

Dealer: W  
Vul: EW

*North alice*  
♠ 109  
♥ AJ6  
♦ AJ72  
♣ 9874

*West*  
♠ J5  
♥ 985  
♦ K3  
♣  
KQJ652

*East*  
♠ Q86  
♥ Q10742  
♦ 86  
♣ A103

*South me*  
♠ AK7432  
♥ K3  
♦ Q10954  
♣

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	W	N	E	S	
	P	P	P	1S	
Bidding:	2C	2D	P	4C	<a href="#">HTML Bridge Hand Layout Creator</a>
	P	4S	P	6D	

all pass

This is board 16 played on Friday afternoon on Valentines Day. Those of you who are reading this hopefully will learn quite a lot about distributional hands. The hand was played 10 times, and 1 pair actually bid game. All the others were in a part score. (Except myself and my partner who bid the small slam in Diamonds). The fact there was a cold Small slam in Diamonds, and actually a Grand slam on a finesse is not the point I wish to make. If you are reading this I suggest you write down the South hand, and opposite write firstly the North hand, as in the diagram, then do the same with the West hand, and finally do this with the East hand.

You will see that in each case you can make 4 Spades!!!!

Distributional hands need to be looked at from the point of view of losers. This hand has about 5 losers opposite a Yarborough, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx.

Our bidding as in the diagram was 1S from South, (2C) from the opponents, 2 D from partner, and now

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South knows North has 10 points, (a new suit at the 2 level). Does not have 3 card support for Spades, therefore no Spade losers.

No 4 card Heart suit, or they would have made a Negative double. Just a quick check for Aces, and 6 Diamonds seems quite normal.