

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ J T 9 3  
♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ Q 8 4  
♥ A K 8 4 2  
♦ 4  
♣ K J 9 5



♠ K J T 9 2  
♥ 3  
♦ A 8 6 2  
♣ T 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ Q J T 7  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ 4

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      | 1 ♥   | Pass     | 4 ♣   |
| Pass | 4 ♥   | All Pass |       |

4 ♥ by North

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SOUTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

game.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ A T 2  
♦ A T 7 6 5 3  
♣ 6 5 4

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3



♠ T 2

♥ 9 8 5 4 3

♦ 4

♣ A T 9 7 2

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠

4 ♠ by North

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SOUTH bids 3 to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

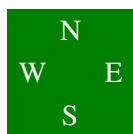
She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

**Board 3**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ J T 7 6 4  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ Q J 5  
 ♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q  
 ♥ A J T 9 7 6  
 ♦ 9 7  
 ♣ A 9 6



♠ 5 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ T 8 6 3 2  
 ♣ K Q J 8 5

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

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      | 1 ♥   | Pass     | 2NT   |
| Pass | 3 ♥   | Pass     | 3 ♠   |
| Pass | 4 ♣   | Pass     | 4 ♦   |
| Pass | 6 ♥   | All Pass |       |

6 ♥ by North

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 NORTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2  
 ♥ T 6 5  
 ♦ J 6 3 2  
 ♣ T 7 6 4

♠ K 7 6 3

♥ J 8 3

♦ K Q

♣ A K 8 3



♠ T 5

♥ Q 9 7 2

♦ A T 7 5 4

♣ 9 5

♠ A Q 9 8 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 2

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      |       |          | 1 ♠   |
| Pass | 2NT   | Pass     | 3NT   |
| Pass | 4♣    | Pass     | 4♥    |
| Pass | 4NT   | Pass     | 5♥    |
| Pass | 6♠    | All Pass |       |

6 ♠ by North

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SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the  
 trump Ace.