

ibidalot

6+

Online

BBO Points



Name: Nancy Joe

Country/Region: USA

Skill level: Intermediate

Created: 2005-03-01

Logins: 2000+

Compatibility: ★★★★★

2/1 and any gadgets you want to play; UDCA

New member: No

Board completion rate: 100

Tournament completion rate: 100

Why Ibidalot

- It's fun.
- It's exciting.
- It streamlines decision-making.
- It puts pressure on the opponents.
- It makes me a better declarer.
- It makes my partner a better declarer.
- It improves everyone's sense of humor.

5 card Suit offers a Source of Tricks at No Trump

<div>3</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N</div> 57froggy	<div>W</div>	<div>N</div>	<div>E</div>	<div>S</div>
		<div>♠</div> 432	1NT		P	P
		<div>♥</div> A10852	2♠		P	P
		<div>♦</div> 104	P		P	
		<div>♣</div> J104				
<div>W</div> ibidalot		<div>E</div> Partner				
<div>♠</div> QJ95		<div>♠</div> A7				
<div>♥</div> K63		<div>♥</div> J74				
<div>♦</div> KQ8		<div>♦</div> 763				
<div>♣</div> KQ9		<div>♣</div> A8752				
		<div>S</div> ShuShu2				
		<div>♠</div> K1086				
		<div>♥</div> Q9				
		<div>♦</div> AJ952				
		<div>♣</div> 63				
		2NT W		NS: 0 EW: 0		

When partner opens 15-17 NT,
and you hold 9 HCP and a
5 card Suit, Bid **GAME**. A 5 card suit
offers a source of tricks.

Bidding game would have given us 79%
of the matchpoints instead of 41%.

If you open a 15-17 point NT,
and Responder invites, bid game
if you hold a 5 card suit, even if
You are at 15!

ll2p1taw	janmingju	lindaxxx	LolaTX	3NW+2	660 96.15%
arpee	yogisdad	hook_em	cmath9	3NW+2	660 96.15%
kickerkid	hsuhui	billdiii	reggibsonc	3NW+2	660 96.15%
loudia	JayHeck	Bulletier	lwl40	3NW+2	660 96.15%
JimOc	jdfrick	GERosen	kmj77586	3NW+1	630 79.49%
lucky727	Jonbrie	robinp	bbhar	3NW+1	630 79.49%
pjwinkle	JoyceR	jimcab	RLDuble	3NW+1	630 79.49%
pkeedy	SLucky	bidnut100	juliewh44	3NW+1	630 79.49%
carjenand	dln2	Raldast	RodeoBBQ62	3NW+1	630 79.49%
ibnancy	BettyJF	ariel L	hcmayor	3NW+1	630 79.49%
FRH37	fayemv	jacksROK	ysm9988	3NW+1	630 79.49%
TXJOAN	marshab1	plcuneo	che_3years	4NW=	630 79.49%
kdickson54	pam1022	minky75	spbelding1	3NW+1	630 79.49%
ekim123	stevau0524	alice1952	Yin325	3NW=	600 57.69%
tmbnknwd	danmorse	lynnps	wpgiirl	3NW=	600 57.69%
Wayne Burt	Coach Gio	Nanf	struts1	3NW=	600 57.69%
SDP2020	paulnimmon	rickwb	Sandycat35	3NW=	600 57.69%
dticen	ma fung	BP1450	hfs42	3NW=	600 57.69%
vt1221	Shanks34	kmbchmn	fmueeller1	3NW=	600 57.69%
flare	Maxl5151	nancer	junie15	3NW=	600 57.69%
Linda L B	cmw43	prosczar	ddurand	3NW=	600 57.69%
Lindy12	substan	mafasa	Poklada	1NW+3	180 41.03%
lovey12	polkma	ianisw1948	sgore19	2NW+2	180 41.03%
57froggy	ShuShu2	Partner	ibidalot	2NW+2	180 41.03%
enegue12	arthound	adamsaces	JoyfulB	2NW+2	180 41.03%
studebaker	aizane	dfb36	mummiez	2NW+2	180 41.03%
luck2u2	briggett	onenez	Don Moss	2NW+1	150 26.92%
koco2020	mom630	nickpace11	beachgal1	2NW+1	150 26.92%
pamabelle7	harelliott	Laproff2	cckey	2NW+1	150 26.92%
gail1947	Rockies1	mafrige	belle68	1NW+2	150 26.92%
donnahra	arehk	tblpepper	FackCE	2NW+1	150 26.92%
betsybaby	klritter	vandrayton	Sharky6	2NW+1	150 26.92%
johnd77	blueduck	lgh1201	debalexand	2NW=	120 16.67%
jayevert	jcsells	D_Golfer	STRIKEOUTS	2NW=	120 16.67%
tonya100	JacksRWild	Stricky57	ggolf48	2♦ S-1	50 12.82%
goaky	dhss	levycraft	Yvannes34	2NW-1	-100 6.41%
JKR40	J CRUMP	doctor q	linkay01	3NW-1	-100 6.41%
BaltD	KERR	Jack38	2GoodHands	3NW-1	-100 6.41%
pafiorin	harmony7	memcdonald	westex37	3NW-1	-100 6.41%
rbl1148	vbob60	Primm	lv5stacy	3NW-3	-300 0.00%

Losing Trick Count

I started using Losing Trick Count a few years ago as a tool to evaluate opening hands in 1st and 2nd seats.

Shape and fit are often more accurate measures for determining the optimal level of a makeable contract.

I don't open 12 point hands if they have 8+ losers. I will open a 10 or a rare 9 count at the one level with 7 or fewer losers.

LTC is applicable for Suit Contracts after a Trump fit has been established.

The LTC Formula

- A. Count your losers**
- B. Add Partner' losers**
- C. Deduct this total from 24**
- D. The answer is the number of tricks a Partnership can expect to take**

The Losing Trick Count In Bridge

Posted 30 October 2013 by Ron Klinger

The Losing Trick Count

Counting losers is a sound way of estimating the playing strength of a hand, particularly a hand which contains one or two very long suits. High card points are best to assess the value of a balanced hand, counting losers works better for the more distributional hands.

Counting ♠A ♥AKQJ9765 ♦76 ♣42 as 14 HCP is missing the true value of the hand which is nine playing tricks. If you bid this as a 14-point hand you will be making a gross underbid. The Loser Count comes into play usually only after you and your partner have established at least an 8-card trump fit (see The Modern Losing Trick Count for a comprehensive exposition of this approach). Nevertheless, it often pays you to count your losers anyway. It will give you an idea of the potential of your own cards and if you can gauge how many tricks partner is likely to provide, you can estimate the combined playing strength of the partnership.

Many systems describe various bids or sequences not just in terms of points, but also in terms of losers or in terms of points and losers. A jump raise by a passed hand (No : 1♠, 3♠) for example would be described as showing 10-12 points and 8 losers. The value is in giving partner a clearer idea of the hand opposite.

Counting Your Losers

Void : No losers

Singleton suit : Count one loser, except for ace singleton (0).

Doubleton suit : Count two losers except for A-K (0), A-x (1) or K-x (1). Count Q-x as 2 losers.

3-card or longer suit : Count three losers but deduct one for the ace, king or queen. Deduct one loser for each of these top cards.

Examples

A8765 = 2 losers KJ4 = 2 losers 94 = 2 losers
KQJ93 = 1 loser KQ4 = 1 loser K4 = 1 loser
J8765 = 3 losers 973 = 3 losers 976542 = 3 losers
AKQ65 = 0 losers AK = 0 losers A = 0 losers

In a 3-card or longer suit, count the queen as a winner as long as there is at least one other honour in the suit. If not, count the queen as only half a winner.

AQ765 = 1 loser QJ764 = 2 losers Q104 = 2 losers
KQJ65 = 1 loser Q8764 = 2 1/2 losers Q74 = 2 1/2 losers

Your losers minus partner's winners is one way to estimate the combined strength (7 losers - 4 winners = 3 losers, i.e. 10 tricks). Alternatively, count your losers, add partner's losers, deduct the total from 24. The answer is the trick-taking potential.

Evaluate your hand based on Trick Taking Ability-Not Points!

Table 1		Table 2	
D 1	N ibidalot 6+ ♠ J105 ♥ Q73 ♦ 42 ♣ AKQ62	D 1	N OppN 7+ ♠ J105 ♥ Q73 ♦ 42 ♣ AKQ62
W OppW 6+ ♠ AQ9642 ♥ J94 ♦ KJ ♣ J4	E OppE 6 ♠ ♥ A10865 ♦ A108763 ♣ 98	W TeamieW 6+ ♠ AQ9642 ♥ J94 ♦ KJ ♣ J4	E TeamieE 14 ♠ ♥ A10865 ♦ A108763 ♣ 98
S Partner 16 ♠ K873 ♥ K2 ♦ Q95 ♣ 10753	W N E S 1♣ 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass Pass Pass	S OppS 8 ♠ K873 ♥ K2 ♦ Q95 ♣ 10753	W N E S 1♣ 1♥ Dbl 2♣ Pass 2♥ 3♣ Pass Pass 3♥ Pass Pass Pass

ibidalot	Partner	OppE	OppW	3♠ W-2	100	7.00
OppN	OppS	TeamieE	TeamieW	3♥ E+1	-170	-7.00

At my table, East elected to make a preemptive 2D overcall after my 1C (could be as few as 2) opening. Yet, East is 6-5 with only 6 losers. East should consider overcalling 2N showing the 2 Lower Unbid Suits. Then, it's clear to West that Hearts is the trump suit.

At the Other Table, Teamie East overcalled 1H, although he has longer diamonds. West offers the cue bid showing a limit raise or better. Although, it's possible the cue bid could be a general forcing bid. East can bid 3D, and the partnership can proceed to their 4H game.

5-5 Come Alive

<div>D</div> <div>4</div>	<div>N</div> fly0915	<div>W</div>	<div>N</div>	<div>E</div>	<div>S</div>
	<div>♠</div> 87	<div>1♣</div>	<div>1♥</div>	<div>1♠</div>	<div>2♥</div>
	<div>♥</div> AK973	<div>2♠</div>	<div>P</div>	<div>4♠</div>	<div>P</div>
	<div>♦</div> KQ109	<div>P</div>	<div>P</div>		
	<div>♣</div> 72				
<div>W</div> kolesnik		<div>E</div> ibidalot			
<div>♠</div> J642		<div>♠</div> AQ1053			
<div>♥</div> Q2		<div>♥</div> 104			
<div>♦</div> A42		<div>♦</div> J			
<div>♣</div> AJ109		<div>♣</div> K8543			
	<div>S</div> Platt Hill				
	<div>♠</div> K9				
	<div>♥</div> J865				
	<div>♦</div> 87653				
	<div>♣</div> Q6				
		<div>4♠</div> E			NS: 0 EW: 0

If I'm 5-5, and find a fit,
I'm jumping to game!

RogerN1241	rebecca55	enxie	ladyapb	5♥xN-3	800	100.00%
buhumphrey	brucesm22	cgbell	charsa5	4♠E+1	650	96.08%
devilscoup	mamia1	darkrage	gartinmale	4♠E+1	650	96.08%
kathieflor	JuliaFL	mmbridge	jrfox	4♠E+1	650	96.08%
fly0915	Platt Hill	ibidalot	kolesnik	4♠E=	620	68.63%
willwats	yoshka	aleatory	vandy1029	4♠E=	620	68.63%
mzeller	Paul SeK	susbul	hflsh	4♠E=	620	68.63%
rdonathan	undigala	LFriedman1	Dantastic4	4♠E=	620	68.63%
dunitz	iftibaqai	Purrrple	sweeper	4♠E=	620	68.63%
lboardman	ScrabbleEx	better45	garsou	4♠W=	620	68.63%
Tall25girl	ldspinks	sjlove1944	judy_eo	4♠E=	620	68.63%
maks	frances17	Fredp	elsco	4♠E=	620	68.63%
slog	asabb0	ericxiao1	xiaogh	4♠W=	620	68.63%
georgiabrn	mollbridge	carlosp	rajda	4♠E=	620	68.63%
zapnow	stevew13	ronkral	m Spooner	4♠E=	620	68.63%
Ensifera	Gr8 Ape	bree leant	ejksw	4♠E=	620	68.63%
Alfoxy	luckysue	mslair	nersi2009	4♠E=	620	68.63%
argong1	rsmiller	kalyanv	vinesh	4♠E=	620	68.63%
7_Clubs	oschireson	kbarrett	Bob Solick	4♠E=	620	68.63%
crispinb	leobell711	fourscore	brdg23	4♠E=	620	68.63%
elaynedawe	kenking	halli	welcher	4♠E=	620	68.63%
mikeyd	leisy	pkuhn	lazydaz	4♠E=	620	68.63%
nd67	agrawalxy	valani	caroleliss	4♠W=	620	68.63%
bfgout	rpopper	bobthomson	dharmababe	4♠E=	620	68.63%
twelve13	Yin325	kenprop	compton	4♠E=	620	68.63%
tomopp	cardiodog	jmharris	Humboldt2	4♠E=	620	68.63%
pd15	n_vilas	cjvilla	Milliebg	4♠E=	620	68.63%
Bernie NYC	Chicago42	SUBBAR	Kady1	4♠E=	620	68.63%
mstitt326	HIBari	faile04	atakdog	4♠W=	620	68.63%
tbreur	wolfsnare	lolido02	nffellman	5♦xN-2	500	43.14%
behingerty	PrecisionL	running73	jjr4300	4♥N-3	300	41.18%
bobk	saraemily	akjxxx	dbrower	3♥N-2	200	39.22%
karenemcd	yahsure	ingrid333	janoronha	3♠E+1	170	32.35%
Orioles1	Wayne Burt	bosi2	PVKing	3♠E+1	170	32.35%
jpmnbr	mseligman	suemunday	jmunday	3♠E+1	170	32.35%
rjeyakumar	danrai	Pingaksha4	1moppy	2♠E+2	170	32.35%
stopgaap	marsjc	rbs2	dwar0123	3♠E+1	170	32.35%
nwiebe	Evie44	blanch17	amyrho	3♠E+1	170	32.35%
pjbb	budnbeth	Clinician	81348	3♠E=	140	25.49%
DrDallas	BCRPro	honestgolf	peterpeng	4♣W=	130	23.53%
hellerbl	clayhall	deanp	notro	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
jade	Zorrito99	Ayla710	ekolesnik	5♠W-1	-100	11.76%
profB	poijlkj	rg99	stevenel	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
dboyce	pdovell	rduran1216	hilto37	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
YaoMing11	barmar	weishu1	SHSurprise	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
bschmidt	Thescoop9	wiple	dkwv	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
rathia	GHS_Edmund	rags04	JGrantham	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
skiba	Ellis10	jludwig	glenne	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
chrismoh	kmtnyc	LolaTX	anncal	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
2brigadoon	mrmscolreb	reese13	tommcdow	5♠W-1	-100	11.76%
sheub	umpire2220	stugoo	gowani	4♠E-1	-100	11.76%
tfogarty	Elyk25	penalized	gtripleg	5♠E-2	-200	0.00%

5-5 Come Alive

2 D		N Helen115	W	N	E	S
		♠ A9765			P	P
		♥ 875	1♥	P	2♣	2♠
		♦ Q108	4♥	P	P	P
		♣ 32				
W ibidalot			E Bresson50			
♠ 8			♠ QJ			
♥ KQ964			♥ AJ10			
♦ KJ654			♦ A73			
♣ K10			♣ 87654			
		S janisw1948				
		♠ K10432				
		♥ 32				
		♦ 92				
		♣ AQJ9				
			4♥ W		NS: 0	EW: 0

Gold88	Max15151	bamabelle7	YNY1968	5♠xS-3	800	100.00%
Nanf	struts1	spbelding1	minky75	4♥W+1	450	97.62%
charlie_h	hsuhui	dcb2	nbrownjr	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Ariel L	mom630	akjxxx	juliewh44	4♥W=	420	73.81%
alanzlove	patrol55	sammylou	Jonbrie	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Chuckieg	haroldsqzu	JoyceR	pjwinkle	4♥W=	420	73.81%
alice1952	ysm9988	belle68	Simone61	4♥W=	420	73.81%
stevau0524	ekim123	gentrymp	jacksROK	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Day 5	sharcam	billdiii	annodear	4♥W=	420	73.81%
LolaTX	harelliott	bobat3333	starzecb	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Calvatia	geastrales	hcmayor	raldast	4♥W=	420	73.81%
cbmeyer	maconda	kurt00	dticen	4♥W=	420	73.81%
gbgg4957	charley9	57froggy	linkaykay	4♥W=	420	73.81%
rmcw	viking1242	epj3	klritter	4♥W=	420	73.81%
sgore19	PJBTEXAS	BRONstott	janebooz	4♥W=	420	73.81%
pedett	luck2u2	Linda L B	cmw43	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Ajoypruett	gosee	texashe	substan	4♥W=	420	73.81%
tmbnknwd	doctor q	hook_em	cmath9	4♥W=	420	73.81%
chorimaiya	bbshrestha	mafrige	gail1947	4♥W=	420	73.81%
Helen115	janisw1948	Bresson50	ibidalot	4♥W=	420	73.81%
louida	JayHeck	bsl11	arehk	4♥W=	420	73.81%
nancer	LL77	betsybaby	yogisdad	4♠xS-1	200	46.43%
studebaker	lynnps	trudysmith	dhss	4♠xS-1	200	46.43%
Robin5617	spacy117	SDP2020	clif9819	4♠xS-1	200	46.43%
RLDuble	nickpace11	dsenior	armshap	3♥W+2	200	46.43%
jcsells	jayevert	Shanks34	kirby2	3♥W+1	170	39.29%
Sandycat35	Lindy12	mgoldberg2	che_3years	3♥W+1	170	39.29%
masse	sebbear	ragmannfw	Yvonne34	2♥W+1	140	34.52%
cckey	plcuneo	rickwb	bkiehnhoff	3♥W=	140	34.52%
wacky1	cowboy_bob	maven10	aizane	3♠N-1	100	30.95%
D_Golfer	STRIKEOUTS	01208772	JA420	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
pattyw5865	ARMLU	bridgeany1	blueduck	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
Marlee123	TXJOAN	RodeoBBQ62	wpgiirl	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
testiecat1	TSJ999	rbl1148	vbob60	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
tblpepper	jmgore	wilwhitec	betsydubos	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
SLucky	pkeedy	janmingju	mingie1948	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
linkay01	Poklada	edzwald	JWald	5♥W-1	-50	20.24%
kdickson54	pam1022	ABS	wolfmeistr	4♥W-1	-50	20.24%
hfs42	mafasa	BP1450	ED HARPER	4♥W-2	-100	8.33%
phillip	papaaaa	Jack38	2GoodHands	5♥W-2	-100	8.33%
tonya100	spanisheye	leeiandad	hsrdc	3♠S+1	-170	4.76%
chuston	pafiorin	carolft	lucky727	5♥W-4	-200	2.38%
smi7151	marshab1	reggibsonc	memcdonald	3♠xS+1	-930	0.00%

East passed in 1st seat with 12 HCP and 9 losers.

An opening hand has 7 or fewer losers. I opened in 3rd

seat with 12 HCP. Partner bid 2C Reverse Drury showing

A limit raise. I bid game, because you only decline an invitation

with a balanced minimum (11-12).

6-4 BID MORE

<div>D</div> <div>1</div>		<div>N Bresson50</div> <div> ♠ QJ ♥ A10 ♦ 964 ♣ AK8653 </div>		<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div>
<div>W ED HARPER</div> <div> ♠ 10987 ♥ QJ764 ♦ ♣ 10972 </div>		<div>E BP1450</div> <div> ♠ K ♥ 53 ♦ AKQJ10853 ♣ J4 </div>		<div>P</div> <div>1♣</div> <div>1♦</div> <div>1♠</div>
				<div>P</div> <div>2♣</div> <div>4♦</div> <div>4♥</div>
				<div>P</div> <div>4♠</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div>
		<div>S ibidalot</div> <div> ♠ A65432 ♥ K982 ♦ 72 ♣ Q </div>		<div>4♠ S</div> <div>NS: 0 EW: 0</div>

The opening lead was the 7 of trumps.
 I lost a heart and 2 trumps.
 We won 77% of the matchpoints.

SLucky	pkeedy	mafrige	gail1947	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
grammiea	cpano1	sml7151	marshab1	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
chuston	pafiorin	tmbnkngrwd	doctor q	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
vbob60	paulnimmon	marymimi	JoJo2413	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
arthound	enegue12	fayemv	jouster	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
01208772	JA420	gentrymp	jacksROK	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
ABS	wolfmeistr	Claudiejea	padharbour	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
ysm9988	Yin325	flare	hfs42	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
hcmayor	Raldast	millie4912	Georgia6	5♦xE-3	500 92.00%
LolaTX	harelliott	FackCE	JacksRWild	4♠S+1	450 82.00%
3nbill	JimOc	dcb2	nbrownjr	4♠S=	420 77.00%
don moss	onenez	Roswallace	belle68	4♠S=	420 77.00%
Bresson50	ibidalot	BP1450	ED HARPER	4♠S=	420 77.00%
JKR40	J CRUMP	RPWJ	dantex	4♠S=	420 77.00%
leeiandad	hsrdc	louida	JayHeck	4♦xE-2	300 70.00%
mummiez	dfb36	plcuneo	cckey	4♦xE-2	300 70.00%
juliewh44	akjxxx	minky75	JoyfulB	4♦xE-2	300 70.00%
bkiehnhoff	rickwb	testiecat1	TSJ999	3♠S+2	200 66.00%
texashen	substan	nickpace11	RLDuble	3♠S+1	170 63.00%
Smandel	sdomsall	struts1	love12	3♠S+1	170 63.00%
armshap	dsenior	jng1	sgore19	5♦E-3	150 58.00%
che_3years	mgoldberg2	pjwinkle	JoyceR	5♦E-3	150 58.00%
lizanddon2	txrussell	billdiii	annodear	5♦E-3	150 58.00%
gold88	Maxl5151	moogal	Marlee123	3♠S=	140 50.00%
bbshrestha	jesoller	rmcw	viking1242	3♠S=	140 50.00%
Helen115	janisw1948	cmath9	hook_em	3♠S=	140 50.00%
MW539	mikejwells	lindaxxx	johnd77	3♠S=	140 50.00%
Phillip	papaaaa	leeamac	teresac11	2♠S+1	140 50.00%
gbgg4957	charley9	jcsells	jayevert	4♦E-2	100 40.00%
Linda L B	cmw43	Bulletier	SDP2020	4♦E-2	100 40.00%
kickerkid	katmac99	darlyn61	GERosen	4♦E-2	100 40.00%
epj3	klritter	hogen	blueduck	4♦E-2	100 40.00%
Crumbdar24	briggett	betsybaby	yogisdad	4♦E-2	100 40.00%
kdickson54	pam1022	wpgiirl	RodeoBBQ623	3♦E-1	50 31.00%
cys123	tonya100	Xiomara	Shelly35	3♦E-1	50 31.00%
Lindy12	Sandycat35	mingie1948	linkaykay	3♦E-1	50 31.00%
D_Golfer	STRIKEOUTS	Dewayne K	hans07	3♦E-1	50 31.00%
alice1952	ll2p1taw	Patlevy	bk2	4♣N-1	-50 22.00%
adamsaces	mom630	kirby2	Shanks34	4♠S-1	-50 22.00%
pinky1943	gayr	stone2ja	filterman	4♠S-1	-50 22.00%
cbmeyer	maconda	ragmannfw	Yvannes34	4♠S-1	-50 22.00%
kmnrbchmn	kgb1171	frogus	starzecb	4♠S-1	-50 22.00%
dick788	ddurand	pedett	luck2u2	4♠S-2	-100 11.00%
05Lawrence	Myranell	crestedb	cbdou	4♠S-2	-100 11.00%
stevau0524	ekim123	RJE394	fmueller1	6♠S-2	-100 11.00%
kurt00	dticen	charlie_h	hsuhui	5♠S-2	-100 11.00%
syedraza	ujaini	harmony7	Danka46	4♠S-2	-100 11.00%
studebaker	lynnps	memcdonald	reggibsonc	4♠S-2	-100 11.00%
Robin5617	spacy117	maven10	aizane	3♦E=	-110 4.00%
hockeylove	popsicle2	Chuckieg	haroldsqzu	4♦E=	-130 2.00%
sofargood	peiyun99	bamabelle7	yny1968	4♠S-3	-150 0.00%

6-4 Bid More

<div>10 D</div>	N betsybaby		W	N	E	S
	♠ Q65 ♥ KJ1095 ♦ 864 ♣ Q10		1♦	1♥	X	XX
W johnd77			2♠	P	3♠	P
			4♠	P	P	P
	S klritter		E ibidalot			
	♠ 93 ♥ A8742 ♦ AJ ♣ 8765		♠ K1084 ♥ Q3 ♦ 75 ♣ KJ942			
			4♠ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

1	2021-01-06 17:00	flare	maxl5151	isabel18	bridgeany1	4♠ E+1	650 87.84%
2	2021-01-06 17:01	betsybaby	klritter	ibidalot	johnd77	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
3	2021-01-06 17:01	ggolf48	kiwoclark	rickwb	Sandycat35	4♠ E+1	650 87.84%
4	2021-01-06 17:03	RodeoBBQ62	Raldast	koco2020	mom630	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
5	2021-01-06 17:03	memcdonald	westex37	danmorse	tmbnknwd	4♠ E+1	650 87.84%
6	2021-01-06 17:03	plcuneo	che_3years	yogisdad	arpee	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
7	2021-01-06 17:04	adamsaces	JoyfulB	alice1952	Yin325	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
8	2021-01-06 17:05	D_Golfer	STRIKEOUTS	ll2p1taw	janmingju	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
9	2021-01-06 17:06	masse	LolaTX	starzecb	JA420	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
10	2021-01-06 17:06	cckey	Laproff2	bamabelle7	harelliott	4♠ W+1	650 87.84%
11	2021-01-06 17:00	dln2	carjenand	ekim123	stevau0524	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
12	2021-01-06 17:02	Rockies1	gail1947	lynnps	wpgiirl	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
13	2021-01-06 17:03	ysm9988	jacksROK	prosczar	ddurand	4♠ E=	620 62.16%
14	2021-01-06 17:03	kickerkid	hsuhui	reggibsonc	billdiii	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
15	2021-01-06 17:07	stone2ja	ED HARPER	marshab1	TXJOAN	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
16	2021-01-06 17:04	mummiez	dfb36	jdfrick	JimOc	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
17	2021-01-06 17:04	pafiorin	harmony7	rmcw	viking1242	4♠ E=	620 62.16%
18	2021-01-06 17:04	pkeedy	SLucky	Daffy2018	RioVicky	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
19	2021-01-06 17:06	kghudson2	wacky1	janisw1948	sgore19	4♠ W=	620 62.16%
20	2021-01-06 17:03	Robin5617	spacy117	ariel L	hcmayor	4♥ xN-2	500 48.65%
21	2021-01-06 17:01	hfs42	bcmom92	donv	dticen	3♠ W+2	200 36.49%
22	2021-01-06 17:01	studebaker	aizane	Roswallace	jschnid	2♠ E+3	200 36.49%
23	2021-01-06 17:03	levycraft	Yvannes34	nancer	junie15	3♠ E+2	200 36.49%
24	2021-01-06 17:03	kmj77586	GERosen	luck2u2	bridgett	2♠ W+3	200 36.49%
25	2021-01-06 17:03	Linda L B	cmw43	rportgal	marymimi	3♠ E+2	200 36.49%
26	2021-01-06 17:08	Phillip	bk2	nickpace11	beachgal1	3♠ W+2	200 36.49%
27	2021-01-06 17:04	dcb2	nbrownjr	jimcab	RLDuble	4♥ N-2	200 36.49%
28	2021-01-06 17:05	jack38	2GoodHands	hogen	blueduck	4♥ N-2	200 36.49%
29	2021-01-06 17:02	FackCE	tblpepper	lucky727	Jonbrie	2♠ E+2	170 16.22%
30	2021-01-06 17:02	vt1221	Shanks34	Dewayne K	hans07	3♠ W+1	170 16.22%
31	2021-01-06 17:03	mafrige	belle68	Coach Gio	mafasa	3♠ W+1	170 16.22%
32	2021-01-06 17:03	Bulletier	LWL40	hook_em	cmath9	3♠ W+1	170 16.22%
33	2021-01-06 17:03	JWald	edzwald	FRH37	fayemv	3♠ W+1	170 16.22%
34	2021-01-06 17:05	sdomsall	Juanitaval	Patlevy	gentrymp	3♠ W+1	170 16.22%
35	2021-01-06 17:05	haroldsquz	Chuckieg	millie4912	Searles	2♠ E+2	170 16.22%
36	2021-01-06 17:05	epj3	TAPR1001	grammiea	cpano1	3♠ W=	140 5.41%
37	2021-01-06 17:04	kmbnchmn	fmueller1	pinky1943	ShuShu2	3♥ N-1	100 2.70%
38	2021-01-06 17:05	SDP2020	paulnimmon	anntrammel	txrussell	4♠ E-1	-100 0.00%

With West's 6-4 hand and only 5 losers, I would have jumped to 3S. I took another call because of my 5 card club suit, and anticipated that S would bid 3H.

6-4 Bid More

<div>7</div> <div>D</div>	N Marylinn	W N E S
	♠ 9 ♥ A5 ♦ 86543 ♣ AKJ74	1♠ 2NT 3♦ 4♠ P P P
W ibidalot		E LolaTX
♠ KQ8762 ♥ Q1098 ♦ J9 ♣ 10		♠ AJ105 ♥ KJ6 ♦ KQ102 ♣ 96
	S Jantime	
	♠ 43 ♥ 7432 ♦ A7 ♣ Q8532	
		4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Buckeye50	fairfaxkat	bridgeb300	lgh1201	4♠ W=	620	91.67%
golfngirl	jmagyari	stevau0524	juliewh44	4♠ E=	620	91.67%
Marylinn	Jantime	LolaTX	ibidalot	4♠ W=	620	91.67%
billdiii	abolin13	pernerm	mmoza1234	5♦ N-3	300	75.00%
dazie	mellapak	buddy101	sdw	5♣ xN-1	200	66.67%
bschmidt	Thescoop9	bjrnc	Redbird44	2♠ W+2	170	50.00%
fayemv	JPLawson	flnmplayer	sdomsall	3♠ W+1	170	50.00%
utakott	Ronkaj	nthn75075	ukoshti	3♠ W+1	170	50.00%
pjwinkle	JoyceR	jon3mo	fredhdg2	5♣ S-1	100	25.00%
c d h c	cowboy_bob	yoshiyoshi	westex37	5♣ S-1	100	25.00%
Ingridschu	farnaby	mefirst713	JimHusker1	5♣ N-1	100	25.00%
linkay01	slamt	eql4all	earnies	4♣ N=	-130	4.17%
ThomasRush	pew1	cake_eater	Petunia53	4♣ N=	-130	4.17%

With 8 HCP, and Red on Red, I opened this 6-4 hand in second seat. I had 6 losers, and felt we would lose the tempo of the bidding if I passed. When Partner made the invisible cue bid showing a limit raise or better in Spades, I bid game. Remember, you only decline an invitation with a balanced minimum.

Bid Game, Come to the Party!

<div>3</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N</div> ibidalot	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div>			
		<div>♠</div> A543	<div>X</div> <div>2NT</div> <div>P</div> <div>1♠</div>			
		<div>♥</div> KJ10	<div>P</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div> <div>3♠</div>			
		<div>♦</div> Q108				
		<div>♣</div> 1043				
<div>W</div> paulbeth			<div>E</div> bethtob			
<div>♠</div> 2			<div>♠</div> J6			
<div>♥</div> AQ54			<div>♥</div> 872			
<div>♦</div> J942			<div>♦</div> K53			
<div>♣</div> A972			<div>♣</div> QJ865			
		<div>S</div> Partner				
		<div>♠</div> KQ10987				
		<div>♥</div> 963				
		<div>♦</div> A76				
		<div>♣</div> K				
			<div>3♠ S</div> NS: 0 EW: 0			
vmassey	charsa5	Rbt177	bockmaui1	4♠ S+1	450	7.00
ibidalot	Partner	bethtob	paulbeth	3♠ S=	140	-7.00

Partner, with an extra trump and a singleton, declined my Jordan 4 card limit raise invitation and we lost 7 imps.

When I Don't Bid A Lot

<div> <div>2</div> <div>D</div> </div>		N ibidalot ♠ 1062 ♥ 1096 ♦ AJ9 ♣ AQ96	W N E S P 3♦ P 1♠ P P P 4♠
W paulbeth ♠ 75 ♥ AJ854 ♦ 8753 ♣ K5			E bethtob ♠ K98 ♥ 73 ♦ KQ62 ♣ J1072
		S Partner 1 ♠ AQJ43 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 104 ♣ 843	
			4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

vmassey	charsa5	Rbt177	bockmaui1	3♠ S=	140	6.00
ibidalot	Partner	bethtob	paulbeth	4♠ S-1	-100	-6.00

3D is an artificial 3 card limit raise of a Major Opening.

Opener should decline the invitation with a balanced minimum (11-12).

Partner's explained that he didn't want to miss a vulnerable game playingimps.

Don't Preempt With a Good Hand!

16		N russpete	W	N	E	S
		♠ KQ862	1♥	1♠	2♠	3♠
		♥ Q9	4♥	4♠	X	P
		♦ Q7	P	P		
		♣ KQ63				
W ibidalot			E Bamie			
♠ 3			♠ 94			
♥ K107532			♥ AJ84			
♦ AK52			♦ J43			
♣ 85			♣ A1092			
		S warblock				
		♠ AJ1075				
		♥ 6				
		♦ 10986				
		♣ J74				
			4♠x N		NS: 0	EW: 0

yourdummy	3dhandhi	LULUROSS	OCEJMX	5♥xW=	850	100.00%
dee65	bdoctor	chaache3	tomjobim	5♥W=	650	90.32%
rg99	gbrgbr	Rbt177	Lilly0127	5♥W=	650	90.32%
mawmaw2013	Harvar5d	davidinnyc	bonnizb11	5♥W=	650	90.32%
lvgemini	coryk	humjum	kiowa89	5♥W=	650	90.32%
Winnie H	glenoraw	ranen57	cspvg	5♥W=	650	90.32%
misara31	mickeymzm	thebrom	HenRus	4♥W=	620	80.65%
Golds23	Jomur1	shajo42	georgeannk	5♠xN-2	300	75.81%
SaylerGirl	Birdie4	jerryabs10	glennfuhm	5♠xN-2	300	75.81%
russpete	warblock	Bamie	ibidalot	4♠xN-1	100	64.52%
rapid35	gil 9999	RonW9975	jarsstep	4♠N-2	100	64.52%
haldor58	frensurin	cutepigsm9	ibeboblup	4♠xN-1	100	64.52%
queenie69	bestbets	nffellman	bob1963	4♠xN-1	100	64.52%
snowball5	swaddee	maf153	FUNNYLADY1	4♠xN-1	100	64.52%
lunn	tveito	mhs1520	eloisem	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
rgdruru	archy8113	Shelbie	tshirtbobb	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
txnanook	scuba88	Arlene San	bev13	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
Arty29	mikemetal	lq700615	kangxk	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
mm retied	teddymaid	kazutsumo	cdmr	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
missv1us	cyclist	lcyee56	lkb22	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
bpr77	jbm641	ari13	cancun2	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
cnaryqueen	Evie44	keymaster	sunny lee	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
Jefferys44	imbmj	Kangahiker	mksd03	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
USpacerman	phanatic	alankg	sg3725	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
magres	GrnMtnMan	20brian20	capedutch	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
maheshimor	pottkerc	MECollins	JRCollins	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
tomkat500	stigsmesta	don2	jwp62	4♠S-1	50	33.87%
amybschu	Juanitaval	yasberry	deepakvdig	4♠N-1	50	33.87%
sylschein	marresto1	bogiebear	milberger	3♠N=	-140	4.84%
FUgamer	howardco	grumpier	jsamarco	3♠N=	-140	4.84%
ijulian	stormer39	Exacerbate	Kukuau	3♠N=	-140	4.84%
jean hughe	kenswife	palloyd	plabrdgcbs	3♠N=	-140	4.84%

Too often, beginners make the mistake of opening a weak 2 of a Major with 10 HCP.

I cap my weak 2s of a Major at 9 HCP in 1st and 2nd seat.

West has a 6 loser hand, and E/W can take 11 tricks. N/S did outbid us, but East is comfortable doubling the contract, believing West has an opening hand, giving us 64%.

Getting to Slam Using Losing Trick Count

<div>3</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N vmassey</div> <div> ♠ 32 ♥ J1092 ♦ J9854 ♣ 32 </div>	<div>W N E S</div> <div> 1♣ P 1♠ P 2♣ P 4NT P 5♥ P 6♣ P </div>
<div>W ibidalot</div> <div> ♠ 106 ♥ 76 ♦ AQ10 ♣ KJ10654 </div>		<div>E bridgeany1</div> <div> ♠ AKQ98 ♥ AQ3 ♦ 62 ♣ A87 </div>	
	<div>S charsa5</div> <div> ♠ J754 ♥ K854 ♦ K73 ♣ Q9 </div>		<div>6♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0</div>

vmassey	charsa5	bridgeany1	ibidalot	6♣ W+1	1390	12.00
zapnow	stevew13	jacklacy	AlexLabry	3NW+2	660	-12.00

West has 7 losers
East has 5 losers.
7+5=12 losers
24-12=12 the # of
Tricks the hand is
Expected to take.

I opened this 10 HCP hand because it had 7 losers.
 Partner pushed to slam with 18 HCP, winning 12 imps.

Be Brave

(It's just a game)

<div><div></div><div>18</div><div>D</div></div>		<div>Nibidalot</div> <div><div>♠</div>K987</div> <div><div>♥</div>AQ</div> <div><div>♦</div>1084</div> <div><div>♣</div>AKQ3</div>	<div><div>W</div><div>N</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div> <div><div>P</div><div>1♠</div><div>P</div><div>1NT</div></div> <div><div>P</div><div>6NT</div><div>P</div><div>P</div></div> <div><div>P</div><div></div><div>P</div><div></div></div>
<div>WQJD</div> <div><div>♠</div>J543</div> <div><div>♥</div>3</div> <div><div>♦</div>AJ63</div> <div><div>♣</div>J965</div>		<div>E</div> Giant17 <div><div>♠</div>106</div> <div><div>♥</div>J98652</div> <div><div>♦</div>Q952</div> <div><div>♣</div>7</div>	
	<div>S</div> ceick <div><div>♠</div>AQ2</div> <div><div>♥</div>K1074</div> <div><div>♦</div>K7</div> <div><div>♣</div>10842</div>		
			<div>6NT S</div> <div>NS: 0 EW: 0</div>

As a rule, if partner opens, I bid slam with 18 points. Defense is hard, and if we don't give away too many clues in the bidding, the opponents might make a mistake, and then

We win

ALL the Matchpoints!

jdd31	seduke	ssbcfan1	rusnakchri	6NS=	144099.33%
ibidalot	ceick	Giant17	QJD	6NS=	144099.33%
ssbellamy	Bruce127	dianne1024	tryondude	3NS+3	69096.67%
steph813	JEFF1012	sailorxyz	jmk1030	3NS+3	69096.67%
BettyKay40	mariegrid	JustLucky	Bidgood13	3NS+2	66080.00%
tampapa	lrpsl	cenacea	adinsmoor	4NN+1	66080.00%
gtl4	louzucker	ges4668	JAX STEVE	3NN+2	66080.00%
sophie13	camello la	alcoff	lkmita	4NS+1	66080.00%
nancykgy	stevekgy	cmc91444	shorty63	3NS+2	66080.00%
bara2020	Slamward	sasrdp	Yellowhket	5NS=	66080.00%
169cambP	jpking	franemaz	gbw8	3NS+2	66080.00%
medart22	grdgeorges	SheilaBoz	buckeyebars	4NS+1	66080.00%
eps7	chrismgrad	purple	sweeper	3NS+2	66080.00%
esgkc	pthacker	CurlyHair2	rainbow58	3NS+2	66080.00%
sjlurie	kailey	yupoyupo	onspock	3NS+2	66080.00%
awesiz	Linda Lord	farmergir	nicatous	3NS+2	66080.00%
zuckr	nathanz	vikingmel1	bidfreely	3NS+2	66080.00%
homerlvin	jeanlll	ButtonsMom	missycat	3NN+2	66080.00%
bloftus	kimh56	kloveme	nd67	3NS+2	66080.00%
SparksB	marymudd	mpdo	zed744	3NS+2	66080.00%
idnug2	CHISHODA	weenana	littlejct	3NS+2	66080.00%
chickooseb	giart	bingo7891	dharmabum2	3NN+2	66080.00%
tangzy09	RollandL	gerrymit	Bert2708	3NS+2	66080.00%
jayhamann	frjets	cjmac99	john cook	3NS+2	66080.00%
nosnillam	markbarl	cpdelino	junglejune	3NS+2	66080.00%
garryhoden	AlwaysN	shannon316	pannjones1	3NS+2	66080.00%
donaldjm	eem5	JayRhuda	smnissen	4NS+1	66080.00%
Tookie26	maryvsd	mimib1	eileen24	3NS+1	63054.00%
Carol RDH	Sunny6101	Gaildragon	genevagirl	3NS+1	63054.00%
1993kerry	msgrandy	kohrm	Ron1963	3NN+1	63054.00%
davedubois	wleesmiles	Subtiliter	prin1	3NN+1	63054.00%
alexkhr	MissBehave	vesbow	Ed 1946	3NN+1	63054.00%
wildman12	Lavina86	tryentrump	jinxjones	3NS+1	63054.00%
Woodygfw	lauerbach	TinaRaeBoy	alexmutt	3NS+1	63054.00%
ctwilson	uncw	sfriedman2	leopon	3NS+1	63054.00%
flewemic	andybest	peterp551	suelanma	3NS+1	63054.00%
Jozee	doctorNO	sam881949	vallejoca	3NS+1	63054.00%
mazepa	time2glf	divegirl	resadez01	3NS+1	63054.00%
morriswi01	merrie19	PansyP	pattijk527	3NN+1	63054.00%
Goldgrl723	Vilim	bethk1941	slcdouble	3NS+1	63054.00%
cavehunt1	suzyb65	tootsig	jbaker75	3NS+1	63054.00%
BKoplen	beb0	eblane	Mrsmoto	3NN+1	63054.00%
jpeled	Rpeled	abazil	Anoliegirl	3NN+1	63054.00%
duffdad	ninjagal	kleo1	Redheadgal	4♠N=	62042.67%
francee	redfox111	Somaem	jglamothe	5♣S=	60038.00%
Fwtto	kyosheen	panny	ayjay36	3NS=	60038.00%
suzyq101	esther_2	howboy59	jenhoward	3NS=	60038.00%
dliving	Tash9	carlosrv	GMV61	3NS=	60038.00%
UCity Deb	LKwossek	rodneyseve	Howie HJK	3NN=	60038.00%
kimiy0	elambda	poochon	Brenda Gan	3NN=	60038.00%
nadelbot	vwolfman	Ayoung121	bevcass	1♠N+4	20033.33%
clgee	1spruce	MarciaTH	lbby6776	1♠N+3	17032.00%
marysmi	LeslieFL	Robbyl	jaybird128	3♣S+2	15030.00%
sheba2015	bwmerc111	joeg89	dcolket	2♣N+3	15030.00%
hoekahi	garden738	RonW9975	hotoplay6	4♣S=	13027.33%
BRpitedad11	mbhaviland	foxyyy	aunt190	3♣N+1	13027.33%
newpol	Houston609	ted7nt	Ida Muma	6NS-1	-10019.33%