

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

A worrying fact about this Hand from Wednesday in RBC was the fact that only two N/S pairs bid to the Slam! **33 points**, people!!

The Bidding could have gone (East passing):

N	E	S	W
1C(1)	P	1D(2)	P
2S(3)	P	4C(4)	P
4S	P	5C (5)	P
5H	P	?	All Pass

(1) Better Minor (2) Temporising (3) 15-16, (hiding the 6-card Clubs)

(4) Gerber (We agreed always) (5) King asking (I hate this!!)

?: Missing only a King, with 36 points accounted for..... You must bid at least 6NT, and NO ONE would blame you for bidding 7 - it should only depend on a finesse.

The Play:

Regardless of lead (I got a Diamond), 6 is very easy. Play off the Diamonds, giving up one, and 12 tricks are cold - 4 Spades, 3 Hearts, 4 Diamonds & 1 Club. (I got a D lead, finessed the Club J, Played off the Major winners, which squeezed West in the minors, resulting in 6NT + 1) Actually, at my table the bidding went 1C-1D-3C-6NT, resulting in a look of sheer WTF from Ann! Sadly, my only success on the night!