

Practise Control Showing Cue Bids

Hand: 1 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 3♥ Pass 1♥ ?	South ♠ A ♥ K J 9 7 6 3 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ Q 4
Hand: 2 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 3♥ Pass 1♥ ?	South ♠ A K 8 7 6 2 ♥ Q J 9 7 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ A 3
Hand: 3 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠ 3♣ 4♣ 4♦ ?	South ♠ K Q 8 6 2 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 5 2
Hand: 4 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 2♦ Pass 2♣ 3♠ 4♣ 4♠ ?	South ♠ A K Q 8 7 6 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A K Q J ♣ A
Hand: 5 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South Pass 1♠ Pass 3♥ 4♥ 5♣ 5 ?	South ♠ Q ♥ A K Q 10 4 2 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ A Q 8
Hand: 6 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1NT Pass 2♦ 2♥ 3♣ 3♥ ?	South ♠ A Q ♥ A K 10 8 6 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K J 4 3
Hand: 7 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South Pass 1♥ Pass 3♣ 3♠ 4♥ 4 ?	South ♠ Q 7 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ A K 9 7 2

Answer: 3♠

If partner has a club control, we might well be able to make 6♥ here. We therefore make a cue bid of 3♠. If partner bids 4♣, we could either continue with a cue bid of 4♦, or perhaps just bid 6♥.

Answer: 3♠

Although we have only 14 high card points, we could make 6♥ or 7♥ if partner has a high card in diamonds. We therefore cue bid our lowest 1st round control.

Answer: 4NT

With partner showing 4 card spade support and ♦A, we should be able to make 6♠ if partner has a 2nd ace. We therefore take control by bidding RKCB.

Answer: 5♦

We cue bid our 2nd ace in order to focus partner's attention on hearts. If partner has ♥K (or a singleton heart) he should bid 5♥, regardless of the rest of his hand.

Answer: 6♥

Now that partner has shown a diamond control, 6♥ should have good play.

Answer: 3♠

Our 3♣ bid was natural and forcing to game, so partner's 3♥ is not necessarily a minimum hand. We should therefore make one effort (below game level) by cue bidding our side suit ace.

Answer: 5♣

Despite our minimum hand, our cards might be well placed. We should therefore make a return cue bid of 5♣.

<p>Hand: 8 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♣ Dbl Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♣ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♠ K J 2 ♥ K J 2 ♦ J 9 5 4 ♣ A J 10 7 6 3</p>
<p>Hand: 9 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 2♦ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♠ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♥ A K Q J 9 7 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ Q 6 A</p>
<p>Hand: 10 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♦ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♥ 4 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ K Q J 10 9 Q 7 6</p>
<p>Hand: 11 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♠ J ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 10 6 4 ♣ K J 9 7 3</p>
<p>Hand: 12 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♥ Pass 4♠ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♥ 9 6 5 3 7 4 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 10 6 5</p>
<p>Hand: 13 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♠ K 10 8 6 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ K 7 ♣ A Q 6</p>
<p>Hand: 14 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass ?</p>	<p>South ♠ J 9 ♥ A K J 8 4 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ 4 3</p>

Answer: 4♦

We don't have a lot to spare for our jump to 2♥, but if partner is interested in a slam then we should co-operate by cue-bidding our ♦A.

Answer: 4♣

Partner needs little more than ♦K for us to make 6♠. We therefore cuebid 4♣, over which partner would bid 4♦ holding ♦A. If he just bids 4♠, we will continue with 5♣ and now partner will bid 5♦ if holding ♦K.

Answer: 4♥

Partner's 4♦ bid is a cue bid, but he probably doesn't have ♠A or ♣A, since these would have been more economical to show. With 2 aces missing, we therefore sign off in 4♥.

Answer: 4♦

Even with our minimum hand, we should co-operate in partner's slam venture by making a return cue bid of 4♦.

Answer: 5♦

We've already denied an ace by bidding 4♥ on the previous round, so we can afford to show our ♦K. Perhaps this is all partner needs to make slam.

Answer: 4♣

There's a fair chance of making slam if partner has 2 aces, but we also need him to have a control in hearts. We therefore cuebid our ace by bidding 4♣. If partner makes a return cuebid of 4♦ or 4♥, we should just bid 4♠ on the next round, leaving the next move (if any) to partner.

Answer: 5♦

We probably have the values to make 6♥, but we might be missing 2 aces or control in one of the black suits. 4NT would enable us to find out about the former, but not the latter. We therefore make a cuebid of 5♦ instead. From our failure to cue bid one of the black suits, partner should realise that our hearts are very strong.