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BIDDING CHALLENGE

On the following page is the second bidding challenge devised by Tim Rees. As with the previous set of problems, the results will appear in the next issue of the magazine, with a commentary from Tim in which he explains his marking.

In the eight problems given, you are South and you have to find the right bid. The problems selected for this series are from simple auctions and there will be at least three sensible alternative bids to choose from for each problem. I shall award marks based on several factors: what I think is the right bid; what worked at the table; the number of votes given to each bid; and the comments given in respect of each bid. Although there is no need for you to include comments, if you do so you may increase your score. Also, good comments will be included in an article for the next issue of the magazine, so there's a chance you'll see your views in print.

The system is straightforward: Acol; 4-card Majors; Weak Twos in D/H/S; 12-14 NT; Stayman; Transfers; Blackwood. Defensive bidding methods comprise: Sputnik Doubles; Weak Jump Overcalls; and Double for take-out following pre-empts.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday, 6th May. Anyone may submit an entry, but only WBU members are eligible to win prizes. In addition to your **name and address**, please supply your **WBU membership number** when you enter.

The prizes will be £30, £20, and £10 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd; and there will also be two **non-expert prizes** of £20 and £10. To meet the definition of non-expert you have to be below the rank of Regional Master. If you qualify, please state clearly 'Non-expert' on your entry.

Entries may be submitted by email to trees@trl.co.uk or by post to: WBU Bidding Competition, 163 Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6DR. Alternatively, you may enter via the WBU website.

Hand 1	NS Vul - Scoring : Teams			
S A97643 H AK9 D - C KQ96	West - Pass	North 1D 3D	East Pass Pass	South 1S ?
Hand 2	EW Vul. - Scoring : Teams			
S - H Q1042 D AK10954 C J107	West - 1S	North 1C Pass ¹	East Pass Pass	South 1D ? ¹
	¹ Double would be take-out			
Hand 3	NS Vul. - Scoring: Pairs			
S A75 H Q8 D AQJ10752 C 5	West - 2C	North - 2H	East - Pass	South 1D ?
Hand 4	EW Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S K106432 H 74 D QJ7 C AK	West - Pass Pass	North - 2H 3D	East Pass Pass Pass	South 1S 2S ?
Hand 5	NS Vul. - Scoring: Pairs			
S 942 H J109542 D 6 C 1062	West 1H	North Dbl	East Pass	South ?
Hand 6	Game All - Scoring: Teams			
S 732 H 8742 D AQ854 C K	West Pass Pass	North 1C 1S	East Pass Pass	South 1D ?
Hand 7	Game All - Scoring: Teams			
S 3 H 96542 D 3 C KQJ964	West - Pass	North 1S 3NT	East Pass Pass	South 1NT ?
Hand 8	EW Vul - Scoring : Teams			
S KJ1087 H K3 D KQJ1072 C -	West - Pass Pass	North 1H 3C 3NT	East Pass Pass Pass	South 2D 3D ?