

**Board 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

Serious 3NT  
 ♠ J 6 2  
 ♥ K Q J 4 2  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ A K 5



♠ K Q 7 5 3  
 ♥ A 9  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ Q J 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	?

North/South are in a game forcing auction, below the four level. Therefore, Serious 3N would apply.

South has a minimum hand. 5-2-2-4. His partner knows he has 5♠ and 4♣. With this hand South should simply bid 4♥ saying, I have the A♥ but I don't particularly like my hand. I do not have the A♣ or the A♦. North knows that South does not like his hand and has no diamond control and should simply bid 4♠.

**Board 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 9 8  
 ♥ A J 10 8 4  
 ♦ 7 4  
 ♣ K 5 4



♠ K Q 7 5 3  
 ♥ K 2  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ A Q J 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	?

North/South are in a game forcing auction, below the four level. Therefore Serious 3N would apply.

South has a medium hand. 5-2-1-5. His partner knows he has at least 5♠ and 4♣. With this hand South should bid Serious 3N asking partner to cue bid. North will bid 4♥ and South will try for slam.

**Board 2**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K J 3  
♥ A 10 7 3  
♦ A Q 10 6  
♣ 8 5



♠ 5  
♥ K J 9 6 4  
♦ K 7 4  
♣ A K 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	?

North/South have found a fit, are in a game forcing auction and are at a level below game this is a 'Serious 3♠' situation.

South should feel like they have a very good hand. A solid opener, a singleton spade and a fitting diamond card are very good things. Over 3♥, south should bid a Serious 3♠

North will cue bid the A♦ and South will bid 4NT - Key Card for Hearts. when they find they are off two key-cards they will sign off at 5♥

**Board 2**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ J 6 3  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ 10 8  
♣ A Q 9 7 5



♠ 9  
♥ K 8 7 6 4  
♦ A Q 5 2  
♣ K 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	?

North South are in a game forcing auction below the game level. This is a hand where Kevin and I would use 'Serious 2♠'.

Over 2♥ south would bid 2♠ saying 'given the auction, I like my hand'. North would cue-bid 3♣. South would cue bid 3♦ showing the A♦. At this point, with no other control to cue-bid and a minimum point count for the auction North would simply bid 4♥ ...'nothing else to tell you'.

South would know that North had no spade control and probably no diamond fitting card and simply pass.

**Board 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6  
 ♥ A 5 4  
 ♦ A Q 10 8 3  
 ♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 4  
 ♥ J 10 3  
 ♦ J 9 6 4  
 ♣ 10 7 3

♠ K 7 2  
 ♥ K Q 9 7 2  
 ♦ K 7  
 ♣ A Q 5



♠ A 9 8 5 3  
 ♥ 8 6  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ 8 6 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 N	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	?		

On this hand, after partner's bid of 3♥ showing the best hand he can have, North would bid Serious 3♠ showing interest in slam. South would bid 4♣ showing first round club control. North would bid 4♦ showing the A♦. Since North has shown extra value by bidding Serious 3♠ South will probably try for slam.

**Board 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 3 2  
 ♥ J 8 6 4  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ A Q 3



♠ K J 10 9 6  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A 9 2  
 ♣ K 9 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 N	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	?		

After South's 3♥ bid, North should bid Serious 3N. North has extra value and no wasted value in Hearts. He should be very interested in slam.

South will bid 4♦ showing first round control of diamonds and we are off to the races. North will bid key-card and settle in 6♠