Tassie MP Qualifying Pairs S2 TBA

Board 6 East Deals E-W Vul

♦ 8 6 5 ▼ A K 10 5 3 ◆ K 10 ♣ A 10 4



- **▲** AJ9743
- **v** 2
- Q754
- **4** 63

| West Chris Girvan | North Hugh Grosvenor | East Irene Chau Pass | South Annie Bartlett 2 • 1 | | | |
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| Pass | $2 \mathrm{NT^2}$ | Pass | $3 \diamond^3$ | | | |
| Pass | 3 ♠ ⁴ | Pass | 4 ♠ | | | |
| All pass | | | | | | |
| 1. 5 or 6 ♠, 4-9 HCP | | | | | | |
| 2. Forcing enquiry, at least invitational | | | | | | |
| 3. Minimum with 6 A | | | | | | |
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Most competitive pairs play that a raise of partner's weak 2 opening is not invitational but rather is continuing the preempt, showing a hand with less than invitational values and typically exactly 3 card support.

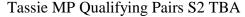
If you want to invite partner you need to show this in some other way. There are various methods that use the 2 NT response as a forcing enquiry asking partner to further clarify their hand. The most common of these are 2 NT asking for a feature and 2 NT Ogust. We use something different but it really does not matter what you use as long as you agree something with partner.

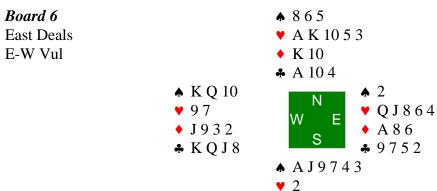
In our auction 3 ◆ showed a minimum hand with a 6 card suit, 3 ♠ was droppable and South decided to continue holding a very good minimum (6-4 shapes are good).

4 ♠ by South Lead: ♣ K

Time to make a plan for the play.

4. NF





We can win the \clubsuit A then play the \blacktriangledown A and \blacktriangledown K discarding the \clubsuit loser from the South hand. Now we need to keep the losers in \spadesuit and \blacklozenge to no more than 3. We have to lose the \blacklozenge A so that means we will probably have to ruff $2 \spadesuit$ s in the dummy. Notice that if we play a trump before we knock out the \blacklozenge A then there is a considerable risk that the defence can play a second trump when they get in leaving only one trump in the dummy.

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So win the opening lead, discard the \clubsuit loser on the \blacktriangledown and then play the \spadesuit K. Whatever they return you can win, play \spadesuit Q, trump a \spadesuit in the dummy, come back to your hand with the \spadesuit A if they did not switch to a \spadesuit (or by trumping a \clubsuit if they did) and trump your last \spadesuit with the third trump in the dummy.

| 4 ♠ by South | | | | | | |
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| Trick | Lead | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | | |
| 1. W | ♣ K | <u>A</u> | 2 | 3 | | |
| 2. N | <u>Y A</u> | 4 | 2 | 7 | | |
| 3. N | <u>♥ K</u> | 6 | ♣ 6 ¹ | 9 | | |
| 4. N | ♦ K ² | <u>A</u> | 4 | 2 | | |
| 5. E | ♠ 2 | $\frac{\mathbf{A}^3}{3}$ | 10 | 5 | | |
| 6. S | ♦ Q | 3 | 10 | 6 | | |
| 7. S | ♦ 5 | 9 | <u> </u> | 8 | | |
| 8. N | 4 4 | 5 | <u>★ 3</u> | 8 | | |
| 9. S | ◆ 7 | J | <u> * 8</u> | v 8 | | |
| 10. N | 4 10 | 7 | <u> 4</u> | Q | | |
| 11. S | ♠ J | Q | v 3 | . 9 | | |
| 12. W | ♣ J | v 5 | ♥ J | <u>↑ 7</u> | | |
| 13. S | ♠ 9 | <u>K</u> | v 10 | ♥ Q | | |
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- 1. Urgent discard of loser before losing lead
- 2. Set up to trump ◆ losers in the dummy
- 3. Win trump to keep 2 in dummy to trump 2 ◆s

This line of play does not guarantee the contract but will make any time you could make it!