ P	P P P	P takeout X P
<b>W</b> wowpal18		<b>E</b> jklm23			
♠ K1043 ♥ A ♦ K7654 ♣ AQ5		♠ AJ9 ♥ 1074 ♦ J3 ♣ 108742			
	<b>S</b> Vernonh				
	♠ 8752 ♥ QJ53 ♦ A92 ♣ 93				
		2♥ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yk95jjss>

The Charged Parties' convention card indicates that Mr. Hodge's double is penalty, not takeout. Either way, with a bad 7-count and shortness in clubs, it is doubtful many Souths would make this double. In the end, it worked well as the double allowed the Charged Parties to play in 2H.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72050

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ K986 ♥ K54 ♦ 53 ♣ AQ53	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♦ 1♠ 1NT 2♠ 3♣ P 3NT X P P P
<b>W</b> down1xx ♠ 4 ♥ QJ ♦ A10987 ♣ KJ942		<b>E</b> ajoykumar3 ♠ Q1052 ♥ A1096 ♦ K4 ♣ 1087
	<b>S</b> Vernonh ♠ AJ73 ♥ 8732 ♦ QJ62 ♣ 6	3NTx E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/mupbzk8y>

Ms. Motes makes a 4-card overcall that works perfectly while Mr. Hodge is content to make a minimal raise with 4-card support, 8 points, and a singleton. Mr. Hodge then doubles 3NT and the opening lead and the defense proceed in double dummy fashion.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72057

Boards: 13,15

<b>D</b> <b>13</b>	<b>N</b> tonijr ♠ AK9 ♥ A32 ♦ A8 ♣ J10432	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1NT   P <b>2♥</b> 3♦   3♠   4♦ P   P   P
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 42 ♥ 98 ♦ KQJ10752 ♣ Q5	♣6	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 873 ♥ K105 ♦ 943 ♣ AK76
	<b>S</b> gtbckrh ♠ QJ1065 ♥ QJ764 ♦ 6 ♣ 98	4♠ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8cpd4b>

This AK underlead by Ms. Motes demonstrates that she is aware of Mr. Hodge's club holding.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ AKQ106 ♥ A10 ♦ 63 ♣ 10642		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 3 ♥ J876 ♦ 94 ♣ KQJ753												
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Mr. Hodge passes Ms. Motes' forcing 3C bid, which is fortunate as 3C is the limit of the hand.

January 22,2022

Session # 72063

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ J5 ♥ KQ1072 ♦ ♣ AQ9874	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♦ 2♥ P 3♣ 3♦ 4♥ P P 5♦ 5♥ P P P
<b>W</b> sherbgr ♠ Q8 ♥ AJ ♦ AKJ108753 ♣ 2		<b>E</b> marel ♠ K107643 ♥ 943 ♦ 42 ♣ 65
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ A92 ♥ 865 ♦ Q96 ♣ KJ103	5♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yfrux3w8>

There are several things happening on this hand. Firstly, Ms. Motes makes a weak jump overcall with an opening hand and 5 hearts. Secondly, instead of passing or supporting hearts, Mr. Hodge bids his 4-card club suit. Thirdly, Ms. Motes eschews the apparent 11-card club suit to rebid her 5-card heart suit two times luckily catching her partner with 3-card support.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72069

D 17	N aaroncody2	W	N	E	S
	♠ 6	3♥	P	1♦	3♣
	♥ QJ632		P	P	P
	♦ 1082				
	♣ 10964				
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ J95		♠ AK103			
♥ AK1085		♥ 97			
♦ 753		♦ AQJ94			
♣ J2		♣ K7			
	S karenbarr				
	♠ Q8742				
	♥ 4				
	♦ K6				
	♣ AQ853				
		3♥ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfjyrb7>

Ms. Motes with a prime 17-count fails to open 1NT and then passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 3H bid. This was fortunate as both 4H and 3NT cannot make.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72079

Boards: 6,10

6 D	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ J10 ♥ KQ102 ♦ A3 ♣ AQ843	1♦ 3♦ P	2♣ 3♥ P	1♣ P X	P 2♥ P
<b>W</b> howlop		<b>E</b> heather172			
♠ 43 ♥ 7 ♦ KJ7642 ♣ KJ106		♠ AQ95 ♥ A953 ♦ Q10 ♣ 975			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ K8762 ♥ J864 ♦ 985 ♣ 2				
		3♥x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/4c3rz3zf>

Ms. Motes' 2C bid is either natural or a Michaels cue bid. Either way, Mr. Hodge successfully bids his weaker 4-card heart suit rather than his stronger 5-card spade suit. This bidding clearly demonstrates illicit information being shared between the Charged Parties.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ QJ864 ♥ Q643 ♦ A94 ♣ 4	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>3♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>5♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>6♠</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	2NT	P	3♣	P	3♦	P	3♥	P	4NT	P	5♣	P	5♦	P	5♥	P	6♠
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<b>W</b> osekihan ♠ 105 ♥ 109 ♦ J732 ♣ KQJ109		<b>E</b> gomashio ♠ 732 ♥ K875 ♦ 10 ♣ 87632																								
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ AK9 ♥ AJ2 ♦ KQ865 ♣ A5	6♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0																								

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8usytz>

Only 10 out of 60 N/S pairs reached slam on this hand. The concern, of course, is that the wrong hand drove this hand to slam and caught the perfect dummy for 6S.

January 23, 2022

Session # 78649

Boards: 2,9,13

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 109 ♥ A9853 ♦ Q10973 ♣ K	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 3♣ 3♥ P 2♠ X P 4♣ P P P
<b>W</b> jordymil ♠ K ♥ KJ ♦ AKJ5 ♣ AJ10983	   	<b>E</b> grabiner ♠ J852 ♥ Q7 ♦ 842 ♣ Q742
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ AQ7643 ♥ 10642 ♦ 6 ♣ 65	4♣ W NS: 1 EW: 1

<https://tinyurl.com/ms4p8mc4>

Ms. Motes' 3H bid catches Mr. Hodge's 4-card side suit after he preempted 2S, yet Mr. Hodge fails to raise to 4H. What's more concerning is that Mr. Hodge failed to continue spades on trick 2 or shift to a heart indicating that he is aware of Ms. Motes' holdings.

D 9	N kypod	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q54 ♥ A104 ♦ Q1098 ♣ J54	2♥ P	P 2♠ P	P 3♥ P	1♠ 3♠
W vernonh		E	scarlettki		
♠ J3 ♥ KQJ87 ♦ KJ53 ♣ Q6	♣Q	♠ 97 ♥ 952 ♦ 742 ♣ AK1073			
	S bobwilkin				
	♠ AK10862 ♥ 63 ♦ A6 ♣ 982	3♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8wmruv>

This is the type of lead that the Charged Parties rarely miss. With a safe heart lead available, Mr. Hodge instead makes the risky lead of QC from Q6 and hits his partner's AK of clubs.

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		1♦ P 2NT P P P
W	<b>vernonh</b> ♠ AQ ♥ J64 ♦ AQ93 ♣ Q965	E
		<b>scarlettki</b> ♠ K8 ♥ K32 ♦ J87 ♣ K10732
	S	
	<b>Carolcmc</b> ♠ J107543 ♥ A1098 ♦ 65 ♣ 8	3NT W      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8n5ex2>

Mr. Hodge makes an invitational 2NT bid with 15 points and Ms. Motes takes the invite with a bad 10-point hand. This bidding does not correspond to their holdings unless there was illicit information being shared between Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes.

January 28, 2022

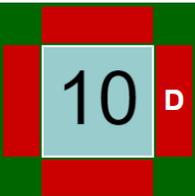
Session # 8429

Boards: 8,10

D 8	N howardcee	W	N	E	S
	♠ A1054 ♥ 10 ♦ 3 ♣ KJ108742	1♥ 3♦ 6♥	2♣ 4♣ P	X 4♦ P	P 5♣ P
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ 3 ♥ AK542 ♦ AJ1097 ♣ A9		♠ J97 ♥ Q863 ♦ KQ8542 ♣			
	S femmer				
	♠ KQ862 ♥ J97 ♦ 6 ♣ Q653				
		6♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/4ayfnjxb>

Mr. Hodge's 6H bid after partner never showed support for hearts is highly indicative of I/I of his partner's heart holding.

	<b>N</b> prv2014 ♠ K97 ♥ J752 ♦ AK106 ♣ Q6	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	1♦	P	1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥	P	P	P			
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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ J1062 ♥ K109 ♦ 52 ♣ K852		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ Q543 ♥ 63 ♦ J43 ♣ AJ73																				
	<b>S</b> gr8 ape ♠ A8 ♥ AQ84 ♦ Q987 ♣ 1094	4♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/42htf4v2>

Another successful 4-card overcall for the Charged Parties. It is, however, Ms. Motes' ace underlead that stands out.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14687

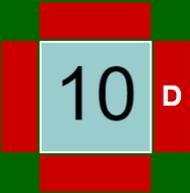
<b>D</b> 1		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 10973 ♥ J2 ♦ A1076 ♣ 754	<b>W</b> N E S 2NT 4♥ P P 4♠ P P P
<b>W</b> VoxFugit ♠ K4 ♥ AK6 ♦ Q832 ♣ KJ109	♦ 4	<b>E</b> the_prof ♠ AQJ865 ♥ 10 ♦ KJ95 ♣ 82	
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 2 ♥ Q987543 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ63		4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6s59j2>

Ms. Motes' 4H bid with a doubleton and 5 points demonstrates knowledge of Mr. Hodge's hand.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14692

		<b>N</b> sidmyboy	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ A2			P	2♠
		♥ AJ1043		P	2NT	P
		♦ AKJ		P	6♠	P
		♣ AK3		P		P
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J85			♠ 763			
♥ K85	♥ 5		♥ Q762			
♦ Q108532			♦ 74			
♣ 10			♣ J986			
		<b>S</b> underbid21				
		♠ KQ1094				
		♥ 9				
		♦ 96				
		♣ Q7542				
			6♠ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

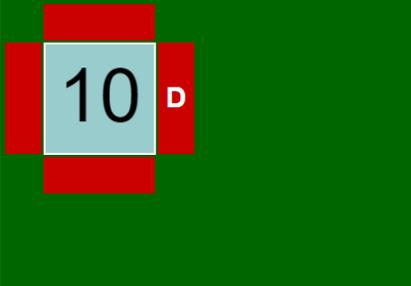
<https://tinyurl.com/2fts9zdv>

No lead matters against this slam, but it is noteworthy that instead of leading his singleton club, Mr. Hodge found the risky underlead of the KH. Ms. Motes' held the queen.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14698

Boards: 10, 15, 17

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>
	♠ 3 ♥ 93 ♦ Q8765 ♣ J7654	3NT P 1♦ 1♠ P P P
<b>W</b> Sammybyrd	♥ 9	<b>E</b> kristinaO
♠ Q96 ♥ KJ6 ♦ 43 ♣ AKQ93		♠ AJ82 ♥ A2 ♦ KJ1092 ♣ 102
	<b>S</b> vernonh	
	♠ K10754 ♥ Q108754 ♦ A ♣ 8	
		3NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4n9e3pus>

Mr. Hodge's bidding is unusual as he fails to utilize a Michaels cuebid and instead bids his 5-card spade suit rather than his 6-card heart suit. Nonetheless, Ms. Motes finds the heart lead.

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<b>W</b> janereif ♠ 985 ♥ AQ108 ♦ 10987 ♣ KJ		<b>E</b> berkshire3 ♠ 10743 ♥ J97654 ♦ 2 ♣ 43																								
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ AKQ2 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ65 ♣ A1075	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>5♣ N</span> <span>NS: 0 EW: 0</span> </div>																								

<https://tinyurl.com/n5ey4ft>

Ms. Motes initiates a 2/1 game force with a nondescript 10-count, and Mr. Hodge is content to play in 5C with a prime 19-count.

<div style="text-align: center;">D</div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">17</div>		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ Q96 ♥ KJ942 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ76	W    N    E    S P    P    2♦ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠ P P    P
<b>W</b> mr wolf54 ♠ AK1052 ♥ 106 ♦ AJ ♣ 10854	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">♣ J</div>	<b>E</b> Sardinian ♠ J843 ♥ 87 ♦ K1098 ♣ A93	
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 7 ♥ AQ53 ♦ Q76543 ♣ Q2		3♠ W      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p957br5>

The bidding and lead are demonstrative of colluding.

January 30, 2022

Session # 21231

Boards: 5, 6

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ KJ ♥ Q752 ♦ 5 ♣ J108543	3♦ P	P X P	1♦ P P	P 3♥
<b>W</b> majorturn			<b>E</b> smfoxterr			
♠ Q94 ♥ 96 ♦ K109842 ♣ K2			♠ A1087 ♥ AK84 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 97			
		<b>S</b> Vernonh				
		♠ 6532 ♥ J103 ♦ A73 ♣ AQ6				
				3♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4xfw54mk>

This board was a disaster for the Charged Parties. That being said, why did Mr. Hodge bid his 3-card heart suit instead of his 4-card spade suit?

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Mr. Hodge's lead shows he knew partner's holdings. Ms. Motes won the first club and promptly shifted to a diamond on trick 2.

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	<b>N</b> scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ62 ♥ 53 ♦ A105432 ♣ A	1♣ P P	2♦ P P	P 3♦ 4♣	P 3♠ P
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♠ 10 ♥ AJ87 ♦ KQ7 ♣ KQ972			♠ AK7 ♥ 96 ♦ J6 ♣ J108653		
<b>S</b> vernonh					
♠ 98543 ♥ KQ1042 ♦ 98 ♣ 4					
		4♣ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

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Mr. Hodge, who did not have the values or shape to enter the auction, successfully bids his poor 5-card spade suit rather than his solid 5-card heart suit. Ms. Motes' lead finds her partner's better undisclosed suit.

## SECTION V

The table on the next two pages is a snapshot of all opening leads by Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes against suit contracts from March 12-18, 2022. The charged parties played 11 sessions of 18-board ACBL-BBO online games during this time period. They made opening leads against suit contracts 64 times. Their accuracy rate on these opening leads suggests I/I. This analysis is subjective and panel members may disagree on certain fine points.

I rated the 64 leads as follows:

**Standard Leads:** 36

**Poor Leads:** 2 (ref #'s 37, 62) Neither of these leads gave up a trick and these leads are only rated as poor if the opening leader had knowledge of partner's hand.

**Opening Leader had Reasonable Choices, Found Best Lead:** 13 (ref #'s 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 42, 44, 45, 49, 56, 60, 63, 64)

**Opening Leads suggestive of I/I:** 14 (ref #'s 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 17, 21, 23, 36, 40, 48, 52, 53)

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## EXHIBIT "B" - CHARGED PARTIES' PRE-HEARING DISCLOSURES

BBO's bridge game of an 18 board 6 rounds is an unfair game. The barometer has a good quality of playing every board and the limitation of not playing enough opponents. The 6-board 14 table plus is quite deficient in the old 2/3 – 3/4 rule for a fair movement. Even the 9 round is slightly deficient.

BBO-ACBL Bridge had pros and cons to face to face, obviously keeping accurate count of the cards and disallowing not following suit, saves a lot of time. Mis-clicks happen frequently and can't be corrected, forcing fast arrival, more than I wish. Seemingly hesitations can occur due to computer, isp's, personal needs, and/or attention problems. I have fallen asleep many times, due to my irregular hours. I trade futures 24/7 5 days a week. I am more than content to wait for obvious opponent's delays, as I can bring the round on time. My lot has seemed to be playing 3 ½ minute hands to make up for the slowness of play. I had a fast play warning in Newport News, Midnight Beer Speed Ball Swiss.

You are forced to compete in a field where your results more depend on the draw. If you get really bad opponents playing against you get those absurd 70% plus games. I know that Bridge is a bidder's game, but if you get the absurd successful over-bidders, you get stuck with the -40% game. This forces aggressive bidding to counter. I am willing to live with the consequences of any result.

In order to compete in such a wild west, you must be willing to take risks, We are not usually playing in a tough field, So, get in as fast as you can to take up space and maybe even find a magic fit. We have agreements and understandings on what to expect on partners coverall and doubles. But that had to be downgraded from 9 & 11 plus 3 times the level to what I am not sure. You might see me over call or even open 3rd seat light in the most obstructive way against the opponents. I can control this auction from my side by passing. The field bids what they feel, not quite the same. Partner bases her actions based upon our understandings. One of which is that there are no temporizing bids after passing.

You get to see wild bids up to the 5 level on distributional slow hands. The only tools we have are to double to set or bid on. Necessity means, take your best guess. Weak two bids and preempts are trashy, but sometimes include a side suit, other times wildly distributional. Two-suiters are opened as a weak two, because of the ACBL 10 point rule. This is a competition, not a game of manners. We are forced to compete in such an environment.

Your results depend on the luck of the draw. At first I notice that the overbidding of the opponents, was making getting a good board quite difficult. It is a common tactic. The only counter to that is be aggressive in bidding, play, and defense. Any Game or slam bid made is usually a bad board. So, you do not like my 4 card suit bid after partner passes. This 3rd seat bid has a good effect of taking up room and changing the opponent's view of the distribution of the points. I recently took a bad board by not doing that due to your comments. A 4 card third seat spade bid raised, makes the same 3 Diamond bid difficult to place on the table. The game is in the part score battles.

Best advice on play and defense is aggressive for aggressive. It is rare I open the lead with a King double-ton, but rather common as the hand plays out. I do not like possibly cutting our transportation, by leading our bid and raised suit by whatever means. Defense is responding to Declarer's intent. Most just do not try to disguise it. We lead trumps to take away ruffs, sometimes at the cost of an honor. It is good trading on for two. When we double high level contracts, we have to determine if we are taking off the sides or reducing ruffs. Every now and then, you may see us trying to get ruffs or odd leads trying to get the position right. It does not mean that just because I have the top honor, I am obliged to take the trick.

For over calls The suit should match level by length plus honors. The strength should be 9 plus 3 times the level, ala Klinger. This is what partner expects. Should you have less, you have already bid your hand.

Opponents bid what they feel and can be trapped. I have taught my partner to figure out who owns the hand. A lot of times it is easy. At some level we are going to either play it or double it.

The hardest to understand, is that if you have a 2-suiter, and know where to place the contract; put it there, do not give out a free AAA road map. Discovering both sides have a double fit, becomes easy and helps you to decide what action to take. Since then light openings has become standard. I have taught my partner the Club/Spade corresponding suit bid, which keeps the light hand nicely bound in the 2level This is easier then the difficult 3 level club bid with no fit yet.

She is still a work in progress on counting. The point initially in counting is to have an idea on the closed hand(s) distribution, which can usually be derived from the bidding, the lead, and subsequent play. For me, if all follow on the second round they all followed on the first. With this you can have a pretty good plan even if you nap during play.

We lead fourth best; any other is a lie. We use upside down attitude, count, and suit preference. I broke her of one card with two meanings; one, it is illegal and two, I doubt I would ever recognize it. A suit preference has to be obvious, not just desirous. The use of carding has to do more with what information partner needs in this situation. Most situations just revolve around what you see in dummy. Every now and then, I can determine her wrong card low lead from the missing.

The looking for the missing spots in s suit is quite practical and has been an unbroken record of Mike Lawrence for decades.

In bidding we do not argue over suits. A suit implies tolerance or better and is constructive. Every now and then we do not get to the best suit, but is better than messing up by a bidding war. The weakness of a lot of bidding systems is the short shrift given to minor suits. The hardest bid in Bridge is 4C/4D by passing 3 No Trump. No Trumps make this even worse.

The No Trump auction really hurts minors leaving few bids for the four types of minor suits. I have tried to get her to do minor suit Stayman. The only tool is a 3 Spade relay to 3 Clubs. We use 3H/3S to show a slam try in Clubs/Diamonds. The five card major also hurts minors, except when 2 of a minor suit forcing bid is made. A Diamond open, is 4 cards long 85% of the time. A Club does not have any guarantee like that. We do have Minorwood, so we can ask can still sign off in no trump. She showed me a Mildred Breed version, but does not always remember the second step Queen ask.

I am not a person who believes there is a holy grail of bidding. I prefer judgment, which is more difficult, but worth the effort. When I got her, I first threw everything off her card including upside down. She would have to show me she could master standard, before we would move on. Slowly the conventions would appear back on the convention cards. The card is the max she can handle.

Since the turn of the century, I have written hundreds of hands trying to help partner and others in improving their bridge skill sets. Bridge as an avocation is every bit as difficult as learning the word definitions of a profession, and learning to talk. Over the years I have posted quite a few on Facebook. At times, I am embarrassed on my writing, but Yogi would say, I am trying to learn him good bridge. You may check them out on my Bridge Hand FB page.

Cheating accusations has blown out of proportion since the German Doctors, got written up by Donna. I read her analysis, and did not think much of it. Coughing really? Now if you want to cheat go see a baseball coach to

improve your signals, so they can not be intercepted. This is not the Texas Navy Cotton Bowl game where the Texas tackles stated; "When you see that flag combination, they run this play".

Cheating has become the normal complaint even in Face to Face. Don't worry Active Ethics is not practiced here. One of them involved a play that Went Ace Clubs, King, Jack and Queen. Bart blurted out "Doesn't anyone have a smaller card". I smiled; that was good. So partner paused, lead a Diamond for a ruff, a Heart back to the King Hearts, and a Diamond ruff. Unfortunately my Ace of Heart was ruffed for down three doubled off the top. His wife exploded that we must have cheated. No one corrected her, even Bart, or the director. This is normal in Bridge. The result was average-ish. A lot went down three doubled.

So you do not like our leads. Half the boards are on defense where tops are frequently given out, more than I could ever do with declarer play. It is what I emphasize.

My partner Ms. Martha Ghio of Shreveport La, had an opponent come up to her and said "you and your son play well", She said "Thank You", knowing the comment was quite disingenuous. I have experienced a lot of such, with little regard by opponents. J'accuse is well and alive. Once I got noticed from Michael Pennick of Plano, who stated "You had a Singleton Club King". My answer was yes, that is why I pitched the long Spade Stinger. I would rather you proceed with all your losing finesses, rather than panicking and cashing all your 9 tricks off the top, rendering 11 tricks.

In the early '80's, I got to kibitz Mike Passel playing with Malcolm Brachman. I was just learning the game. I did enjoy the falling of the cards, but I did note that Mike had quite a few times lead from a KJ combination sometimes having the 10 and others not. Since I knew little, I deferred any question. This kind of leading happens infrequently enough in BBO. I do not complain, preferring graciousness.

I once got to play against John and Peggy Sutherland. At the end of the hand, John commented that he was just taking up room. Before I made a bid I ran through the possible, feeling partner had indeed Clubs behind him. I decided it was better to continue with our bidding rather than let these two take more escapes, and hinder us more. I got to the correct contract.

I once told Stormy Horn that he did not have a winning play. He said fine; he just liked the puzzle. I agree. I waited for him to finish. It is the puzzle that makes it enjoyable.

Having played around the country, I have been shut out of the good to great partners, forcing me to train my own, Being the son of teachers and coaches, I know many are not coach-able. In spite of her weaknesses, she is an effective partner, when she is concentrating on the game. It took awhile to build her up from Reed-Horn, Big Club to learn standard and 2/1 Game Force. Her defense must have been handled by the good/great players she had as partners. I need a partner that I can trust. Whatever the result, It all depends on her signals. My best partners were in Baltimore and Shreveport. It has been a long solitary journey of improvement and skill set building in bridge.

I have enjoyed BBO, because it is quiet. All I have is a Skype phone with a headset. My sinus cavities are so tight, that even this hurts my ears. Using a phone would also be so disrupting of my concentration. In the Club games, there is so much extraneous commenting that every now and then, I forget where I am. Not to worry, directors in Dallas will not enforce anything in the 80's through and including the 90's laws. One game was quite annoying, I had to take three no plays because of a pair that could not show courtesy, by discussing the hands loudly. The Directors will not enforce either. So, partner ever talking to me would disrupt my concentration.

Her office, in which she plays, is her 10th floor Condominium. It has window screens, having so many light reflections that my eyes just bounce. I set up a 100 foot Ethernet cable from her router in the office, so I can use another room which has blackout curtains. I actually set that up so I could bring over my TV Box to stream Sports and movies. At my apartment, the set up is conducive to good play, except if the neighbors get too loud. I play there whenever either one of us has to go out and possibly be exposed to COVID. I have had my one 8 weeks in an infirmary bed during the summer of the '70's in which we had quite a few mild flues. I respect being careful in these times.

Besides from being distracting, this has been quite hurtful. I have read your comments on statistics, which essentially reflect the choices I and my partner made that you and my opponents disapprove. It is the nature of complaints. This could be taken to absurdity, so that every absolute top is reviewed similar to pro sporting events, slowing down the game. In BBO, the directors do not take much time on these matters and just put them into a file of complaints. I stopped complaining, as if the Director sees no action to be taken, I do not wish to relegate outside of the game setup.

I usually do not respond to chat questions or statements, generated by such players. Emotional displays happen all the time at Bridge Games. I blame it on many a Christian, sure that nothing they say could ever be harmful, after all they are offering; they are inviting. My lot as a Director has been quite challenging, as many do not see the hurt they cause by their comments.

I still love the comment by Mike. I am just sad that Mark, Carolyn's friend took it badly and reported. This also the nature of the game, no one reports, when what I do, blows up in my face. The beneficiaries of such largess are usually quite ungracious, thinking they have done something quite excellent.

I leave you with one of my recent postings and more. The others just randomly showed up on my Bridge Facebook Page. I have written and delivered many a hand at no opportunity for me, trying to help the improving player. This has been more than a decade of work.

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1		♠ AQ87		1NT P 2♣	
		♥ AQ9		2♥ P P 2♠	
		♦ 94		P 4♠ P P	
		♣ KJ10		P	
W vernonh		♦ 3		E scarlettki	
♠ KJ108642		♦ A		♠ J109	
♥ AQ87		♦ 10		♥ 75	
♣ Q6		♦ 2		♦ KJ10	
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		♥ 3			
		♦ 652			
		♣ A83			
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Bridge is dominated by junior high school girls gossips and sense of absolute morality. Some hands are just fun. This is one, but you must be present in the moment.

My lectures to partner have her eyes a glazing. Leads past the opening can incorporate all the information available from the bidding, partnership habits, ie confidence.

I am on lead. Jam the bidding is one of my rules. Note that partner did not raise, nor double for a Heart lead. The most common distribution is 7-3-2-1 in Hearts. The No Trump bid has 2+. North passed my 2 Heart bid, sanely enough checking it back to South who showed presumably his 5 card spade suit called wrong siding the contract, although correctly in this one. Sure partner could have bid Diamonds suggesting a Diamond lead with tolerance

plus in Hearts, but I do not blame her.

If I was being passive, a trump lead would be it. Alas none. Hearts with no partnership directive is out; the Ace is surely with North. Also, partner is not void. Clubs is just suicidal, let declarer find the Queen. And Now Diamonds, with no other possibility, I lead the Ace.

Notice the missing spots KJ65. Sometimes I play the 6 from South's hand to obscure this, but his is not that type of game. Partner played the 10! I have not been able to have partner high signal with a combination of KJ10, but looking at the dummy no other alternatives are available. Nell Cahn has a wonderful story about a blackjack hand she held. She was in for a dollar being in for a dime to ruination of course. It is possible that the K♦ and the ♣A are reversed, but I have every reason to suspect that partner has Exactly ♦ KJ10. Low and pick up the Diamonds.

The end I get a compliment; I took it that way. "Interesting Lead" from Mike. It is so good be away, for three hands any way, from the junior high school girls mentality.

1    ♠Q97    Dir: North  
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      ♣AKT9

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      ♣4

Double Dummy Makes

12 NS: 1♣ 2/1♦ 4♥ 4♠ 3/2NT  
 11 4 ♠7/6  
 13 EW: ♠6 ♠5 ♥2 ♠3 NT4

LoTT: 16 - 16 = 0

Par: +420 4♠NS/4♥NS



Bidding			
N	E	S	W
Pt	P	1H	2D *
3H!	P	P	P
P			
Opening Lead K D			

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
1C	P	1H	2D
2H	P	4H	P
P	P		
Opening Lead K D			

Analysis:

So here we Go. Passing first seat by North. I know some call me conservative, but..... Ok Let us go back to "How to play winning bridge" by Kaplan—Sheinwold, Chapter One. Opening Bids.

With Three Quick tricks, open;  
 with 12 High Card Points and 2 and one half Quick Tricks open,

With 13 High Card Point Open Regardless

So here we go. After passing North is under pressure. He would like to have four card support, the current rage, or some shortness, but doesn't. How the bidding can really go astray. Is 3 H Preemptive, Limit?. A cue bid would definitely show the hand, but some are reticent to sue such as unseemly. So the bidding stops in 3 H. Quelle disappointment.

Ok let us try this with an opening of one club. Now North is compelled to get to game. You do have a rebid of one no trump, which is the second aspect of opening, the need to make a rebid to show the hand. Now see how easily the hand flows to game.

There are other mechanisms for the Advancing player; a cue bid, a support double, but they should all lead to game.

**1** ♠93      Dir: North  
 ♥-      Vul: None  
 ♦652  
 ♣AKQ98752

♠JT842      ♠Q6  
 ♥T542      ♥AKJ876  
 ♦J94      ♦AKT7  
 ♣J      ♣4

♠AK75  
 ♥Q93  
 ♦Q83  
 ♣T63

9 Double Dummy Makes  
 3 NS: 5♣ 3NT +5♥4♠5  
 17 EW: -1♦ 3/2♥2♠  
 11 ♠2 +6/7 NT3

LoTT: 20 - 21 = -1  
 Par: +300 5♥\*W-2 C

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
3♣	3♥!	P	?
Opening 3C			

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
800	4.00	0.00	6♠* W -4	♠A	
300	3.00	1.00	5♥* E -2	♠A	
50	2.00	2.00	4♥ E -1	♠A	
50	1.00	3.00	5♣ N -1	♥A	
170	0.00	4.00	3♥ E +1	♠3	

**Analysis:**

Fun hand. The bidding may very well start 3NT, or 5♣, but I got 3♣, so I get to tell another story. The North makes 3NT Easily, except a double by me and partner could run to 4 Hearts trying to preserve room.

So let us talk about overcalls at the 2 and 3 level. There was a bridge tip about how strong do you need to overcall hands or the corollary rule of force partner to respond. This is the simple rule of 9 / 11. In the direct seat add 2 HCP for each level you overcall to 11 or force partner to bid. In the balancing seat start with 9 HCP.

As you can see I have 17 HCP = 11 plus 3level \* 2 HCP. This should be partner's expectation of your strength. Now if you hold less, deny partner's game tries.

I had thought it was in "100 Winning Bridge Tips", but alas. However the second rule now discussed is, "Tip 26 suit Quality".

For suit quality add to length to your honors. So in this example, I have 6 in length and 3 in honors for 9. The suit quality is good for nine tricks or the level of three.

When contemplating partner's bid on such hands, these two rules may make it much easier to determine action. On the hand in question from partner's point of view, Partner either has 5 cards with the AKQJ or six missing one honor. Now although your points look puny, you have solidified the trump suit, shortness in clubs is quite promising as partner did not double indicating club shortness.

Analysis:

Well, if you suspect your partner will not balance, overbid your values in your Club suit immediately. Ok.. Her hand is not really conducive to re-opening the bidding by balancing. So, let's defend.

Opening lead went well 9♥, to partners 10♥?

Partner continues K♥, felling my 8♥, Declarer winning his A♥.

Declarer badly needing an exit plays to the K♣, which I overtake and partner plays the 2♣. The 2♣ Really?

Ignoring Partner, I continue with the J♠, forcing the Q♣ off Dummy.

Declarer runs the only spade back to his hand forcing me to win the J♠

I return the 10♣, Partner Ruffs with the 7♠! Ruffs my winning Club? And, Declarer over ruffs

Declarer out of options leads his last Heart. I discard and partner wins. **Sorry, I forgot to ruff!**

Partner returns the 5♦. Uh, the 5♦? I top the K♦ and return the 9♣ which of course, partner Ruffs.

Partner returns the 4♦, which I cover the J♦ with my Q♦ and return the 10♦, which of course, Partner Ruffs.

Outstanding defense, Declarer should lose 3 trumps, 2 Hearts, 2 Diamonds, and one Club for down 2. Unfortunately with our defense, North makes. South is exuberant, North is reticent; he knows he got a gift. Manners in bridge is not to make any gratuitous comments about such a calamity and neither I, nor he did.

So how does this occur? Well it is tantamount to driving your car looking only over the curve of the hood; All sorts of things just jump out at you, **SURPRISE!**

West spent the whole time concentrating on her hand, never looking up. So, She did not witness any of the cards being played by partner. When I drive, I use cruise control on North Central Expressway. I have my side mirrors so far out that they only show the cars adjacent. I scan all mirrors. I see the yahoos coming long before they arrive. Yep, pull your vision above the curvature of the hood and you will drive safer,. And, likewise pull your vision above the cards you are holding; you will defend better.

25 ♠A98643 Dlr: North  
 ♥A74 Vul: E-W  
 ♦KJ  
 ♣K6

♠KQ72 ♠J5  
 ♥KQT3 ♥98  
 ♦542 ♦AQT3  
 ♠72 ♠AJT94

♠T  
 ♥J652  
 ♦9876  
 ♣Q853

15 Double Dummy Makes  
 10 12 NS: ♠4/5 ♠4 ♥5 ♠5 NT3/4  
 3 EW: 2♠ 2♦ 1♥ 1♠ 3NT

LoTT: 13 - 14 = -1  
 Par: -600 3NT-EW

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
200	11.00	0.00	3♥ N -2	♠A	
80	9.50	1.50	1♠ N	♥9	
80	9.50	1.50	1♠ N	♠A	
100	7.50	3.50	2♠ N -2	♥9	
100	7.50	3.50	1♠ N -2	♥9	
150	5.00	6.00	2N W +1	♠A	
150	5.00	6.00	2♠ N -3	♥9	
150	5.00	6.00	2♠ N -3	♥2	
180	2.50	8.50	2N W +2	♠9	
180	2.50	8.50	2N W +2	♠6	
200	1.00	10.00	3♠ N -4	♥9	
300	0.00	11.00	3♠ N -2	♠A	

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
1S	P	P	P
Opening 9H			

**14** ♠AKQT62 Dlr: East  
♥J3 Vul: None  
♦AJ98  
♣2

♠875 ♠93  
♥A8762 ♥KQ9  
♦765 ♦T32  
♣85 ♣KQJ96

♠J4  
♥T54  
♦KQ4  
♣AT743

15 Double Dummy Makes

4 11 NS: 2♣ 5♦ 1♥ 5♠ 2NT

10 EW: 4♠ 1♥ 5♦ 2NT

LoTT: 16 - 16 = 0

Par: +450 5♠-NS

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
	1♣	P	1♥
1♠	2♥	P	P
3♦	3♥	P	P
3♠	P	P	P

**15** ♠AK932 Dlr: South  
♥T8 Vul: NS  
♦AJ82  
♣K7

♠T5 ♠876  
♥QJ754 ♥AK96  
♦KQ65 ♦T97  
♣JT ♣985

♠QJ4  
♥32  
♦43  
♣AQ6432

15 Double Dummy Makes

9 7 NS: 5♣ 2♦ 5♠ 2NT ♠6

9 EW: 1♥ 4♠ 5♦ 1NT

LoTT: 18 - 17 = +1

Par: +650 5♠-NS

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
		P	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	P
3♦	P	4♠	P
P	P		

**Analysis:**

Two hands back to back and very similar. And Yet, two different results.

The first one, South did not raise partner's suit to game even though all the bidding says the hand is greatly contributing in Spades and Diamonds. Yes, it is true that there are many egregious over bidders, but that is no reason to shrink from the bidding. And, we might get afraid that partner is just competing. Well of he is, it's his problem. The bidding must surely show 6 Spades and 4 Diamonds with some extra values or tricks to be at the level of 3 especially with a silent partner.

Could have North doubled first so South could understand? Maybe, but then the Spade suit will not be on the Table until the second or third level, preventing his description of his hand and values. Try it with a East Blocking Bid of 3♥ or 4♥. Not as much fun!

The second one goes so much easier once the 8 card Spade fit is found. And, Yes the opponents conveniently give partners distribution to be 5-2-4-2. And, even though there is no Diamond help, the Club suit may very well provide the necessary tricks.

So

1. Eight card Major fits are Great! Once found, tend to explore.
2. Double fits are even better; now you can define sources of tricks.
3. The game is for bidders; timid people need not apply.

24 ♠QT43 Dlr: West  
 ♥KQT4 Vul: None  
 ♦6  
 ♣KQ82

♠8 ♠AK962  
 ♥876532 ♥-  
 ♦KJ92 ♦T7543  
 ♣54 ♣963

♠J75  
 ♥AJ9  
 ♦AQ8  
 ♣AJT7

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
460	5.00	0.00	4N N +1	♠A	
430	3.50	1.50	3N N +1	♠6	
430	3.50	1.50	3N N +1	♠6	
	50	1.50	3♥ N -1	♠A	
	50	1.50	3♦ N -1	♠A	
	100	0.00	5♣ N -2	♠A	

Analysis:  
 One Either Bidding Sequence the play is rather straight forward.  
 So how do you like East / West's bidding on 11 High Card Points? Well these things happen at the Table. You have to deal with it. Anyone with thoughts about this? 3 Clubs is preemptive, 2 Clubs is constructive, Double is negative, so only sane bid is Cue bid of Spades.

This is similar to previous as the opponents are in the bidding obstructing a normal Sequence. If left up to me I would prefer the Redouble of 2 Clubs just to see where the opponents would run. Plus 540 beats any normal contract, Down 3 in Spades or Hearts is plus 500 and still beats game contract, but a 3 Diamond bid forces us to go back to 3NT. Not bad; 3 great results versus 1 average result.

So how would you bid this?

12 Double Dummy Makes  
 4 7 NS: 1/2♣ 2♥ 2♠ 3NT ♦5  
 17 EW: 2♦ ♦2 ♥5 ♠5 NT4  
 LoTT: 16 - 17 = -1  
 Par: +300 4♠ EW 2

N	E	S	W
			P
1♣	1♠	Dbl	P
2♥	P	3♦	P
3NT	P	P	P
Opening Lead A♠			

N	E	S	W
			P
1♣	1♠	2♣	Dbl
3♣	P	4♣	P
5♣	P	P	P
Opening Lead A♠			

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♠JT853 Dlr: North  
♥2 Vul: None  
♦JT873  
♣Q5

♠KQ94 ♠A  
♥863 ♥AQJT5  
♦6542 ♦9  
♣82 ♣KT9764

♠762  
♥K974  
♦AKQ  
♣AJ3

4 Double Dummy Makes

5 NS: 3♦ 3♣ -1NT  
17 EW: 2♠ 2♥ ♦4 ♣4 NTS

LoTT: 17 - 16 = +1  
Par: +140 3♠NS

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
300		6.50	0.50	4♥* E -2	♦A
300		6.50	0.50	4♥* E -2	♦A
140		5.00	2.00	3♠ S	♥3
100		4.00	3.00	4♥* E -1	♦A
50		2.50	4.50	3♥ E -1	♦A
50		2.50	4.50	3♥ E -1	♦A
	50	0.50	6.50	3♠ S -1	♥3
	50	0.50	6.50	3♠ S -1	♠8

Analysis:

Fun bidding by East. How often do you get a chance to show a 6-5 hand by doubling a transfer bid and then rebidding it to show the 6-5? Partner holding the wrong cards desists and lets the opponents play 3 Spades. For those unwary who bid on to 4 Hearts, doubled will be a nice gift to North South.

The East hand is pretty much what is needed to compete against a Not Trump (15 to 17 High Card Points) sitting in the superior position.

Amazingly some pairs went down at 3 Spades in spite of being warned about the Hearts and Clubs in East. With eleven cards known, It should be duck soup to know that West has 4 Spades.

Best opening lead is the 8 of Clubs, but it is up to South to set himself on this hand with 3 trumps and one Heart Loser. The only possibility is to get in a ruff or a long Spade, neither of which seems very likely.

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
	1♣	1NT	P
2♥	Dbl	2♠	P
P	3♥	3♠	P
P	P		
Opening Lead 3♥			

In Review, let us consider Club, Heart, Heart bid shows 6-5, whereas a Club, Heart, Club bid shows 6-4. Once partner bid Club, Heart, Club, Club for a 7-4 distribution. Once partner has shown the distribution, you are Captain and need to place the contract.

So wasn't this fun!

23 ♠Q92 Dlr: South  
 ♥86532 Vul: Both  
 ♦Q3  
 ♣983

♠K7653 ♠A  
 ♥J ♥AKT  
 ♦97654 ♦AKT2  
 ♣72 ♣AQJ54

♠JT84  
 ♥Q974  
 ♦J8  
 ♣KT6

4 Double Dummy Makes  
 4 25 NS: ♠1♥0♦4♠2 NT1  
 7 EW: 6♠7♦3/2♥5/4♠6NT  
 LoTT: 17 - 18 = -1  
 Par: -2140 7♦EW

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
100	5.00	0.00	0.00	6N E -1	♦8
170	4.00	1.00	3♠ E +3		♦3
660	3.00	2.00	3N E +2		♥4
690	1.00	4.00	3N E +3		♥4
690	1.00	4.00	3N E +3		♥4
690	1.00	4.00	3N E +3		♥4

**Analysis:**

Most got to a 3NT contract after West showed the Spade length. It was a guess. East does not see a fit in Clubs or Spades and is reluctant to proceed further.

East must establish an entry to dummy and Diamonds is it. So cashing the ♦AK an entry is found. Now depending on timing East now attacks Club leaving the ♠A in dummy as a guard, giving up on the trick. Defenders need to determine the distribution, so I suggest signaling South with the ♠8 for even and North with the ♠2 to show odd. Armed with that information, defense can determine to award for Spade tricks or not.

The real crux of this bidding is to conserve Space! I know many have learned to bid the Higher ranking suit first then to bid the lower ranking suit second. Today this approach takes up the bidding room below game and is

unilateral. Like not rules, the level is important; this is an application at the on level used at the 3 level.

So I suggest that you bid the Diamonds First. I know it is only 4 actual high card points, but the shape augurs for a positive bid. Now if partner next bids Hearts, you can put you Spades on the table. If Partner now shows a 4 card Spade suit, you may be off to the races. Declared from the strong side. Remember that Opener has not in the slightest, limited his hand.

Every now and then proper bidding put you against the field. Today, Six Diamonds is adequate compensation.

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
		P	P
P	2♣	P	2♦
P	3♣	P	3♠
P	3NT		
Opening Lead ♥4			

1 ♠KQJ97 Dlr: North  
 ♥84 Vul: None  
 ♦93  
 ♠AQ74  
 ♠T843 ♠-  
 ♥732 ♥AQ965  
 ♦QJ54 ♦872  
 ♠95 ♠J632  
 ♠A652  
 ♥KJ  
 ♦AKT6  
 ♠KT8

12 Double Dummy Makes  
 3 7 NS: 5♣ 3♦ 6♠ 6NT ♠6  
 18 EW: 1♥ ♠2/1 ♠3 ♠1 NT1  
 LoTT: 19 - 18 = +1  
 Par: +990 6NT-NS

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
1♠	2♥	3♥	P
4♣	P	4♦	P
4NT	P	5♥	P
5NT	P	6NT	P
P	P		
Opening Lead ♥A			

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N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
980	10.88	1.13	6♠ N	♥A	♥A
980	10.88	1.13	6♠ N	♥A	♥A
980	10.88	1.13	6♠ N	♥A	♥A
480	8.17	3.83	4♠ N +2	♥A	♥A
480	8.17	3.83	4♠ N +2	♥A	♥A
450	6.54	5.46	5♠ N	♥A	♥A
210	5.46	6.54	2N S +3	♥A	♥A
50	2.21	9.79	6N S -1	♥7	♥7
50	2.21	9.79	6♠ N -1	♥A	♥A
50	2.21	9.79	6♠ N -1	♥A	♥A
50	2.21	9.79	6♠ N -1	♥A	♥A
50	2.21	9.79	6♠ N -1	♥8	♥8

**Analysis:**

There But the play are so many ways to get to 6 No Trump. This is about play.

Opening lead clears the Hearts. Now is the time to center yourself to bring home the Contract. This part is easy; going down is bad! So, we put on our optimism hat to make 12 tricks.

First part is East is the threat, obvious man in action, I know. We need to know the outstanding distribution. Well East says he has 6 Hearts, so seven are unknown.

Ace of Spades and East is out. Ok, keep calm. So 0, 6, (7 minors). Looking like the Jack is there. Running the Spades, East discards all his Hearts and a Diamond. Thinks for nothing; some defenders are more forthcoming. East's Discard of Heart Diamond does not add clarity. Now Diamond to ♦AK; East started with ♦872. That leaves.....four Clubs with East. Drat no 3-3 division.

started with ♦872. That leaves.....four Clubs with East. Drat no 3-3 division.

Why is that true? East would not discard a low Diamond with an honor in Diamonds, for West would have an honor crash. A five card Diamond suit with East, is unlikely as a Diamond pitch would not hurt at all.

So, as Jackie Gleason would say, "And Away we Go"! East has 4 Clubs and West has 2 Clubs. There is a 4 to 2 chance that East holds the Jack, which beats the 0 chance of a 3-3 break. Small to the ♠10. If you are squeamish after East plays, close your eyes.

And done!

Board 26  
N -790  
S 0%

♠ K94  
♥ T854  
♦ JT  
♣ KQ86

9  
9 9  
13

♠ AQT8653  
♥ QJ96  
♦ 2  
♣ 5

ASK

N  
W  
E  
S

♠ J72  
♥ K3  
♦ A9654  
♣ JT3

**4♠x = By W Lead J♦**

par contract: -500 5♠X-2 (N)

	♠	♥	♦	NT
N	3	3	2	-
S	3	3	2	-
E	-	-	-	4
W	-	-	-	4

Leads

Double Dummy Solver Module: Bo Haglund

750(1) 7.00 MP / 630(1) 6.00 MP / 500(1) 5.00 MP / 100(1) 4.00 MP / -170(2) 2.50 MP / -200(1) 1.00 MP

Analysis:

**Lets do some COUNTING!** But, first consider South's plight, should the double be pulled or not? My general consideration is that West feels there is an excellent shot at 4 Spades. South with a 30 point deck and some possibility of a minor suit fit could certainly pull this.

Now ♦J to ♦A and a Spade finesse, grumbling about losing, but winning trick 2. Are you counting? First Declarer has a maximum of 7 Spades. Why? Well with 8, North would most certainly have to win. Confirmed as second Spade to ♠K and ♦10 return, ruffed.

Small Heart to Dummy's ♥K and South's ♥A. Are you watching? North has started an echo to show an even number. Now it can not be 2, leaving West with 7-6-1-0 distribution; too many cards. North could have 4, leaving West with a 7-4-1-1. North also can not have 6.

Standard Bidding			
N	E	S	W
	P	1♦	4♠
Db!:	4♣	P	P
Opening Lead ♦J			

Ok, so it is 7-4-1-1. Well why did not partner try to clear the trumps immediately? The goal is to get 4 tricks. North can not be assured of the Diamond distribution and retains a Trump Guard. Now you can exercise counting out North's Distribution. Now sure, West can always make this. But, the play left him exposed. With North having 4 Hearts, we can not let it get ruffed away. Our tricks are 1 Spade, 2 Hearts and hopefully one Club.

Now for gut check time, under-lead your Club Ace! West can not have 2 Clubs. Score it up. Sadly for your side 5 Clubs by mishap can and does occur on a Spade Ace Lead. Mishaps are part of the game, Make it the opponents and not yours.

**Board 27**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A Q 6  
 ♥ A J 9 8 2  
 ♦ Q J 3  
 ♣ A 3

♠ 8 2  
 ♥ K Q 4  
 ♦ K 8 6  
 ♣ J 10 6 5 4

♠ K 10 9 5 4 3  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ 10 5  
 ♣ K 7 2

♠ J 7  
 ♥ 7 6 3  
 ♦ A 9 7 4 2  
 ♣ Q 9 8

N 4♥; NS 3N; S 3♥; N 4♦; S 3♣; EW 1♠;  
 NS 1♣; Par +420

Bidding			
N	E	S	W
		P	P
1♥	2♠	3♥	P
4♥	P	P	P
Opening Lead ♣2			

**Analysis:**

Bidding is not the point here. We are trying to find the perfect play in Hearts. Opening lead was won in dummy. Time to lead Hearts. Basic plan is 3+ Hearts, 4+ Diamonds, 2 Clubs in already, and 1 Spade for contract; worry about extras later.

So here we go. On the Heart lead assuming no split of Honors do we play the ♥J or ♥9? If you notice the combinations are only for the outstanding honors being on-side. If they are offside you will lose 2- 3 tricks. However if they are onside you will lose 1 to 2 ticks.

Outstanding Distribution.	Honor distribution	Number off Combinations
	KQx 10x	
2-3 67.8%	K10x Qx	10
	Q10x Kx	10
	KQ10 xx	10
4-1 28.3%	KQ10x x	10
	KQxx 10	10
	K10xx Q	10
	Q10xx K	10
5-0 3.9%	KQ10xx void	5

There are 45 possibilities where the play of the ♥9 will limit the losses to 1 or 2. There are then 20 possibilities that the play of the ♥J will limit the losses to 1 trick.

So there you are, play the ♥9 is the best probability. Now did you notice the ♥7 in dummy? Then run it. If it holds, you can pick up the entire suit with minimal loss even in a 5-0 break.

Now on the bidding, did you notice that East has the ♠K and presumably the ♠K? This does not necessarily leave a lot of room for another honor. This time you might decide to run the ♥J. This will win on Today's layout, but is inferior on 25 combinations and wins on 20.

Of course for you mathematical wizards, a better way to estimate it, would be to multiply combination by the % distribution. So 10\*.678+ 10\*.283+ 5\*.039 vs 10\*.678+10\*.283 or an essential wash. In Bridge you have to decide what play to make and stick by your judgment.

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[OUTSIDE Email]

On Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 10:06:13 AM CDT,  
Carolyn Motes <cvhmotes@yahoo.com> wrote:

Your hurtful and demeaning accusations, striking my character, destroying my confidence and causing pain and anxiety to my family (and friends) has taken a huge toll . Our lives have been greatly affected, mentally and health-wise.

This is not who I am. It never occurred to me I could pick up my game after 20+years away from bridge and leaving my regular partner who was not even 20 years old and had over 5,000 masterpoints. He and I played and he taught me (as best he could) We went to many tournaments and played locally on Friday's and Sundays.

I took time off after we retired. We moved to a rural area in the northwest where no bridge was available. I drove 75 miles down the mountain to play duplicate. I was scared out of my mind when I saw my first bidding box. Slowly some of the few conventions came back to me. Two over one was new so I started that. It was a simple card. I only got to play when I needed to stock up on groceries for our mountain home where nothing but a tiny store 16 miles away down the mountain stocking the "must have" essentials. We had a little group in my secluded area who played party bridge once a week. It was high card takes the trick and they had no interest in changing their style. They loved it. I didn't care. I was able to practice. They were lovely people.

We bought a home in Dallas when our first grandchild was born. We helped them adjust with a new baby and we were able to bond with our grandchild. We went back and forth for years. I did not join Dallas bridge for I knew I couldn't play well enough and didn't know the conventions nor did I know anyone to play with. I finally got my nerve up in late January 2011 and was totally addicted from then on. Still we lived in both states so I was not a regular player. Eventually some players took me on as partners and I began to be more comfortable but I had a long way to go

as we all still do. I was lucky to have my present partner who took the challenge to mentor me. We have continued to play together despite his tendency to collapse over some of my plays.

My husband passed away due to Agent Orange and I threw myself into the game due to extreme grief . We had 59 years, not counting we were childhood sweethearts all the way through schooling until he began medical school. That's when we married. Now you have an idea of who I am and some of you may have experienced grief which never goes away. I will try to explain my disciplined and rigid approach to bridge.

As for our leads and defense, remember, we play upside-down count, attitude and suit preference. when possible so most of the time partner's card played gives me information. This is huge information. We meet many disrespectful opponents angry by our super defense. It doesn't always work, but mostly it does work.

If we were cheating, why is our bidding lacking perfection and my declarer play is doomed.

You are forgetting we play udcas. The good scores are a simple result of spotting, suit preference, count, and attitude. Our cards do the work. Leads are not so easy. Depends upon bidding and what is the least harm.

There are an unusual number of poor players. No complaints, but we were given boards for months . We explain all questions in depth, though many do not. We announced asking bids which I noticed others were never announced. I usually could work it out. Many don't have a convention card. We will go over our card and correct if necessary.

Many times my partner has come to my house to play. That's good because in between sessions, I would go to my partners room where he points out my mistakes. While it humiliates me, I am thankful he is trying to help me. His room is quite a distance from where I am.

I have had many misclicks, computer problems and under-trumped several times missing a top score by not focusing. I blocked myself numerous times after setting up a suit, which was

also humiliating. My concentration and focus has noticeably failed especially for several months.

I'm working on concentrating spots and count and that has helped tremendously. I count the discards along the way and the spots as well.

I follow the standard rules but sometimes I don't lead partners bid suit if I have a clue declarer's bid was based upon my leading partners suit thus giving declarer a trick he can't get.

Opening weak-2 bidders then reaching NT game or the 1s/4s type bids showing great fit and distribution require immediate action. Other bidding sequences warn me to try to find the best lead which would not cost us a trick. I rarely lead an Ace but there are times it's my only choice. If I do lead an Ace, partner must try to decipher why it is led. I would guess if one of us leads an unsupported Ace, there is a reason. We have huge trust with our cards.

A hand you may look at happened sometime in June. We were bidding, had horrible game and partner jumped to 5c. I was about to pass when I thought "what is he doing?". I knew he had to have a really good hand to do that so I thought what the heck, terrible game, can't hurt, I bid 6 NT. I made it but opps should have set me. It was always down. I didn't stay, but did see that so far no one had bid and made it. They needed to cash 2 aces. I'm sure that bid stuck out.

I hope my background has given enough information so that you know I am not a person who would violate the rules and certainly never think of cheating or even how to cheat.

Board 1

+50 (84.69%)

<https://tinyurl.com/ykcbm7pb>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes overcalls a 4-card club suit which catches Mr. Hodge's 5-card suit. Instead of sacrificing at 5C, Mr. Hodge decides to defend and leads his singleton diamond which **beats** 4S.

D 1	N rikiros1 ♠ J7 ♥ QJ63 ♦ KQ43 ♣ A52	W N E S 1♦ 2♣ 2♠ P 2NT P 4♠ P P P
W Vernonh ♠ 10864 ♥ 984 ♦ 8 ♣ J8643	♦ 8	E scarlettki ♠ 2 ♥ A75 ♦ A9752 ♣ KQ109
	S giorafr ♠ AKQ953 ♥ K102 ♦ J106 ♣ 7	4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

i was making a lead directing bid. a 4-card C suit is stronger than an empty 5-card empty D suit .

Board 5

+140 (68.37%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9ft3vv>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes opens a bad 8-count and then passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 1H bid. This works well as 3H is the maximum of the hands.

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> eitano	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ KQ96	P P 1♦ P			
		♥ K8	1♥ P P P			
		♦ K963				
		♣ 1063				
<b>W</b> Vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J1073			♠ 54			
♥ A9654			♥ 1073			
♦ Q105			♦ AJ72			
♣ A			♣ K754			
		<b>S</b> kalish				
		♠ A82				
		♥ QJ2				
		♦ 84				
		♣ QJ982				
		1♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0		

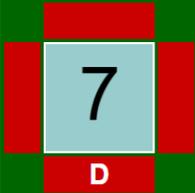
I made a mistake opening this. I passed although partner could have a monster. There is no fixing this.

Board 7

+200 (98.98%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9af6ah>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge overcalls his four-card diamond suit instead of his better four-card club suit which catches partner's five-card suit (similar to board 1 above).

	<b>N</b> suedene	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A109632 ♥ 7 ♦ 4 ♣ Q9763	2♦ X	X P	3♦ P 3NT P
<b>W</b> Vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki		
♠ J5 ♥ KQ6 ♦ K752 ♣ AJ54		♠ KQ8 ♥ 10952 ♦ Q9863 ♣ 8		
	<b>S</b> naplesjune			
	♠ 74 ♥ AJ843 ♦ AJ10 ♣ K102			
		3NTx S NS: 0 EW: 0		

Partner overcalled a D inferring 5 so I raised thinking we have a 10 card fit.

Board 8

+50 (45.92%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p845tsd>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge opens 1H with a shapely 6-count and Ms. Motes decides to simply raise to 4H with 6 hearts, 16 points and a singleton. The limit of the hand is 4H. After the lead of the TD is allowed to hold, Ms. Motes find the shift of AC and another club.

D 8	<b>N</b> suedene		W	N	E	S
	♠ AK963 ♥ ♦ A732 ♣ K1092		1♥ P P	1♠ 4♠ P	4♥ P P	P P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 42 ♥ J108753 ♦ KQ986 ♣	♦ 10		♠ Q108 ♥ AKQ9642 ♦ 10 ♣ AJ			
	<b>S</b> naplesjune					
	♠ J75 ♥ ♦ J54 ♣ Q876543					
						4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

H lead is out; do not want to cut communications. No black suit lead, so only choice seems to be a D.

Board 9

+140 (76.04%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yvdsynz>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes opens a 9-count and Mr. Hodge, despite holding a prime 13-count, doesn't bid 3NT or 5C, but allows the auction to die in a partial.

D 9	<b>N</b> suedene ♠ 1042 ♥ 762 ♦ AJ86 ♣ 986	<b>W</b> N <b>E</b> S P 1♣ X 1♥ P 1♠ P 2♦ P 2♠ P 3♠ P P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ A8 ♥ K10954 ♦ 1095 ♣ AQ2		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ K9765 ♥ J ♦ Q4 ♣ K7543
	<b>S</b> naplesjune ♠ QJ3 ♥ AQ83 ♦ K732 ♣ J10	3♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

I'm 5/5 come alive. Corresponding suits I opened a C.

Board 13

-630 (31.63%)

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6p64dy>

Advocate's concern: The Charged Parties frequently find their partner's values on opening lead. Here, Mr. Hodge had no clear lead but the AS found partner's best suit. This was a below average board because this defense allowed South to establish the JS for an easy tenth trick.

<b>D</b> 13	<b>N</b> louhol ♠ 732 ♥ AQJ63 ♦ ♣ AQJ64	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♥   P   2♦ P   3♣   P   3NT P   P   P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ A5 ♥ 1094 ♦ 10543 ♣ K832	♠ A	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ KQ98 ♥ 875 ♦ J62 ♣ 1075
	<b>S</b> posiepacke ♠ J1064 ♥ K2 ♦ AKQ987 ♣ 9	3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

I agree with attacking the unbid suit.

Board 16

+100 (83.67%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8zwbtm>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 3S bid with 16 points and solid 3-card spade support. 3S is the limit of the hand.

<b>D</b> 16	<b>N</b> scottie91	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 86432 ♥ 864 ♦ 1082 ♣ AK	P 3♠ P P	P P P P	1NT P X	3♣ 4♣ P
<b>W</b> Vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ Q10975 ♥ J972 ♦ Q54 ♣ 6	♠ 10	♠ AKJ ♥ A53 ♦ K976 ♣ J83			
	<b>S</b> rajisun				
	♠ ♥ KQ10 ♦ AJ3 ♣ Q1097542				
		4♣x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

We don't play negative doubles in this situation so partner's bid is not forcing.

Board 17

-110 (56.12%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3wypam>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's failure to bid over Ms. Motes' 2C bid clearly demonstrates illicit knowledge that Ms. Motes overcalled with a poor hand and there was no better fit available. The heart lead hits well but the rest of the charged parties' defense allowed declarer to make the contract.

<b>D</b> 17		<b>N</b> scottie91 ♠ AQ9654 ♥ A7 ♦ A52 ♣ Q8	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♠   2♣   P P   2♠   P   P P
<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ K7 ♥ K10842 ♦ KQ84 ♣ 62	♥Q	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 1032 ♥ Q ♦ J106 ♣ KJ7543	
	<b>S</b> rajisun ♠ J8 ♥ J9653 ♦ 973 ♣ A109		2♠ N   NS: 0 EW: 0

My hand does not meet the requirement for strength. It does meet for suit quality. I must have made a misbid. I don't know why he passed.

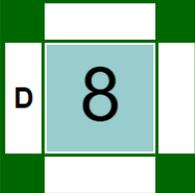
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Board 8

+110 (91.54%)

<https://tinyurl.com/ysukvdzp>

Advocate's concern: The charged parties' convention card is marked that a double of 1NT is penalty.  
 Ms. Motes' double doesn't seem to be takeout or penalty but catches her partner with good values and a decent 5-card heart suit.

	<b>N</b> Ichiban2 ♠ 852 ♥ J102 ♦ 942 ♣ KJ52	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td><b>1NT</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	P	P	P	<b>1NT</b>	P	P	X	P	2♥	P	P	P
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2♥	P	P	P															
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 1043 ♥ K9843 ♦ AK8 ♣ 84	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ AK96 ♥ 765 ♦ Q105 ♣ 1073																	
	<b>S</b> Leonhild ♠ QJ7 ♥ AQ ♦ J763 ♣ AQ96	2♥ W      NS: 0 EW: 0																

A passed hand double of a NT is for takeout.

Board 9

+500 (91.54%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9yuv4v>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's simple raise to 3S is suspicious as most players with the West hand would not stop short of game. Ms. Motes' double of 5H seems to indicate that she is aware that Mr. Hodge is at the top of his 3S bid.

D 9	N Ichiban2 ♠ QJ843 ♥ K10764 ♦ J ♣ 93	W N E S P P 1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♠ X P P 5♥ X P P P
W vernonh ♠ K109 ♥ ♦ A9842 ♣ A10742	♠ A	E scarlettki ♠ A7652 ♥ AQ2 ♦ 105 ♣ Q65
	S Leonhild ♠ ♥ J9853 ♦ KQ763 ♣ KJ8	5♥x N NS: 0 EW: 0

Double is for pass or correct.

Board 17

+120 (79.41%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9rtxds>

Advocate's concern: This is common for the charged parties: when the hands fit well, they get to game and when the hands don't fit well, they stay low. Mr. Hodge's 1NT bid is very conservative but works well as Ms. Notes opened an 11-count.

D 17	N cloutier	W	N	E	S
	♠ 852		P	1♣	P
	♥ Q104	1♦	P	1♠	P
	♦ KQ74	1NT	P	P	P
	♣ A102				
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ A3		♠ QJ96			
♥ J853		♥ K7			
♦ A10862		♦ J5			
♣ Q5		♣ KJ974			
	S dalgrep				
	♠ K1074				
	♥ A962				
	♦ 93				
	♣ 863				
		1NT W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Partner can have a maximum 10 in this situation. My 2 quick trick 11 pt hand does not warrant a bid.





Board 2

+1540 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/kww92stk>

Advocate's concern: 1NT alerted as 15-17 (their Convention Card is marked 15-17 and 12-14 NT openings), 2S is alerted as relay to clubs and 3H is alerted as slam try. Assuming all alerts are accurate, it is still disconcerting that Mr. Hodge drives to the club slam and catches an absolutely perfect dummy at the top of their NT range.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A3 ♥ Q952 ♦ AK8 ♣ A852	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P 1♣ P 1♦ P 1NT P 2♠ P 3♣ P 3♥ P 3♠ P 6♣
<b>W</b> rwhite2526 ♠ K742 ♥ 108764 ♦ 63 ♣ 43		<b>E</b> bkravis ♠ J1065 ♥ AK3 ♦ 9754 ♣ 97
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ Q98 ♥ J ♦ QJ102 ♣ KQJ106	6♣x N NS: 0 EW: 0

Partner's 3H bid is a slam try in C. He also has D. My 3 S was showing a stopper. Partner's 6C said pick your slam.

Board 4

-660 (88.14%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2uffx67h>

Advocate's concern: A spade lead is the only way to hold 3NT to 5. Most players would consider a heart lead rather than underleading the QS into the opening NT bidder's spade suit.

D 4	N scarlettki	W N E S
	♠ Q653 ♥ J7532 ♦ 76 ♣ 63	1NT P 2♣ P 2♠ P 3NT P P P
W bobvb	♠ 3	E nharring
♠ J1074 ♥ AK6 ♦ KQ10 ♣ Q84		♠ K ♥ Q1084 ♦ A83 ♣ AK1097
	S vernonh	
	♠ A982 ♥ 9 ♦ J9542 ♣ J52	
		3NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

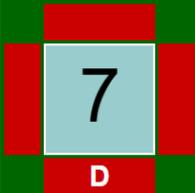
Opponents often bid 3 NT with a singleton, not exploring anything else. A S lead is best. A H lead requires 2 honors to be effective.

Board 7

-200 (25.42%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p86hj25>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge shows incredible restraint in not bidding 5C or 3NT over Ms. Motes' competitive 1NT overcall. 3D is certainly not the best contract but Mr. Hodge seems to have illicit knowledge of partner's holding in passing 3D.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W N E S</b>			
	♠ 1094 ♥ Q85 ♦ KJ10852 ♣ 6	1♥ P P P	1NT 3♦ P	P P	1♣ 2NT P
<b>W</b> Sandy HHK		<b>E</b> pmfdds			
♠ Q72 ♥ K9642 ♦ AQ96 ♣ 5		♠ J83 ♥ J3 ♦ 743 ♣ QJ1043			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ AK65 ♥ A107 ♦ ♣ AK9872				
		3♦ N NS: 0 EW: 0			

1 NT denies having 10+ pts. 3 D is to play.

Board 9

+110 (71.93%)

<https://tinyurl.com/crkxwobj>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge does not have a weak jump response to partner's opening bid. His 2S bid does get the pair to right contract and blocks E/W from establishing their heart fit.

D 9	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ A ♥ 3 ♦ AK10762 ♣ K10654	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> P   1♦   P   2♠ P   P   P
<b>W</b> Sandy HHK ♠ 54 ♥ KQ1084 ♦ QJ95 ♣ A8		<b>E</b> pmfdds ♠ QJ97 ♥ A976 ♦ 84 ♣ 973
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ K108632 ♥ J52 ♦ 3 ♣ QJ2	2♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0

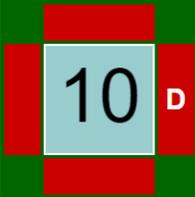
It certainly looks correct. I cannot advance this to the 3 level.

Board 10

-150 (58.47%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2s46pt2u>

Advocate's concern: Three concerns on this hand: 1) Mr. Hodge doubling with a flattish 8-count, 2) Ms. Motes not competing to 3S, 3) Ms. Motes underleading her AS.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>
	♠ A10752 ♥ 109 ♦ Q982 ♣ J2	1♦ X 2♣ P 2♠ P 3♣ P
<b>W</b> darrown	♠ 5	<b>E</b> sevens44
♠ 863 ♥ Q765 ♦ J ♣ KQ643		♠ Q ♥ KJ8 ♦ AK543 ♣ A1097
	<b>S</b> vernonh	
	♠ KJ94 ♥ A432 ♦ 1076 ♣ 85	
		3♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

I don't know why I have to be on the 3 level being red on this bidding.

Board 11

+450 (69.48%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yckz97hz>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes' failure to show a good hand or exploring slam in any way demonstrates knowledge that Mr. Hodge opened an aceless 11-count.

<b>11</b> D	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ J10 ♥ A1095 ♦ AK1094 ♣ K7	2♣ P	4♥	P	1♥ P
<b>W</b> darrown		<b>E</b> sevens44			
♠ A97 ♥ 72 ♦ Q8 ♣ AJ9543		♠ Q632 ♥ 63 ♦ J632 ♣ 1062			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ K854 ♥ KQJ84 ♦ 75 ♣ Q8				
					4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Partner would have to have too many specific cards for slam. I signed off.

Board 14

+50 (59.32%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p89df4p>

Advocate's concern: This is an aggressive lead by Mr. Hodge which finds partner's length and strength.

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q1073 ♥ Q97 ♦ 1076 ♣ J108	2♦ P	P P	1NT 2♥	P P
<b>W</b> rien 25		<b>E</b> wiejul			
♠ 86 ♥ 108432 ♦ Q853 ♣ 93	♠ 2	♠ A95 ♥ A6 ♦ KJ4 ♣ A7652			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ KJ42 ♥ KJ5 ♦ A92 ♣ KQ4				
		2♥ E		NS: 0 EW: 0	

I agree with his lead. He has to lead into the teeth of a 2 NT .

Board 17

-110 (72.03%)

<https://tinyurl.com/4cdy965m>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes led a low club which generally shows an honor. Upon winning the AC, Mr. Hodge found the dangerous yet successful switch of a low heart. This seems to indicate that Mr. Hodge knew that partner had the KH and not the KC.

D 17	N scarlettki ♠ 652 ♥ K109 ♦ QJ92 ♣ 1065	W N E S P P P 1♣ 1♠ P 2♦ P 2♠ P P P
W klyndunbar ♠ AK1043 ♥ 843 ♦ A6 ♣ K82	♥5	E dun_ ♠ Q9 ♥ Q62 ♦ K10843 ♣ J93
	S vernonh ♠ J87 ♥ AJ75 ♦ 75 ♣ AQ74	2♠ W NS: 1 EW: 0

We lead small from 3 to the 10 on partner's bid. Hearts is wide open.

February 21, 2022  
 Session # 49860  
 Direction: E/W  
 Score: 60.56%

Board 1

+300 (94.44%)

<https://tinyurl.com/7e539rc4>

Advocate's concern: The 1C opening is Precision. Ms. Motes does not bid at her first opportunity and then makes a nebulous double after North's 1H bid. Mr. Hodge correctly bids diamonds instead of clubs and then sits for Ms. Motes' second double. Ms. Motes led the AS and then switched to the AD on trick 2. This bidding, double, and defense indicates knowledge of partner's holdings.

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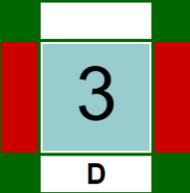
Partner gets after me for not bidding early and coming back into the auction. I would have cashed the A D.

Board 3

+300 (100%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yck8rbmd>

Advocate's concern: The bidding, double and defense on this hand all indicate that Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes were aware of each other's holdings.

	<b>N</b> au	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ QJ106 ♥ 653 ♦ AQ9 ♣ K95	1♣ X	1♠ P	2♣ P	3♠ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A5 ♥ K974 ♦ J106 ♣ A763	♥ A	♠ 432 ♥ AQ8 ♦ K75 ♣ Q1082			
	<b>S</b> dougs				
	♠ K987 ♥ J102 ♦ 8432 ♣ J4				
		3♠x N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

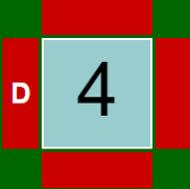
My 2 C bid is not forcing. South's bid is 0-6?  
Partner may speculate that this cannot be made. 3-level belongs to no one.

Board 4

-100 (37.04%)

<https://tinyurl.com/8rzw58nd>

Advocate's concern: The slam fails as the diamond finesse is off but the real question is why does Ms. Hodge make a quantitative bid with 19 points and why does Mr. Hodge accept with 12 points.

	<b>N</b> evette	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ J762 ♥ A1062 ♦ K98 ♣ J3	1♦ P 1♠ P 3NT P 6NT P	1♥ P 2♣ P 4NT P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki	
♠ K1084 ♥ 8 ♦ A10643 ♣ KQ8		♠ AQ3 ♥ KQJ95 ♦ QJ ♣ A72	
	<b>S</b> LMarshall		
	♠ 95 ♥ 743 ♦ 752 ♣ 109654		
		6NT W	NS: 0 EW: 0

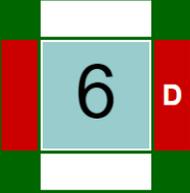
Slams are made on length. Partner has 5 D's and 4 S's. This is normal.

Board 6

-100 (17.59)

<https://tinyurl.com/muxm673v>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes' 2D, alerted as weak, is neither weak nor a 6-card suit. This works as Mr. Hodge has 3-card diamond support and a minimum hand.

	<b>N</b> evette	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A4 ♥ KQ76 ♦ J1054 ♣ A109	1♣ P	P P	P 2♦	P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ KJ72 ♥ A102 ♦ Q93 ♣ K75		♠ 983 ♥ J93 ♦ AK876 ♣ J2			
	<b>S</b> LMarshall				
	♠ Q1065 ♥ 854 ♦ 2 ♣ Q8643				
		2♦ E		NS: 0 EW: 0	

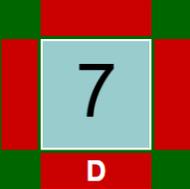
This is a legal bid.

Board 7

+200 (96.30)

<https://tinyurl.com/2acw4fmu>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge's dangerous lead of the JS works well; Ms. Motes switched to the QC at trick 2 to beat the contract 2. This lead and shift demonstrate illicit information.

		<b>N</b> mamarosen		<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>							
		♠ 64		P		3♦		P		2NT	
		♥ QJ10642		P		4♥		P		3♥	
		♦ 5		P				P		P	
		♣ 8765		P							
<b>W</b> vernonh				<b>E</b> scarlettki							
♠ KJ1072				♠ A983							
♥ 83		♠ J		♥ 95							
♦ 10874				♦ J96							
♣ A2				♣ QJ93							
		<b>S</b> cindydrat									
		♠ Q5									
		♥ AK7									
		♦ AKQ32									
		♣ K104									
						4♥ S		NS: 0		EW: 0	

This is aggressive bidding. It calls for aggressive defense.

Board 8

-420 (37.04%)

<https://tinyurl.com/592vzsuw>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes underleads her AC into the strong hand and is rewarded when Mr. Hodge has the King. On trick 3, Ms. Motes, instead of trying to cash a third club, correctly switches to a low diamond. These types of leads and shifts are common for this pair and clearly demonstrate use of illicit information.

D 8	<b>N</b> mamarosen	W	N	E	S
	♠ KQ8 ♥ AJ10982 ♦ A7 ♣ Q2	P	1♥	P	2♥
<b>W</b> vernonh		P	4♥	P	P
♠ 95 ♥ K75 ♦ QJ942 ♣ K76	♣ J	P			
	<b>S</b> cindydrat	<b>E</b> scarlettki			
	♠ AJ763 ♥ Q63 ♦ 106 ♣ 854	♠ 1042 ♥ 4 ♦ K853 ♣ AJ1093			
					4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

This is aggressive bidding. It calls for aggressive defense. It has possibilities and retains control.

Board 14

480 (75%)

<https://tinyurl.com/3nv8n372>

Advocate's concern: This hand clearly demonstrates illicit information between Ms. Motes and Mr. Hodge. Ms. Motes alerted her 1C opening as a misclick and when Mr. Hodge doubled 2C by South, Ms. Motes bid her four-card heart suit rather than her six-card spade suit. This was fortunate as Mr. Hodge had 4 hearts and 1 spade.

	<b>N</b> furia 24	W	N	E	S
	♠ J86 ♥ Q97 ♦ Q10942 ♣ 98	X 4♥	P P	1♣ 2♥ P	2♣ P P
<b>W</b> vernonh				<b>E</b> scarlettki	
♠ 10 ♥ K542 ♦ A53 ♣ AJ764				♠ KQ9742 ♥ AJ86 ♦ K87 ♣	
	<b>S</b> TRAZOM				
	♠ A53 ♥ 103 ♦ J6 ♣ KQ10532				
					4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Yes. I did misclick. I do not know when I announced. I don't know what was 2C alert. I presume P's double says he can handle one of ops suits. Bidding is absurd.

Board 18

-600 (36.11%)

<https://tinyurl.com/57fx9wj5>

Advocate's concern: This pair has a proclivity for overcalling 4-card suits and almost always finding partner with 4-card support. This is no exception as Mr. Hodge's 4-card heart overcall finds Ms. Motes with 4-card support and decent values.

18 D	N Owcli	W	N	E	S
	♠ 10 ♥ K875 ♦ AJ72 ♣ 8762	1♥ P P P	1NT	2♥ P	1♣ 3♣ P
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ J63 ♥ Q1043 ♦ Q1086 ♣ K3	♥ 2	♠ K9754 ♥ J962 ♦ K94 ♣ Q			
	S dianaai	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0			
	♠ AQ82 ♥ A ♦ 53 ♣ AJ10954				

Board 18, we need to win this. His bid reflects that.

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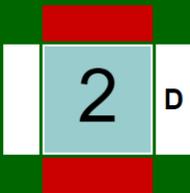
Score: 59.89%

Board 2

+100 (86.92%)

<https://tinyurl.com/mtzje85b>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes makes a cue bid raise after Mr. Hodge opens 1H. Mr. Hodge drives the hand to 5H with a flat minimum hand in a competitive auction. This bidding indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes had a preemptive raise rather than a limit raise. Ms. Motes switched to a low club on trick 2.

		<b>N</b> mi381el	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>			
		♠ KQJ863			P	1♦
		♥ 4	1♥	1♠	2♠	3♣
		♦ J7543	4♥	4♠	P	P
		♣ 7	5♥	P	P	5♠
			♠	♠	♠	
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 972			♠ 54			
♥ KJ1095	♥A		♥ A8762			
♦ K2			♦ Q9			
♣ AQ5			♣ 8643			
		<b>S</b> Knowreally				
		♠ A10				
		♥ Q3				
		♦ A1086				
		♣ KJ1092				
			5♠ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

The cue bid by a passed hand says tell me more. Partner accepted and defended to the 5 level. That is his responsibility.

Board 5

-50 (88.46%)

<https://tinyurl.com/yx6bfh5u>

Advocate's concern: Mr. Hodge overcalls 1S on a bad 7-count and competes to 4S after Ms. Motes jumps to 3S (their convention card says that jump raises are weak after overcall). Looking at both hands, it is clear that 4S is a good sacrifice as the hands fit well together.

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> njmayer	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ A2 ♥ Q98765 ♦ 764 ♣ 42	1♠ 4♠	P P	P P	1♣ 4♥ P
<b>W</b> vernonh			<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J9876 ♥ J4 ♦ K10532 ♣ Q			♠ KQ105 ♥ 32 ♦ QJ98 ♣ K95			
		<b>S</b> delwest1				
		♠ 43 ♥ AK10 ♦ A ♣ AJ108763				
			4♠ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

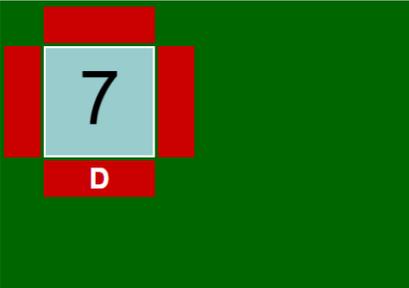
I made my bid 3 S. On nvul v vul partner is responsible for his own bid. Odd they didn't compete nor double.

Board 7

+2220 (94.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/duesc7tk>

Advocate's concern: 4NT was alerted as keycard for spades, 5C showed 1 or 4 and 5H was alerted as Queen ask for spades. The 7NT bid seems to be based on the knowledge that Ms. Motes had a running diamond suit.

	<b>N</b> ltsai	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 10654 ♥ J76 ♦ 974 ♣ J63	2♣ P 3♠ P 4NT P 5♥ P 7NT P	P	3♦ P 4♦ P 5♣ P 6♦ P P	P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ AKQJ72 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 2 ♣ AQ7		♠ 9 ♥ 10 ♦ AKQJ1085 ♣ 10982			
	<b>S</b> ameliefion				
	♠ 83 ♥ K98432 ♦ 63 ♣ K54				
					7NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

As many times as I bid D, showing AK D he should know its a running suit.

Board 9

+50 (87.69%)

<https://tinyurl.com/47yrrarc>

Advocate's concern: Ms. Motes does not double 2H for the lead yet Mr. Hodge correctly finds the heart lead from Q84 instead of a top diamond.

D 9	N Ittsai	W	N	E	S
	♠ KQ952		P	P	1NT
	♥ 95	P	2♥	P	2♠
	♦ 8543	P	P	P	
	♣ Q4				
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ A108	♥4	♠ J73			
♥ Q84		♥ KJ106			
♦ 10972		♦ J6			
♣ AJ10		♣ 6532			
	S ameliefion				
	♠ 64				
	♥ A732				
	♦ AKQ				
	♣ K987				
		2♠ S			NS: 0 EW: 0

Yes, sometimes I forget to double for a lead.

Board 11

-1020 (60.77%)

<https://tinyurl.com/z9wvcj95>

Advocate's concern: Compare this hand to the previous hand. Ms. Motes doubles 4C for a club lead yet Mr. Hodge wisely ignores his partner and makes a passive diamond lead. This indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes had nothing resembling a lead-directing double.

11 D	<b>N</b> lauracoon	W	N	E	S
	♠ K32 ♥ AKJ63 ♦ AKJ ♣ Q9	P	4♣	X	1NT P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ 985 ♥ 10975 ♦ 9862 ♣ K10	♦ 9	♠ 10764 ♥ 2 ♦ 75 ♣ J87654			
	<b>S</b> Salbell				
	♠ AQJ ♥ Q84 ♦ Q1043 ♣ A32	6NT S NS: 0 EW: 0			

Bad double by me.

Board 12

-50 (4.62%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8c7spu>

Advocate's concern: Despite Ms. Motes initiating a 2/1 game forcing auction, Mr. Hodge allows the auction to die in 3C. This bidding indicates that Mr. Hodge was aware that Ms. Motes did not have her original bid. Ms. Motes also declined to look for a spade fit.

D 12	<b>N</b> lauracoon	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ QJ65 ♥ K542 ♦ A96 ♣ 75	1♥ P 2♦ P P	P	2♣ P 3♣ P	P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ K3 ♥ AQ983 ♦ QJ84 ♣ A6		♠ 10874 ♥ 6 ♦ K105 ♣ KQJ108			
	<b>S</b> Salbell				
	♠ A92 ♥ J107 ♦ 732 ♣ 9432				
				3♣ E	NS: 0 EW: 0

I misbid. I'm hoping to buy it for 3 C.

Board 16

-140 (49.23%)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhsxz>

Advocate's concern: This is another ace underlead against a suit contract that finds partner's king. The charged parties routinely underlead aces against suit contracts with no negative consequences.

D 16	N ralphbr	W N E S
	♠ A97 ♥ Q764 ♦ K ♣ A8763	1♥ 2♣ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠ P P P
W vernonh	♥ 8	E scarlettki
♠ J3 ♥ AJ985 ♦ A653 ♣ J4		♠ 865 ♥ K102 ♦ Q842 ♣ K109
	S matt0116	
	♠ KQ1042 ♥ 3 ♦ J1097 ♣ Q52	
		3♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Partner has every right to expect me to hold an honor if he needs it for the defense.

## SECTION IV

Hands by Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes that demonstrate Illicit Information being exchanged during the bidding, opening leads, and defense

All hands are from BBO ACBL games from January 1 to January 31, 2022

January 1, 2022

10:15 am

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<b>W</b> Vernonh ♠ KJ97 ♥ K109 ♦ 1052 ♣ J82	♠ 8 ♥ QJ75 ♦ K76 ♣ KQ963	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ A6542 ♥ 43 ♦ Q9843 ♣ 10
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	<b>S</b> 1612709 ♠ Q103 ♥ A862 ♦ AJ ♣ A754	2♣ S      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/www796ad>

Mr. Hodge makes a 1S overcall on a 4-card suit and a bad hand. Ms. Motes never raises with 5-card support and a singleton. The opponents never get to their cold 4H game.

Even though I could raise, I do not like my 7+ loser hand.

January 1, 2022

12:15 pm

Boards: 5,9

<b>D</b> 5		<b>N</b> plantlady2 ♠ KJ104 ♥ 4 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ QJ102	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
			P	1♣	P	1♥
			P	1♠	P	3NT
			P	P	P	
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ A987 ♥ A103 ♦ 93 ♣ K986	♥3		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 532 ♥ QJ865 ♦ 754 ♣ 74			
		<b>S</b> pama5 ♠ Q6 ♥ K972 ♦ A1086 ♣ A53				
			3NT S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/mwu8dema>

Even though South bid 1H, Mr. Hodge finds the unusual underlead from AT3 of hearts, hitting Ms. Motes' only values.

Partner wants to clear S's NT stopper at trick 1 or either run the suit.

D 9	N kellyw303 ♠ 42 ♥ 962 ♦ 10973 ♣ KJ97	W	N	E	S
		X	P	P	1♥
		P	2♥	2♠	3♥
		P	P	3♠	4♥
		P	P	X	P
		D	D		
W vernonh ♠ KQ87 ♥ 7 ♦ AJ6 ♣ AQ843	♦ 6	E scarlettki ♠ J965 ♥ K53 ♦ K842 ♣ 52			
	S friskypal ♠ A103 ♥ AQJ1084 ♦ Q5 ♣ 106				
		4♥x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/4994jhja>

Ms. Motes' penalty double of 4H indicates that she is aware of Mr. Hodge's greater than expected strength for his takeout double. Mr. Hodge's dangerous lead of the 6D away from the ace instead of the KS indicates that he is aware of his Ms. Motes' holdings.

I trust his leads. They are well-thought out.

January 1, 2022

2:15 pm

Boards: 6,17

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ AK7432 ♥ K102 ♦ K6 ♣ J4	P	1♠	P	1♦
<b>W</b> Ricky444		P	2♠	P	3NT
♠ Q105 ♥ 987 ♦ J82 ♣ A1063		P	P	P	
	<b>S</b> vernonh	<b>E</b> sscrim			
	♠ J ♥ A43 ♦ AQ10953 ♣ Q75	♠ 986 ♥ QJ65 ♦ 74 ♣ K982			
		3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/m8xcmhm3>

Ms. Motes signs off at 2S with 6 spades and an opening hand. The Charged Parties play new minor forcing so she does not lack a way to game force. Mr. Hodge's jump to 3NT indicates that he is aware that Ms. Motes underbid her hand.

I did not underbid my hand. Minimum with 6 S.

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	3♣	4♣	P												
5♠	P	P	P												
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">W</div> scjconsult ♠ KQJ87 ♥ 8 ♦ K1043 ♣ Q83	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♥ Q</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">E</div> suejackson ♠ A10943 ♥ K9542 ♦ Q7 ♣ K													
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">S</div> vernonh ♠ 5 ♥ AJ1076 ♦ J862 ♣ 1074		5♠ W      NS: 0 EW: 0												

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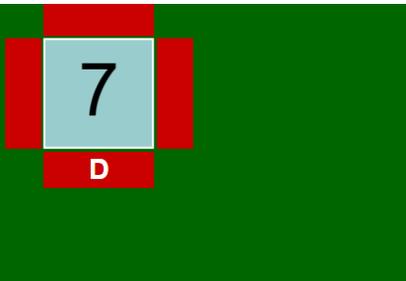
Ms. Motes' lead of the QH could be costly given that East showed both majors but instead hits Mr. Hodge's strong holding.

S, D, and C's are out from this holding. So QH led.

January 1, 2022

4:15 pm

Boards: 7,16

	<b>N</b> zoodle	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A4 ♥ K10742 ♦ AQJ ♣ J96	1♣ 1♠ P	1♥ X P	X 2♠	P P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ KQ93 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 63 ♣ AK75		♠ J1052 ♥ 9863 ♦ K74 ♣ 82			
	<b>S</b> CarolynSab				
	♠ 876 ♥ J ♦ 109852 ♣ Q1043				
					2♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/mppfasr7>

Mr. Hodge underbids his 18-count while Ms. Motes overbids her 4-count. This type of overbidding and underbidding is common among colluders.

**I should not have bid. I can't let them put a minor on the table. This is a blocking bid.**

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	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 1064 ♥ ♦ KJ10765 ♣ KQJ4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">         ♣ 9       </div>
	<b>S</b> owend ♠ AKJ92 ♥ AK63 ♦ A ♣ A86	4♥ N                  NS: 0 EW: 0

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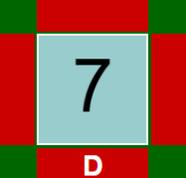
I'm not leading S, nor H, so my choice is C or S. I chose C. It does not matter what we lead.



January 2, 2022

2:15 pm

Boards: 7,16,17

	<b>N</b> kas_	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>
	♠ AJ8 ♥ AJ1087 ♦ Q8 ♣ K54	1♦ 1♥ 2♦ P 2NT P P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki
♠ K765 ♥ 9643 ♦ KJ2 ♣ A8		♠ Q92 ♥ KQ5 ♦ A10973 ♣ Q2
	<b>S</b> queenathen	
	♠ 1043 ♥ 2 ♦ 654 ♣ J109763	
		2NT W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4h9dh799>

Mr. Hodge opens an 11-count and lacks a heart stopper yet bids 2NT over Ms. Motes' simple raise to 2D. Extraordinarily, Ms. Motes passes with 2NT with 13 points.

I'm lost, so I quit bidding.

D 16	N dufrane	W	N	E	S
	♠ 872 ♥ AJ1087 ♦ J62 ♣ AQ	1♦ 2♦ P	1♥ P P	1♠ P P	P 2♥ P
W versonh		E scarlettki			
♠ K ♥ K642 ♦ KQ974 ♣ K42	♠ 4	♠ A9543 ♥ 95 ♦ 1085 ♣ J73			
	S vafrau				
	♠ QJ106 ♥ Q3 ♦ A3 ♣ 109865				
		2♥ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/ycknechz>

Mr. Hodge bid diamonds twice and denied spade support, yet Ms. Motes successfully underleads her AS to Mr. Hodge's singleton King.

We don't want to start a cross ruff. No reason to lead C and trumps are out. There are lots of S out so I'm not gonna lose my AS.

D 17	N dufrane	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ7		1♦	2♥	P
	♥ 82	2♠	3♦	4♣	P
	♦ KQJ7654	4♠	P	P	P
	♣ 7				
W vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ AK109643		♠ 2			
♥ 6		♥ AJ10953			
♦ 108		♦ 93			
♣ K93		♣ AQ42			
	S vafrau				
	♠ 85				
	♥ KQ74				
	♦ A2				
	♣ J10865				
		4♠ W		NS: 0	EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/x4cdb44f>

Ms. Motes makes a weak jump overcall with a good 11-count and Mr. Hodge drives to game with his 10-count. The hands fit perfectly together and 4S is cold.

Trying to set the suit and taking up room. Once partner made a forcing bid w/the S, I thought we would be in H.

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P	1♥	P	4♥																
P	P	P																	
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ J765 ♥ 53 ♦ AQ107 ♣ K107	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">♦</span> 8         </div>	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ Q1082 ♥ 1062 ♦ 84 ♣ A964																	
	<b>S</b> kazdi ♠ 94 ♥ KQJ9 ♦ KJ962 ♣ Q2		4♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/mvay2hsw>

A spade lead looks indicated, but Ms. Motes' diamond catches her partner's best values. What really stands out is that after winning the diamond lead, Mr. Hodge shifted to a low club away from his king.

Trumps and C are out. S will not win enough tricks but is quite safe. A doubleton through dummy may still yield results.

January 7, 2022

6:15 pm

		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ A742	1♥	X	XX	1♣
		♥ J103	P	2♦	2♥	1♠
		♦ 98732	P	P		P
		♣ J				
<b>W</b> normaf1			<b>E</b> juliekim			
♠ Q			♠ J10983			
♥ AQ984			♥ K76			
♦ QJ54			♦ A			
♣ 1084			♣ K976			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ K65				
		♥ 52				
		♦ K106				
		♣ AQ532				
				2♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ywe7h25r>

Ms. Motes' decision to eschew the apparent 4-4 spade fit to bid her bad 5-card diamond suit demonstrates knowledge of her partner's hand. On defense, Mr. Hodge won the AC, played the QC and then played the 2C for Ms. Motes to ruff. Despite suit preference for diamonds, Ms. Motes successfully underled her AS after ruffing the third club.

The redouble sounds like they own the hand. Diamond try was looking for more. Partner's pass of that told me all I needed. Playing suit preference, partner asked for a S.

January 8, 2022

1:15 pm

Boards: 8,15

D 8		N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
		♠ K632	P	P	P	1♠
		♥ Q83	P	2♠	P	P
		♦ KQ	P			
		♣ J972				
W lundr12			E avroyaf			
♠ A974			♠ 10			
♥ KJ65			♥ 1074			
♦ 10843			♦ J9762			
♣ 4			♣ AK86			
		S vernonh				
		♠ QJ85				
		♥ A92				
		♦ A5				
		♣ Q1053				
			2♠ S			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yahrhc2d>

Mr. Hodge opens 1S in fourth seat and, despite that the Charged Parties play Drury, Ms. Motes makes a simple raise with 4-card spade support and 11 points.

We do not play Drury in 4th seat. Fourth seat openers are valid. I made a mistake with my 2S bid. I should have bid 3D, limit raise in S.

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	<b>W</b> ashmarwah ♠ AK83 ♥ A63 ♦ 8653 ♣ J2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">♣4</div>
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 109765 ♥ ♦ K107 ♣ K9543	4♦ E      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8h7bcp>

Mr. Hodge opens 1C vulnerable in first seat with a shapely 6-count and then freely bids 2S in a competitive auction. Ms. Motes is content with a gentle raise to 3S despite having support for both of Mr. Hodge's suit and a working void. Mr. Hodge has a safe spade lead but instead leads a low club. Ms. Motes won the AC and promptly returned a heart for Mr. Hodge to ruff. All aspects of this hand demonstrate an exchange of illicit information between the Charged Parties.

I do not have many points so I am not going to force to game on this.

January 8, 2022

3:15 pm

Boards: 2,15

		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		♠ 1073			P	1♦
		♥ KQ64	P	1♥	P	1NT
		♦ Q9	P	2♣	P	2NT
		♣ AQ93	P	P	P	
<b>W</b> eunie			<b>E</b> Malek2000			
♠ Q98			♠ AK64			
♥ A1098			♥ 32			
♦ 10542			♦ J63			
♣ J6			♣ 10754			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ J52				
		♥ J75				
		♦ AK87				
		♣ K82				
		2NT S		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/49zmszy7>

In response to Ms. Motes' new minor forcing which typically shows 5 or more hearts, Mr. Hodge bids 2NT instead of 2H. Ms. Motes, with a full opening hand, doesn't bid 3NT. 2NT is the limit of the hand.

Every now and then I forget NMF. I agree with his 2NT bid.

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	<b>W</b> rzinman133 ♠ A8 ♥ KQ52 ♦ 10974 ♣ Q93	<div style="background-color: #fff0f0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block;">♥A</div>
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ J764 ♥ AJ107 ♦ K3 ♣ K84	3♠ E      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/mvabwzpm>

Another unsupported ace lead that demonstrates illicit information being exchanged between the Charged Parties.

I had nothing to do with his opening lead. I was expecting a C.

January 8, 2022

6:15 pm

Boards: 12,13

D 12	N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ 1052 ♥ Q942 ♦ K53 ♣ J97	1♦ P 3♥ P P	P P	3♣ 3NT	P P
W morganah75		E tomani			
♠ A3 ♥ A753 ♦ AQ1076 ♣ 43	♥K	♠ QJ87 ♥ 106 ♦ 8 ♣ AQ10865			
	S vernonh				
	♠ K964 ♥ KJ8 ♦ J942 ♣ K2				
		3NT E		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/4yc4ps6h>

Mr. Hodge's lead of the KH from KJ8 instead of a spade demonstrated I/I.

I had nothing to do with his lead.

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<b>W</b> 69heyguru ♠ QJ9832 ♥ K5 ♦ Q76 ♣ 108		<b>E</b> slvrcard ♠ 10 ♥ 108743 ♦ AK952 ♣ J7																
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ A75 ♥ AJ9 ♦ J108 ♣ K653	3♣ N      NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/bdzk37t5>

Mr. Hodge fails to explore game with a full opening hand after Ms. Motes has opened the bidding. 3C is the limit of the hands.

The contract is partner's choice, not mine.  
I trust partner.



January 9, 2022

11:15 am

Boards: 6,8

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ K93 ♥ K ♦ 107652 ♣ AQ64		P	2♥ P	P P
<b>W</b> majorfarm		<b>E</b> cwls19			
♠ A1042 ♥ 83 ♦ J983 ♣ 973		♠ 865 ♥ AJ10965 ♦ Q ♣ K82			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ QJ7 ♥ Q742 ♦ AK4 ♣ J105				
		3♦ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yzxxfvx7>

Mr. Hodge's pass of 3D with an opening hand is hard to fathom unless he is aware that 3NT and 5D cannot make. 3D is the limit of the hand.

My D suit is an overbid. Partner sniffed this out with his AK.

D 8	N scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ 10762 ♥ 92 ♦ A6432 ♣ 72	P	P	1♣	X
W jack says		1NT	2♠	3♣	3♦
♠ K85 ♥ 10753 ♦ K8 ♣ QJ106	E bsanders25	P	P	P	
	S vernonh				
	♠ AQJ9 ♥ A86 ♦ Q1095 ♣ 93				
		3♦ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/muvrex6a>

Mr. Hodge's 3D bid misrepresents his hand but lets the partnership play in its 9-card diamond fit instead of their 8-card spade fit.

I dropped the 3D forward going game try.

January 9, 2022

2:15 pm

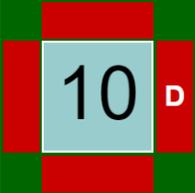
Boards: 3,10,13,18

	<b>N</b> Edlene ger	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ J8 ♥ KQ5 ♦ J643 ♣ KQJ9	P 3♣	1♦ P	2♣ P	P P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ Q109 ♥ A93 ♦ K102 ♣ 10872		♠ AK76 ♥ 1076 ♦ A7 ♣ A653			
	<b>S</b> BBear14				
	♠ 5432 ♥ J842 ♦ Q985 ♣ 4				
					3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y3r2da9d>

Ms. Motes' vulnerable 2C bid on A653 of clubs showed I/I when double and 1NT are both available. She does hit Mr. Hodge's only 4-card suit. The Charged Parties regularly overcall four-card suits, but here Ms. Motes declined to bid spades.

This is a misclick . My Apple mouse misbehaves often.

	<b>N</b> jmmills ♠ AJ8752 ♥ A8 ♦ 10 ♣ J863	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♦</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♦</td> <td>P</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			1♠	P	2♥	P	3♦	P	4♦	P	4♥	P	6♥	P	P	P
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		1♠	P																			
2♥	P	3♦	P																			
4♦	P	4♥	P																			
6♥	P	P	P																			
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ ♥ KJ10764 ♦ A76532 ♣ 9		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ KQ963 ♥ Q952 ♦ KJ4 ♣ A																				
	<b>S</b> agraygbar1 ♠ 104 ♥ 3 ♦ Q98 ♣ KQ107542	6♥ W      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/mryt6aa4>

This slam failed as the diamonds were situated poorly, but the auction suggests illicit information being exchanged.

Obvious misclick.

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<b>W</b> vernonh <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♠</span> AK985 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♥</span> KJ2 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♦</span> 643 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♣</span> 103		<b>E</b> scarlettki <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♠</span> QJ1063 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♥</span> 9 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♦</span> Q85 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♣</span> AK65	
	<b>S</b> jd49 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♠</span> 742 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♥</span> AQ87654 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♦</span> 2 <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">♣</span> 82		
		<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">5♥x S</span> NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/32w33jub>

This auction by the charged parties is unclear but the lead of the TC instead of the AS demonstrates illicit information.

4C is a misclick. Partner obviously did not want to sever a S communication. The rest he can explain himself.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ Q2 ♥ AJ6 ♦ KJ42 ♣ J865	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">♥A</div>	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ A64 ♥ KQ103 ♦ 1097 ♣ Q72																					
	<b>S</b> BbMajor ♠ KJ1073 ♥ 752 ♦ AQ ♣ 943		2♠x S      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/ynujkp9v>

Mr. Hodge opens a flattish 12-count, bids 1NT without a spade stopper, and then makes a penalty double when his partner could have as little as 6 points. The AH lead catches perfectly, Ms. Motes has an unexpected 11-count, and the opponents go for -500.

Hands are flat. I should have bid 2NT. Partner is asking my opinion....defend or play. Apparently ops thought they controlled the missing points, so I gladly passed.

January 14, 2022

Session # 22800

D 1	N scarlettki ♠ A986 ♥ Q9762 ♦ 8 ♣ A106	W    N    E    S 3♥   1♠   P   2♠ P    X    P   P
W winnie47 ♠ KJ ♥ AK1043 ♦ J754 ♣ J9	♦ 8	E mundarv ♠ Q72 ♥ 8 ♦ KQ102 ♣ Q8432
	S Vernonh ♠ 10543 ♥ J5 ♦ A963 ♣ K75	3♥x W    NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9n793c>

There is a lot going on here that indicates collusion between the charged parties. Ms. Motes opens her 4-card spade suit instead of her 5-card heart suit, a hand many would choose not to open at all. Her spade opening catches Mr. Hodge with 4 spades and a decent 9-count. Mr. Hodge could reasonably go to 4S over the double as this should be a maximal/cards double by Ms. Motes. Instead, he elects to defend 3HX. Finally, after winning the AD, Mr. Hodge returns the 9D asking for a spade return; Ms. Motes instead returns the 6C.

Two other examples of opening a 4-card major instead of a 5-card major:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p93jmj3>

<https://tinyurl.com/ycy49tr8>

An obvious misbid. Once W came in the penalty double was obvious, warning partner not to proceed.

January 14, 2022

Session # 22804

D 8	<b>N</b> scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ J7 ♥ K742 ♦ J985 ♣ KJ3	1♣ 1NT	P P	1♠ P	P P
<b>W</b> igheal1	♠ J	<b>E</b> mesmith1			
♠ 43 ♥ QJ9 ♦ A42 ♣ A6542		♠ K8652 ♥ A65 ♦ KQ3 ♣ 108			
	<b>S</b> Vernonh				
	♠ AQ109 ♥ 1083 ♦ 1076 ♣ Q97	1NT W NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2wyxax>

Ms. Motes has length in both unbid red suits but finds Mr. Hodge's best suit instead. After winning the second spade, Mr. Hodge found the diamond shift on trick 3.

**Sadly, rebids with a singleton S are common. The J of S is a decent lead.**

January 15, 2022

Session # 29489

Boards 3,11,16

3 D	N thegoose03	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q4 ♥ 10742 ♦ KQ862 ♣ K4	P 3♣	P P	X P	2♠ P P
W Vernonh		E scarlettki			
♠ K862 ♥ K853 ♦ 7 ♣ A1096		♠ 97 ♥ AJ6 ♦ AJ94 ♣ J873			
	S railed				
	♠ AJ1053 ♥ Q9 ♦ 1053 ♣ Q52				
		3♣ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/5cfbcreu>

Ms. Motes makes a risky takeout double of 2S and Mr. Hodge correctly judges to bid his 4-card minor instead of his 4-card major. Contrast this with the next board.

Weak 2 overcalls show a good hand. I reopened for 1 of the other 3 suits.



11 D		N doctorjk	W	N	E	S
		♠ 10532	2♥	X	2♠	1♣
		♥ 74	3♥	4♣	P	X
		♦ KQ74	P	P	P	5♣
		♣ A95				
W Vernonh			E scarlettki			
♠ 9			♠ Q874			
♥ AQJ10532	♥ A		♥ K86			
♦ 1065			♦ 983			
♣ Q8			♣ 743			
		S ebogy				
		♠ AKJ6				
		♥ 9				
		♦ AJ2				
		♣ KJ1062				
		5♣ S		NS: 0 EW: 0		

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxhther>

Mr. Hodge overcalls 2H with 7 hearts and Ms. Motes psyches 2S with Q874 and fails to support hearts with K86. This dangerous bid kept the opponents out of 4S and she must have known they would be safe at the 3 level. Mr. Hodge's failure to lead his singleton spade is also noteworthy. Out of 151 tables to play this board, this was the only time clubs was the final contract. All other results were either N/S playing spades or E/W playing hearts.

Yes. I'm trying to talk them out of a S contract. We have a 9-card H fit, so 3 level is not that big of a worry.

January 15, 2022

Session # 29494

D 16	N scarlettki	W N E S
	♠ K84 ♥ 63 ♦ A104 ♣ KQ875	1♥ 2♣ X 3♣ 5♦ X 5♥ X P P P
W LISpengler	♠ 4	E mego4
♠ 95 ♥ AQ10854 ♦ Q953 ♣ A		♠ Q763 ♥ J9 ♦ K86 ♣ J943
	S Vernonh	
	♠ AJ102 ♥ K72 ♦ J72 ♣ 1062	
		5♥x W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y97aa69t>

The KC looks like a safer lead but this risky lead caught Mr. Hodge's best suit.

Partner has a check down for what to lead. C is out; they bid to 5 in spite of my C bid. D is out H is definitely out leaving S.

January 15, 2022

Session # 29500

Boards: 3,8,10

<b>3</b> D	<b>N</b> Hello966	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ 52 ♥ AJ104 ♦ 854 ♣ QJ75	1♥ 2♠ P	P 3♣ P	1♠ 3♠	1♦ 2♣ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A986 ♥ K9863 ♦ AQ9 ♣ 8		♠ QJ743 ♥ 52 ♦ 62 ♣ 10964			
	<b>S</b> deearm				
	♠ K10 ♥ Q7 ♦ KJ1073 ♣ AK32				
					3♠ E      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4dpu6ywk>

Mr. Hodge doesn't press for game when Ms. Motes takes two bids with her 3-count and QJ743 of spades.

Partner can count and make his own decisions. It is obvious where the points are.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ AK109 ♥ AK54 ♦ A764 ♣ Q	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ J5 ♥ 63 ♦ J3 ♣ K987653																	
	<b>S</b> dgusail ♠ Q7432 ♥ J87 ♦ KQ82 ♣ 4	3♣ E      NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8fypuu>

Mr. Hodge's pass of 3C with a prime 20-count suggests that he is aware of his partner's weak hand.

My auction side shows a weak C hand. Partner may rebid Clubs which I would gleefully pass.

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	<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ J87 ♥ 86 ♦ Q1083 ♣ 10832	<div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: white; color: red; font-weight: bold;">♥8</div>
<b>S</b> sherbgr ♠ Q109 ♥ 95 ♦ A964 ♣ AKQ6		3NT S      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxdkta5>

Mr. Hodge had an unclear lead and the heart doubleton catches his partner's best suit.

Opponents have advertised that the NT'er has no 4-card major. A doubleton H is a good lead.

January 16,2022

Session # 36056

D 17		N RiMiL ♠ AK543 ♥ J86 ♦ KQ109 ♣ A	W N E S P 1♠ P 3♠ P 4♠ P P P
W Vernonh ♠ J8 ♥ KQ32 ♦ 4 ♣ QJ9752	♥ A	E scarlettki ♠ 762 ♥ A97 ♦ J52 ♣ 10864	
	S kpartha ♠ Q109 ♥ 1054 ♦ A8763 ♣ K3		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yckm829s>

Another unsupported ace lead that catches partner's king.

Aggressive bidding requires aggressive defense.

January 16, 2022

Session # 36060

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ 8 ♥ A9874 ♦ K2 ♣ A9872	1NT P	1♥ 2♣	P P	P P
<b>W</b> athenak			<b>E</b> AlexJimmy			
♠ A96 ♥ KQJ ♦ Q94 ♣ K1063			♠ Q54 ♥ 1052 ♦ J87653 ♣ Q			
		<b>S</b> vernonh				
		♠ KJ10732 ♥ 63 ♦ A10 ♣ J54				
					2♣ N	NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/y2jffdeh>

Mr. Hodge's failure to bid with 6 spades and a 9-count suggests that he is aware of Ms. Motes' strength and shape.

**Mr. Hodge will have to explain that.**

January 16, 2022

Session # 36065

D 1	N scarlettki ♠ K8742 ♥ 5 ♦ QJ874 ♣ J6	W    N    E    S 2♥   1♠   P   1NT P     P     3♥   P
W joanjoan68 ♠ 96 ♥ QJ1072 ♦ A5 ♣ KQ109	♠ 2	E Indymarion ♠ Q1053 ♥ K984 ♦ K106 ♣ 82
	S vernonh ♠ AJ ♥ A63 ♦ 932 ♣ A7543	3♥ W      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2k2rsecx>

Ms. Motes opens 1<sup>st</sup> seat with a 7-count and Mr. Hodge takes only one bid with a full opening hand and then sells out to 3H. This demonstrates illicit information about the strength of Ms. Motes' opening bid. The opening lead by Ms. Motes is also noteworthy.

**Mr. Hodge will have to explain that.**

January 17, 2022

Session # 42555

Boards: 3,6,7

<b>3</b> D	<b>N</b> bagelsnlox	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ Q84 ♥ AJ6 ♦ J82 ♣ 10743	X 5♣ X	3♥ P P	3♠ P P	2♥ 4♥ 5♥ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ A3 ♥ 105 ♦ AKQ74 ♣ AK85	♦ Q	♠ J7652 ♥ 82 ♦ 103 ♣ Q962			
	<b>S</b> gram4				
	♠ K109 ♥ KQ9743 ♦ 965 ♣ J				
		5♥x S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5s3p4t>

Mr. Hodge's decision to bid 5C rather than 5D indicates that he is aware of Ms. Motes' minor-suit holdings.

Mr. Hodge will have to explain that.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 762 ♥ AK1086 ♦ J98 ♣ J6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">♥A</span> </div>	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ AKQJ98 ♥ 943 ♦ 4 ♣ 842									
	<b>S</b> Mary Lesli ♠ 54 ♥ 2 ♦ Q106532 ♣ AKQ5		4♦ S      NS: 0 EW: 0								

<https://tinyurl.com/3yfv8hbm>

Ms. Motes preempts 2S on a hand many would consider an opening hand. Ms. Motes' failure to raise 3H to 4H with 3-card support, a solid spade suit, and a working singleton indicates that she is aware of the nature of Mr. Hodge's hand.

We have 8-card S and H fits. It could be larger. Opponents look like they have a 5-D contract . Do I really wish to shove them into that game?

January 17, 2022

Session # 42560

D 8	N plaidnnl	W	N	E	S
	♠ 1098732 ♥ J ♦ Q5 ♣ A1063	P 4♥ X	2♠ P P	3♥ P P	3♠ 4♠ P
W vernonh	♠ K4 ♥ K10543 ♦ 109643 ♣ 9	E scarlettki	♣7		
	S nonchalont	♠ A6 ♥ AQ972 ♦ AJ2 ♣ Q87			
	♠ QJ5 ♥ 86 ♦ K87 ♣ KJ542	4♠x N NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/mxxhzd8v>

Mr. Hodge's penalty double of 4S can only be made with knowledge of Ms. Motes' extra strength for her 3H overcall. The unusual lead of the 7C allowed the Charged Parties to score 3 trump tricks.

We do not sever our communication suit at trick 1. The choice of a C is obvious.

January 21, 2022

Session # 65836

	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ Q6 ♥ K9862 ♦ Q108 ♣ KJ6	1NT P P	P 2♥ P	P P P	takeout X P
<b>W</b> wowpal18		<b>E</b> jklm23			
♠ K1043 ♥ A ♦ K7654 ♣ AQ5		♠ AJ9 ♥ 1074 ♦ J3 ♣ 108742			
	<b>S</b> Vernonh				
	♠ 8752 ♥ QJ53 ♦ A92 ♣ 93				
		2♥ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/yk95jjss>

The Charged Parties' convention card indicates that Mr. Hodge's double is penalty, not takeout. Either way, with a bad 7-count and shortness in clubs, it is doubtful many Souths would make this double. In the end, it worked well as the double allowed the Charged Parties to play in 2H.

Takeout double is obvious by a passed hand. We typically do not let them play 1NT.



January 22, 2022

Session # 72057

Boards: 13,15

<b>D</b> 13	<b>N</b> tonijr ♠ AK9 ♥ A32 ♦ A8 ♣ J10432	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1NT   P   2♥ 3♦   3♠   4♦   4♠ P   P   P
<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ 42 ♥ 98 ♦ KQJ10752 ♣ Q5	♣6	<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 873 ♥ K105 ♦ 943 ♣ AK76
	<b>S</b> gtbckrh ♠ QJ1065 ♥ QJ764 ♦ 6 ♣ 98	4♠ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8cpd4b>

This AK underlead by Ms. Motes demonstrates that she is aware of Mr. Hodge's club holding.

Only D or C are optional leads. With a big D fit someone might be void. It looks like a C lead. With the possibility of 4333, maybe partner has that Q for 3 off the side. I do not know that opener has 5 card C suit.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ AKQ106 ♥ A10 ♦ 63 ♣ 10642		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ 3 ♥ J876 ♦ 94 ♣ KQJ753												
	<b>S</b> gtbckrh ♠ J9842 ♥ K9 ♦ KQ1052 ♣ 9	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>3♣ E</td> <td>NS: 0 EW: 0</td> </tr> </table>	3♣ E	NS: 0 EW: 0										
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Mr. Hodge passes Ms. Motes' forcing 3C bid, which is fortunate as 3C is the limit of the hand.

Mr. Hodge would have to explain that.

January 22,2022

Session # 72063

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ J5 ♥ KQ1072 ♦ ♣ AQ9874	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 1♦ 2♥ P 3♣ 3♦ 4♥ P P 5♦ 5♥ P P P
<b>W</b> sherbgr ♠ Q8 ♥ AJ ♦ AKJ108753 ♣ 2		<b>E</b> marel ♠ K107643 ♥ 943 ♦ 42 ♣ 65
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ A92 ♥ 865 ♦ Q96 ♣ KJ103	5♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/yfrux3w8>

There are several things happening on this hand. Firstly, Ms. Motes makes a weak jump overcall with an opening hand and 5 hearts. Secondly, instead of passing or supporting hearts, Mr. Hodge bids his 4-card club suit. Thirdly, Ms. Motes eschews the apparent 11-card club suit to rebid her 5-card heart suit two times luckily catching her partner with 3-card support.

Once partner passes 4H he has tolerance or better. That is all I need to know.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72069

D 17	N aaroncody2	W	N	E	S
	♠ 6	3♥	P	1♦	3♣
	♥ QJ632		P	P	P
	♦ 1082				
	♣ 10964				
W vernonh		E	scarlettki		
♠ J95		♠ AK103			
♥ AK1085		♥ 97			
♦ 753		♦ AQJ94			
♣ J2		♣ K7			
	S karenbarr				
	♠ Q8742				
	♥ 4				
	♦ K6				
	♣ AQ853				
		3♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfjyb7>

Ms. Motes with a prime 17-count fails to open 1NT and then passes Mr. Hodge's forcing 3H bid. This was fortunate as both 4H and 3NT cannot make.

I never open 1NT with 2 doubletons. With 3C overcall, partner's bid doesn't have to be forcing. I see no way to go forward with this. Partner does not have support for S nor D, to protect my KC.

January 22, 2022

Session # 72079

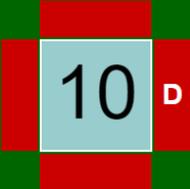
Boards: 6,10

6 D	N scarlettki	W N E S
	♠ J10 ♥ KQ102 ♦ A3 ♣ AQ843	1♣ P 1♦ 2♣ P 3♦ 3♥ X P P
W howlop	E heather172	
♠ 43 ♥ 7 ♦ KJ7642 ♣ KJ106	♠ AQ95 ♥ A953 ♦ Q10 ♣ 975	
	S vernonh	
	♠ K8762 ♥ J864 ♦ 985 ♣ 2	
		3♥x S NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4c3rz3zf>

Ms. Motes' 2C bid is either natural or a Michaels cue bid. Either way, Mr. Hodge successfully bids his weaker 4-card heart suit rather than his stronger 5-card spade suit. This bidding clearly demonstrates illicit information being shared between the Charged Parties.

**Clubs is natural. Partner is probably trying to salvage the situation by bidding up the line. Partner should have passed.**

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ QJ864 ♥ Q643 ♦ A94 ♣ 4	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>3♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♣</td> <td>P</td> <td>5♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>5♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>6♠</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	2NT	P	3♣	P	3♦	P	3♥	P	4NT	P	5♣	P	5♦	P	5♥	P	6♠
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<b>W</b> osekihan ♠ 105 ♥ 109 ♦ J732 ♣ KQJ109		<b>E</b> gomashio ♠ 732 ♥ K875 ♦ 10 ♣ 87632																								
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ AK9 ♥ AJ2 ♦ KQ865 ♣ A5	6♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0																								

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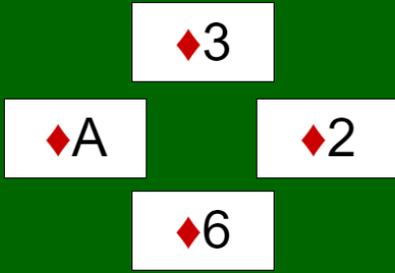
Only 10 out of 60 N/S pairs reached slam on this hand. The concern, of course, is that the wrong hand drove this hand to slam and caught the perfect dummy for 6S.

3 H's is smolen showing 4 H and 5 S. Partner drove this to slam by asking. The strong hand should be hidden. I must have something extra or would not have used Smolen.

January 23, 2022

Session # 78649

Boards: 2,9,13

	<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 109 ♥ A9853 ♦ Q10973 ♣ K	<b>W</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b> 3♣ 3♥ P 2♠ X P 4♣ P P P
<b>W</b> jordymil ♠ K ♥ KJ ♦ AKJ5 ♣ AJ10983		<b>E</b> grabiner ♠ J852 ♥ Q7 ♦ 842 ♣ Q742
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ AQ7643 ♥ 10642 ♦ 6 ♣ 65	4♣ W NS: 1 EW: 1

<https://tinyurl.com/ms4p8mc4>

Ms. Motes' 3H bid catches Mr. Hodge's 4-card side suit after he preempted 2S, yet Mr. Hodge fails to raise to 4H. What's more concerning is that Mr. Hodge failed to continue spades on trick 2 or shift to a heart indicating that he is aware of Ms. Motes' holdings.

Pass shows a minimum hand. Since I could not show S tolerance, partner has no reason to bid on.

D 9	N kjpgod	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q54 ♥ A104 ♦ Q1098 ♣ J54	2♥ P	P 2♠ P	P 3♥ P	1♠ 3♠
W vernonh		E	scarlettki		
♠ J3 ♥ KQJ87 ♦ KJ53 ♣ Q6	♣Q	♠ 97 ♥ 952 ♦ 742 ♣ AK1073			
	S bobwilkin				
	♠ AK10862 ♥ 63 ♦ A6 ♣ 982	3♠ S      NS: 0 EW: 0			

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8wmruv>

This is the type of lead that the Charged Parties rarely miss. With a safe heart lead available, Mr. Hodge instead makes the risky lead of QC from Q6 and hits his partner's AK of clubs.

Mr. Hodge would have to explain that. In this situation, we have to attack the side suits.

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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ AQ ♥ J64 ♦ AQ93 ♣ Q965		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ K8 ♥ K32 ♦ J87 ♣ K10732
	<b>S</b> Carolcmc ♠ J107543 ♥ A1098 ♦ 65 ♣ 8	3NT W      NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8n5ex2>

Mr. Hodge makes an invitational 2NT bid with 15 points and Ms. Motes takes the invite with a bad 10-point hand. This bidding does not correspond to their holdings unless there was illicit information being shared between Mr. Hodge and Ms. Motes.

Mr. Hodge would have to explain that. I missed the 1NT correct bid. P bid 2NT to see if all I have is clubs.

January 28, 2022

Session # 8429

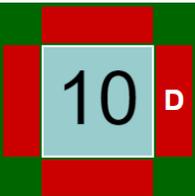
Boards: 8,10

D 8	N howardcee	W N E S
	♠ A1054 ♥ 10 ♦ 3 ♣ KJ108742	1♥ 2♣ X P 3♦ 4♣ 4♦ 5♣ 6♥ P P P
W vernonh		E scarlettki
♠ 3 ♥ AK542 ♦ AJ1097 ♣ A9		♠ J97 ♥ Q863 ♦ KQ8542 ♣
	S femmer	
	♠ KQ862 ♥ J97 ♦ 6 ♣ Q653	
		6♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4ayfnjxb>

Mr. Hodge's 6H bid after partner never showed support for hearts is highly indicative of I/I of his partner's heart holding.

I probably mis-clicked trying to explain a 3C bid and hit double. I believe Partner also mis-clicked on a 6D momentum Bid. Opponents bidding clubs does infer that I have Hearts.

	<b>N</b> prv2014 ♠ K97 ♥ J752 ♦ AK106 ♣ Q6	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S			P	1♦	P	1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥	P	P	P			
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<b>W</b> vernonh ♠ J1062 ♥ K109 ♦ 52 ♣ K852		<b>E</b> scarlettki ♠ Q543 ♥ 63 ♦ J43 ♣ AJ73																				
	<b>S</b> gr8 ape ♠ A8 ♥ AQ84 ♦ Q987 ♣ 1094	4♥ N      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/42htf4v2>

Another successful 4-card overcall for the Charged Parties. It is, however, Ms. Motes' ace underlead that stands out.

The Clubs by elimination offers the best chance for side tricks. No other lead is attractive.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14687

<b>D</b> 1		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ 10973 ♥ J2 ♦ A1076 ♣ 754	<b>W</b> N E S 2NT 4♥ P P 4♠ P P P
<b>W</b> VoxFugit ♠ K4 ♥ AK6 ♦ Q832 ♣ KJ109	♦ 4	<b>E</b> the_prof ♠ AQJ865 ♥ 10 ♦ KJ95 ♣ 82	
	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 2 ♥ Q987543 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ63		4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6s59j2>

Ms. Motes' 4H bid with a doubleton and 5 points demonstrates knowledge of Mr. Hodge's hand.

The 2NT bid is odd. I think by chatting privately I inquired "what was that?". Raising to 4H was obstructive and on me.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14692

A blue box with the number 10 and a red diamond symbol.	<b>N</b> sidmyboy	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	♠ A2 ♥ AJ1043 ♦ AKJ ♣ AK3	P 2NT P 6♠ P	P P P	P P	2♠ 3♠ P
<b>W</b> vernonh		<b>E</b> scarlettki			
♠ J85 ♥ K85 ♦ Q108532 ♣ 10	♥ 5	♠ 763 ♥ Q762 ♦ 74 ♣ J986			
	<b>S</b> underbid21				
	♠ KQ1094 ♥ 9 ♦ 96 ♣ Q7542				
		6♠ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/2fts9zdv>

No lead matters against this slam, but it is noteworthy that instead of leading his singleton club, Mr. Hodge found the risky underlead of the KH. Ms. Motes' held the queen.

We will make any lead possible to bust up a small slam. Any slam bid and made is a bad score. We are only risking the 10% matchpoints we may get.

January 29, 2022

Session # 14698

Boards: 10, 15, 17

<b>10</b> D	<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ 3 ♥ 93 ♦ Q8765 ♣ J7654	3NT P	1♦ P 1♠ P
<b>W</b> Sammybyrd	♥ 9	<b>E</b> kristinaO	
♠ Q96 ♥ KJ6 ♦ 43 ♣ AKQ93		♠ AJ82 ♥ A2 ♦ KJ1092 ♣ 102	
	<b>S</b> vernonh		
	♠ K10754 ♥ Q108754 ♦ A ♣ 8		
		3NT W	NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4n9e3pus>

Mr. Hodge's bidding is unusual as he fails to utilize a Michaels cuebid and instead bids his 5-card spade suit rather than his 6-card heart suit. Nonetheless, Ms. Motes finds the heart lead.

Checking down, minors are out, singleton S is out, so 9H. Nothing may work here, but they did not check for majors.



<div style="text-align: center;">D</div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">17</div>		<b>N</b> scarlettki ♠ Q96 ♥ KJ942 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ76	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S		P	P	2♦	2♠	3♥	3♠	P	P	P		
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	<b>S</b> vernonh ♠ 7 ♥ AQ53 ♦ Q76543 ♣ Q2		3♠ W      NS: 0 EW: 0																

<https://tinyurl.com/2p957br5>

The bidding and lead are demonstrative of colluding.

I don't know why I'm in this bidding. If colluding on bidding, partner should have raised H. By elimination Clubs is the lead; I picked the J.

January 30, 2022

Session # 21231

Boards: 5, 6

<b>D</b>		<b>N</b> scarlettki	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
5		♠ KJ ♥ Q752 ♦ 5 ♣ J108543		P	1♦	P
			3♦	X	P	3♥
			P	P	P	
<b>W</b> majorturn			<b>E</b> smfoxterr			
♠ Q94 ♥ 96 ♦ K109842 ♣ K2			♠ A1087 ♥ AK84 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 97			
		<b>S</b> Vernonh				
		♠ 6532 ♥ J103 ♦ A73 ♣ AQ6				
				3♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0

<https://tinyurl.com/4xfw54mk>

This board was a disaster for the Charged Parties. That being said, why did Mr. Hodge bid his 3-card heart suit instead of his 4-card spade suit?

**Mr. Hodge would have to explain that.**

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		<b>S</b> Vernonh ♠ KQ98632 ♥ 95 ♦ ♣ KQ96	5♥x E      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

<https://tinyurl.com/2p82d2mk>

Mr. Hodge's lead shows he knew partner's holdings. Ms. Motes won the first club and promptly shifted to a diamond on trick 2.

KQ leadings are not all they are cracked up to be, similar to QJ leads. Small is just as good as K, as I have to have 1 honor to make it good. Once I take the Ace, the rest is easy, cash.

January 30, 2022

Session # 21236

14 <sup>D</sup>	<b>N</b> scarlettki	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ62 ♥ 53 ♦ A105432 ♣ A	1♣ P P	2♦ P P	P 3♦ 4♣	P 3♠ P
<b>W</b> mstrong72	♥5	<b>E</b> waharrisjr			
♠ 10 ♥ AJ87 ♦ KQ7 ♣ KQ972		♠ AK7 ♥ 96 ♦ J6 ♣ J108653			
	<b>S</b> vernonh				
	♠ 98543 ♥ KQ1042 ♦ 98 ♣ 4				
		4♣ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

<https://tinyurl.com/mt8t2fb9>

Mr. Hodge, who did not have the values or shape to enter the auction, successfully bids his poor 5-card spade suit rather than his solid 5-card heart suit. Ms. Motes' lead finds her partner's better undisclosed suit.

This is a major suit lead. I don't like my QJ holding in S, so I picked H.

**EXHIBIT "C"**

**ADVOCATE'S HEARING PRESENTATION**

Vernon Hodge:

2,752 mps, LM 1/12/96, Certified Director, Better Bridge Instructor

Carolyn Motes:

3,256 mps, LM 6/1/78

According to BBO, Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes share an IP address

Charging Parties Disclosure:

Full Sessions: February 12,13,19,21,25, 2022

Selected Hands Demonstrating I/I: January 1-31, 2022

Opening Leads Against Suit Contracts: March 12-18, 2022

## Traits of Pairs That Share Illicit Information (I/I)

- Consistently Accurate Opening Leads
- Accurate Defensive Shifts
- Off-Shape Doubles that Rarely Fail
- Four Card Overcalls Generally Land
- Passing Forcing Bids With No Negative Outcomes
- Compensating Overbidding and Underbidding
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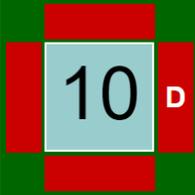
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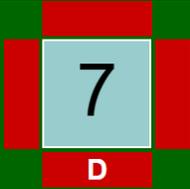
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