

You have heard the better players talking about patterning out with their bidding. You search madly on the internet to discover what this might mean { and perhaps wish you had bothered listening when your teacher explained it months back}. It seems to mean that a player's hand shape can be revealed by the bids they make. So if your partner opened 1Spade and then bid 2 Clubs you would know that they held 5Sp and 4 Clubs.

What shape is North's hand likely to be in the following auctions.

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| 9) | <u>N</u> | <u>S</u> | 10) | <u>N</u> | <u>S</u> |
|    | 1S       | 2C       |     | 1D       | 1S       |
|    | 2H       | 3C       |     | 2H       | 2NT      |
|    | 3H       | 4H.      |     | 3Sp      | 4SP      |

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| 11) | <u>N</u> | <u>S</u> | 12) | <u>N</u> | <u>S</u> |
|     | 1C       | 1H       |     | 1S       | 2C       |
|     | 1S       | 2C       |     | 2S       | 2NT      |
|     | 2S       | 5C.      |     | 3D       | 4SP      |

Partner opens 3Sp and you have to decide what to call next. What is your call as responder with these four hands?

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|-----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 13) | A      | 14) 765 | 15) A54 | 16) A6 |
|     | KQJ    | KQJ10   | KJ43    | 4      |
|     | KQJ    | AQJ10   | Q76     | AKQ432 |
|     | J76543 | AJ      | K65     | A654   |

The opponents open 1Sp and partner {E} doubles.

N	E	S	W
1Sp	Dble	Pass	?

What do you bid as West with each of these hands ?

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|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 17) | 432  | 18) 432 | 19) 432 | 20) 432 |
|     | AK76 | K654    | QJ87    | AQ43    |
|     | K654 | J542    | AK43    | J765    |
|     | 32   | 32      | A2      | 32      |

Discuss or perhaps *dis*s North's bidding in the following auctions.

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| 21) | N    | S   |  |
|     | 1S   | 1NT | North's hand : AQ765 ----- 65 -----AQ54 ----65 |
|     | 2D   | 2H  |  |
|     | 2Sp. |     |  |