

## Pomona-Covina Unit News

January 2021

Individual: Saturday, Jan. 23, 9:30 a.m., Upland

In re the above announcement, make sure to check both date and place. It's subject to change. And let me know if you will be playing!

It's Bargain Time: something for free, and worth at least that much. I happen to have an extra set of duplicate boards I'd like to shed. They are the old fashioned metal type, but still serviceable. Most of the cards therein are in reasonable condition, too. If you'd like to have them, all you have to do is let me know ... and come pick them up. You can reach me at thomasmlill8@gmail.com, if interested.

This Hand-of-the-Month was submitted by Ho Ming Yim, played on BBO. It's an interesting exercise in judgment and hand evaluation. With no one vulnerable, you, West, hold this hand:

♠A 10 9 7 5 2 ♥Q J 9 ♦5 2 ♣10 2.

This is the auction that unfolded:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West (you)</u>
1♦	pass	1♥	2♠
X	3♠	3NT	?

North's double was a support double showing 3-card support for hearts. Well, Chief, what now? Pass, 4♠, or something else?

If you chose "something else," and that turned out to be "double," you hit the jackpot. You must assume partner has something (including an entry) for his spade raise, of course. You lead the ♠5, and when the ashes settle out, you have +300 (two down) on your side of the score sheet. The key, of course, is that not only does partner have the entry you assumed, but YOU control the enemy suit, hearts. Well done! The complete deal:

<u>North</u>	
♠ 6	
♥ A 8 3	
♦ 10 9 8 6 4	
♣ A K J 7	
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ A 10 9 7 5 2	♠ J 8 3
♥ Q J 9	♥ 10 7 2
♦ 5 2	♦ K Q
♣ 10 2	♣ Q 8 6 4 3
<u>South</u>	
♠ K Q 4	
♥ K 6 5 4	
♦ A J 7 3	
♣ 9 5	

Quote for the month: “If you find yourself losing your hair when partner plays the hand, bid notrump sooner.” (Eddie Kantar)