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From: **Jeff Kroll** <[texas.blue.hen@gmail.com](mailto:texas.blue.hen@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 1:56 PM

Subject: Re: bidding dilemma

To: Cindy Skeels <[skeelscindy@gmail.com](mailto:skeelscindy@gmail.com)>

Hi Cindy,

Tough question. Just because partner doubled one major doesn't mean partner has 4+ in the other major. Although, most of the time they do. So, when in doubt bid the other major when you have 4. Always bid the other major if you have 5 or more.

Also when partner doubles, you should jump with 9 or 10-12 points, and Q bid with 13+. Marty Bergen says voids are magical and your void is in the opponents' suit. So, you are too strong to bid 2C.

The first decision is whether you should Q bid or jump, you have 10 hcp, a nice 5 card club suit and a void in spades. It's a tough decision. I would push it and bid 2S as Phyllis suggested. My second choice would be 3C hoping partner didn't pass and then hopefully bid hearts on my next turn. That's a lot of hoping.

West's first bid should not be a take out double, that promises an opener and 3+ cards in the 3 unbid suit, or 17+ which is strong enough to double and bid. West should bid 1NT with 15 hcp and a spade stop.

The bidding should go:

S 1S (too strong for 2S)

W 1NT

N P (non vul I would bid 2S. If I had a more shapely hand I would bid 3S non vul)

E 2C (Stayman)

S P (non vul I would bid 2S to use up bidding space)

W 2H

N P

E 4H

On Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 12:47 PM Cindy Skeels <[skeelscindy@gmail.com](mailto:skeelscindy@gmail.com)> wrote:

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online tournament interface. The main area displays "No tables found". To the right, there is a "History" table with the following data:

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
4	3♠W+1	170		36.4%	63.6%
5	1NTS-1	100		68.2%	31.8%
6	4♠W+2	680		95.5%	4.5%
7	3♥E+2	200		72.7%	27.3%
8	2♠W-1		50	50%	50%
				61.6%	38.4%

Below the history table, a hand display for board 7 is shown. The hand is:

W: ♠QJ7, ♥AKJ82, ♦KQ109, ♣Q8  
 E: ♠AK10843, ♥107, ♦A85, ♣64  
 S: ♠9852, ♥K65, ♦43, ♣T732  
 N: ♠T9843, ♥Q43, ♦872, ♣AK1095

Jeff,

After S bid of 1 s, P doubled. I was looking at 5 clubs and 4 hearts. Did not know which to bid. I chose clubs. P bid 2 nt which I hated. I then bid hearts. We wound up in 3 h and made game though.

Questions:

When partner doubles a major, are you supposed to bid the other major if you have 4--regardless of the other suits?

Phyllis thought I could have solved this by bidding 2 s over her double.

Can you clarify what I should have done?

Cindy