

Gloria & Steve: (Jacoby 2NT followed by cuebids)

1S – 2NT(!); 3S (!!) – 4C; 4S-5D; 5H-6H; 6S

2NT = Jacoby 2NT, 4 card game forcing raise, balanced hand

3S = I have extra values and probably 6 or more spades, but no shortness (6-3-2-2 or 7-2-2-2)

4C = cue bid, looking for slam

4S = nothing extra to show (no red ace)

5D = cue bid, still looking

5H = cue bid showing the king of hearts (didn't show the ace last time!)

6H = cue bid, hoping for a grand slam

6S = I'm done

Pam & Jim: (Jacoby 2NT followed by Keycard)

1S – 2NT(!); 3S (!!) – 4NT; 5H (!!!)- 6S

2NT = Jacoby 2NT

3S = extra values with good spades (maybe 5 of them)

4NT = Roman Keycard 1430

5H = 2 without the queen

6S = sets the contract

Doug & Marc: (2/1 response followed by Keycard)

1S – 2H; 2S – 3S; 4H – 4NT; 5H – 6S

2H = natural & game forcing (5+ hearts 12+ HCP)

2S = implies 6 spades (2NT implies a balanced hand)

3S = natural, interested in slam

4H = cuebid; probably thinking partner's suit would be most helpful

4NT = keycard

5H = 2 without the queen

6S = sets the contract

Emily & Vincent

1S – 2NT; 3NT – 4C; 4H - 4NT; 5S – 5NT; 6C – 6H; 6S

2NT = Jacoby

3NT = extras, balanced

4C = cuebid

4H = cuebid

4NT = keycard

5S = **2 with the queen** (why would Emily do this?)

5NT = grand slam try confirming they have all 4 aces & the king and queen of trumps

6C = I have the king of clubs too

6H = one last poke at the grand

6S = I've shown all my cards

Denis & Christiane

1S – 2H; 3S – 4NT; 5D – 5NT; 6S – 6NT

2H = standard American, 10+ but maybe not game forcing

3S = jump to force to game with 16 & 6 spades

4NT = regular blackwood

5D = 1 ace

5NT = grand slam try showing all the aces

6S = suggestion for a contract

6NT = matchpoints bid looking for an extra ten points!

Data from sectional

+1510 (7S making 7) – 45.5, 97% -- 4 pairs (out of 48 total that played the hand)

+1010 (6S making 7) – 40, 85% -- 7 pairs

+980 (6M making 6) – 30.5, 65% -- 12 pairs

+510 (4S making 7) – 22.5 48% -- 4 pairs

+500 (xD doubled down 3) – 20, 42.5% -- 1 pair

+480 (4M making 6) – 12.5, 27% -- 14 pairs

-50 (down one) – 3, 6% -- 5 pairs

-480 (scoring error!) – 0, 0% -- 1 pair

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♥K75

♦QT

♣KJ

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