

# WORDS OF WISDOM

... by Bill Wisdom

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: North-South

|                |              |             |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|                | <b>North</b> |             |
|                | ♠ J 10 9     |             |
|                | ♥ A 2        |             |
|                | ♦ A Q 10 8 7 |             |
|                | ♣ Q J 3      |             |
| <b>West</b>    |              | <b>East</b> |
| ♠ 8 7          |              | ♠ A 6 3     |
| ♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 |              | ♥ J 9 7 5   |
| ♦ 4 2          |              | ♦ 5 3       |
| ♣ 9 7 5        |              | ♣ K 6 4 2   |
|                | <b>South</b> |             |
|                | ♠ K Q 5 4 2  |             |
|                | ♥ 4          |             |
|                | ♦ K J 9 6    |             |
|                | ♣ A 10 8     |             |

There were a myriad of results on this board from Cindy's Corner November 6 Open game. Two out of 14 pairs bid the 6♠ slam, which was a lucky make ... no diamond ruff available, and the K♣ onside. Two pairs were in 5♥X, down 1100. They were rewarded with 2.5 matchpoints. Five pairs were in 5♠ (one doubled for plus 1050). Five pairs rested in 4♠

The two unlucky pairs who were the recipients of -1430 were Julia Lowe/Rick Bentley and Peter J. Boyd-Bowman/Bud McKinney ... just a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

One possible auction is:

| South | West | North | East |                                   |
|-------|------|-------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 2D    | Pass |                                   |
| 3♥*   | X    | 3♠    | Pass | * splinter in support of diamonds |
| 4♣    | Pass | 4NT   | Pass |                                   |
| 5♠**  | Pass | 6♠    | Pass | ** 2 key cards with Q♠            |
| Pass  | Pass |       |      |                                   |

If West sticks in a nasty 3♥ bid over 1♠, the slam is much more difficult to bid.

Randy Joyce and I bid the lucky slam, and so did Ann Paschold and Anne McKiernan.