

		<i>North</i>		
Dealer: N		♠ 975		
Vul: EW		♥ KQJ42		
		♦ 83		
		♣ Q62		
<i>West</i>		<i>East ME</i>		
RHONA		♠ KQJT82		
♠ 2		♥		
♥ T983		♦ AKJT94		
♦ Q2		♣ A		
♣ KJ9873				
		<i>South</i>		
		♠ A43		
		♥ A765		
		♦ 765		
		♣ T54		
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Bidding:	N	E	S	W
	P	1S	P	1NT
	P	6D	P	P
	P			

Those of you who know me, are well aware I bid too much. However its good fun. And when the opponents bid a cold game, sometimes a sacrifice is worth the over bid. Especially if one is not doubled. However Bridget enjoyed catching me for minus 5, doubled, vulnerable, for -1400.

Not this hand, though. I really have not seen a hand such as Board 9 for a long time. The problem is finding out about which suit is most suitable for slam.

If you look closely, you will see that a small slam is cold opposite **any of the other 3 hands**. The best way to get there, in my very humble opinion, is to bid as follows; Open 1 Spade, if this is raised to 2 Spades, bid 6 Spades. If partner does not raise Spades, say bids 1 NT, bid 6 Diamonds, and partner will choose which

slam. I chose the latter situation, and partner was alert enough to pass, and not try to correct to anything else.

Asking for aces could work. BUT. If they show one ace, you don't know which one it is, and if they show 2 aces there is no way you can guarantee the Grand Slam.

It is just as easy to bid 6 Diamonds. The loser in the other suit can be ruffed out, even though partner has no ace.