

See the East and West hands that appear on pages 58 and 28 respectively, and try bidding them with a regular partner. The North-South players are silent unless otherwise noted. Compare how you performed with the expert pairs whose auctions you can read about in this month's column. The form of scoring is matchpoints with a 12 top.

Experts Linda and Robb Gordon live in Sedona AZ. The Gordons, both Diamond Life Masters, won the national IMP Pairs in the fall of 1987 in Anaheim, the same tournament at which the couple was married.

Linda also won the Mixed Pairs in 2000 playing with Bernie Chazen.

The Gordons play a modified 2/1 style, with elements of Standard American incorporated.

George and Claire Tornay of Palm Beach Gardens FL have been married 45 years. (They met over a game of rubber bridge.) Both are Diamond LMs, and have several NABC titles each, playing with different partners. George won the Senior and Advanced Senior Master Pairs in 1962, the Men's BAM Teams in 1980 and the Reisinger BAM Teams in 1984 (the year of the four-way tie). Claire won the Women's Pairs in 1980 and the Mixed Pairs in 1988. She has two bronze medals from Women's Olympiads.

The Tornays play 2/1.

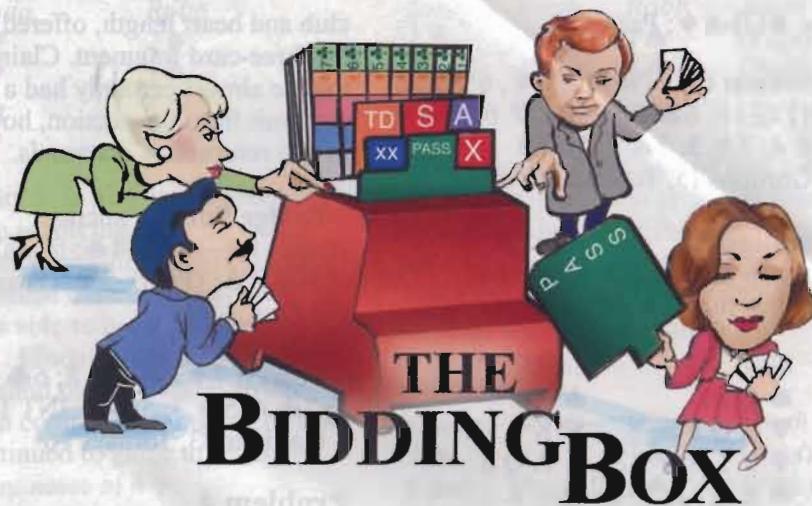
Problem 1

North deals. E-W vulnerable.
North opens 1NT (15-17 HCP).
South bids 2♦ (natural) if 1NT is doubled.

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

<i>Linda</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Robb</i>	<i>South</i>
	(1NT)	Dbl	(2♦)
Dbl	(Pass)	3♥	All Pass

The Gordons play DONT in which a one-suited hand is shown by a double. The advancer (the doubler's partner) bids 2♣ if possible, and



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the doubler passes (if he has clubs) or names his suit. What happens when, as here, responder interferes by bidding a suit? The Gordons play a popular expert extension of DONT where the advancer may double to show general values, asking the doubler to bid his suit anyway.

Robb's hand was too good for a simple 2♥, so he jumped to 3♥. Linda couldn't be sure that her values would be useful to her partner, so she passed.

<i>George</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Claire</i>	<i>South</i>
	(1NT)	2♥	(Pass)
Pass	(Pass)		

Claire opted for a natural 2♥, but George didn't have enough to move.

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Scores: 4♥ 11; 3NT 10; (2♦) doubled 9; 3♥ 7; 2NT 6; 2♠ 4; 2♦ 2

Gordons 7, Tornays 7

Problem 2

East deals. None vulnerable.

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

<i>Linda</i>	<i>Robb</i>
1♥	1♦
2♣	1♠
3♦	2♠
4♠	4♦
6♦	5♣
	Pass

A good fourth-suit forcing sequence: 2♣ created a game force, and the 2♠ rebid showed a 5-6 pattern in spades and diamonds. 3♦ showed a diamond fit, and 4♦ was Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB). Linda's 4♠ response showed zero or three key cards (the three aces), and Robb's 5♣ asked for the ♦Q. 6♦ conformed that card, while denying any side kings.

<i>George</i>	<i>Claire</i>
1♥	1♦
2♣	1♠
3NT	2♦
	Pass

The Tornays got off to the same start, but George chose 3NT at his third turn to show an extra-value balanced hand. Claire felt that she had already told her story and passed.

Bridge Bulletin auction: 1♦-1♥; 1♠-2♣ (fourth suit forcing); 2♠-3♦; 3♠ (control bid)-4NT (Roman Key Card Blackwood, diamonds); 5♥ (two key cards without