

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ J 9 7 3  
 ♦ J 9 6 2  
 ♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 6 4 2  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ K 7 4  
 ♣ K J 4



♠ 10 5  
 ♥ Q 10 6 4  
 ♦ Q 10 3  
 ♣ Q 6 5 2  
 ♠ Q J 8 7  
 ♥ A 8 2  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ A 10 3

Dealer: North			
Neither Vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

No. 10282

Opening Lead: 10 ♠

You are playing in 6 spades and it looks like you are going to have to guess who has the Queen of clubs to bring this small slam home. But why guess when there is a sure way to make your 12 tricks? The opponents lead a safe T of Spades. You win in either hand and continue to draw the remaining trump. The rest is simple. You now want to play the K of hearts and the A of Hearts followed by a heart ruff thus stripping both hands of hearts. Now the throw in or end play. Play your A of diamonds, K of diamonds and throw your opponents in with your last diamond. It does not matter which opponent wins as now they have to lead a club for you giving you the "free" finesse. If they decide to play a heart or a diamond, then you will throw a losing club from either the hand or dummy and ruff setting up your club suit for a ruff. Making 6!

There are many ways to bid this hand. As a newplicate player you may not be familiar with the Jacoby 2NT bid which is used. We have used standard Blackwood 03-14. As North you open 1S and partner responds 2NT which is alerted as Jacoby 2NT which shows 4 card spade support with 13+ points. You are now on a game force. You respond 3S which indicates a better than normal opening hand (usually at least a K better) Since partner has 15 points which is more than the minimum for his 2NT he is now interested in slam. He states this by bidding 4 clubs. A cue bid. You are now interested in his A's. You ask by bidding 4NT and partner shows 3 A's. You now have all of the A's and bid 6 spades.\*\*\*\*\*Please note that this is a very simplified bidding sequence and the "experts" may use Q asking bids which are a means of showing K's as well as the Q and will aid in the search for a grand slam of 7 spades.