

# WORDS OF WISDOM

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East Deals. North-South Vulnerable. Results: Par -1520

Double Dummy Makes

N/S: 0♣, 5♦, 0♥, 4♠, 1NT

EW: 6NT, 7♥, 3♠, 7♣, 2♦

**North - Dealer** (8 points)

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ J 6

♦ A Q J 6 3

♣ 8 6

**West** (14 points)

♠ A Q J 2

♥ Q 10 7 5 3

♦ -

♣ K Q 3 2

**Dealer - East** (15 points)

♠ 4

♥ A K 9 2

♦ K 10 7

♣ A J 9 7 5

**South** (3 points)

♠ K 8 7 6

♥ 8 4

♦ 9 8 5 4 2

♣ 10 4

The theme of this month's Valentine article is "Hearts." The hand shown is from the 12/20 STaC game. The hands were duplicated throughout the District. I checked Winston-Salem, Charleston, and Durham. Only one pair in the three cities managed to bid the cold grand slam. Their auction was:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	???

Now what? West decided to bid 5NT, asking partner to bid six with one of the top three honors, and seven with two. He thought that, at worse, it would depend on a spade finesse. East dutifully bid 7♥. They say, "a well-bid hand is easy to play." Kudos to Rhett Inabinet and Jim Bean. Great bid, Rhett! Wish I'd thought of it.