

# Improvers' Bidding Challenge No 18

This challenge is aimed at all Bronze category players (ranked below the level of Regional Master). We aim to have the questions both instructive and thought-provoking. Entries from those in classes are particularly welcome.

Please submit your entries to [russell.frame45@gmail.com](mailto:russell.frame45@gmail.com) by 1st March. Look out for the scores and comments of the panel of teachers in the next edition of Scottish Bridge News and on the SBU website under "Bronze"; "Articles for New Players".

Generally speaking, the system in use is Standard Acol with 12-14 NT, 4-card majors, Stayman, transfers and Blackwood. Any deviation from this will be indicated.

1.       ♠ AKJ4       NS Vul  
         ♥ A62       Teams  
         ♦ KQJ62  
         ♣ 4

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-       -       -       2♥\*  
Dbl    Pass   3N    Pass  
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2.       ♠ A94       Game All  
         ♥ AT98642   Teams  
         ♦ -  
         ♣ A32

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-       -       Pass   1♣  
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3.       ♠ K9       Game All  
         ♥ AKJ8764   Pairs  
         ♦ AKT  
         ♣ Q

N       E       S       W  
-       -       1♣    Pass  
1♥     Pass   1N    Pass  
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4.       ♠ AJT853       NS Vul  
         ♥ AKJ8       Pairs  
         ♦ A62  
         ♣ -

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-       -       1♥    Pass  
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