

# Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams

16 June 2019 (Sun)



## These hands are sent to try us

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Board 22 of the Wollstonecraft Teams held 16 June, was the making and undoing of 16 out of 20 teams – with IMP swings of 13-17 at most tables.

West holds:

♠ K  
♥ AJ  
♦ 84  
♣ AKQJ9864

**Day(s):**

*1 day (Sun)*

**Format:**

*Swiss Teams*

**Director:**

*Nick Hughes*

**Organiser:**

*Nick Hughes*

**Number of entries:**

*20 teams*

Imagine West's surprise when partner opens 1 ♠.

Across the room, 2 ♣ followed by 2 ♥ seems common. The 2 ♣ bid for those playing "2 over 1" is a game force. Although, interestingly, for three pairs, this bid did not get them to game – and they played in 4 ♣.

Now, West is interested in diamond controls, and controls in general. At our table, where partner and I were passing like experts (N-S had it easy on this hand), West bid 3 ♦ as 4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing to Game. East bid 3NT showing diamond cover and to everyone else's surprise, West bid 6NT.

After a small club lead, giving Declarer 15 tricks instead of a cold 13 tricks, Dummy made the gratuitous comment of "Perhaps I should have bid 7", to which I thought "that's what Ace asks are for". Declarer put us out of our misery as he thought about what to discard at trick 2, and then realized it was all over.

This hand caused grief with game force not being definitive, the massive suit being a minor and the most effective way to bid it seemed to be a 'no nonsense, fly by the seat of your pants' style. The hand was also played in 4NT, which seems to be a dropped Ace ask.

Our teammates came back with 5 ♣ making 13. For a 13-IMP swing, not bad on this board, really.



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The whole hand:

**Board 22**

Dealer E | Vul E-W

<p>♠ 874</p> <p>♥ QT73</p> <p>♦ KQ6</p> <p>♣ T52</p>	<p>N</p> <p>W — E</p> <p>S</p>	<p>♠ AQJ32</p> <p>♥ 9862</p> <p>♦ AJ92</p> <p>♣</p>	<p>♠ K</p> <p>♥ AJ</p> <p>♦ 84</p> <p>♣ AKQJ9864</p>
<p>♠ T965</p> <p>♥ K54</p> <p>♦ T753</p> <p>♣ 73</p>			

W	N	E	S
		1S	P
2C	P	2H	P
?			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	7	4	3	4	7
W	7	4	3	4	7

I think we love bridge for these wild types of hands. Every board we play may be this wild, and we have to work it out at the table. What fun!

Congratulations to the Dobes team (W Dobes, S Bock, P Jeffrey & Y Li) for winning and to the Runners Up Bashar Team (N Bashar, K Moses, N Moses & J Scudder). Thanks to Nick Hughes for directing. It was a fun day, and this hand was a particular highlight.

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