

WORDS OF WISDOM

... by Bill Wisdom

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

We got lucky on this board. First, we bid aggressively and, second, the cards lay favorably.

The bidding went:	East	South	West	North
	Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
	1♠	X	2♣	2♥
	Pass	Pass	3♣	?

At this point, I decided my two aces and four hearts allowed another bid, so I competed with 3♥. Only one other N-S pair bought the contract.

With the J♣ lead, I won the Ace and led a heart. West won and returned a spade. Here came the feared spade ruff, but it was with the A♥

This later allowed me to lead toward the 9♠, ruff two clubs in dummy, and draw the last trump with the 9♥. Making 3 was a cold top. Everyone needs a little luck!