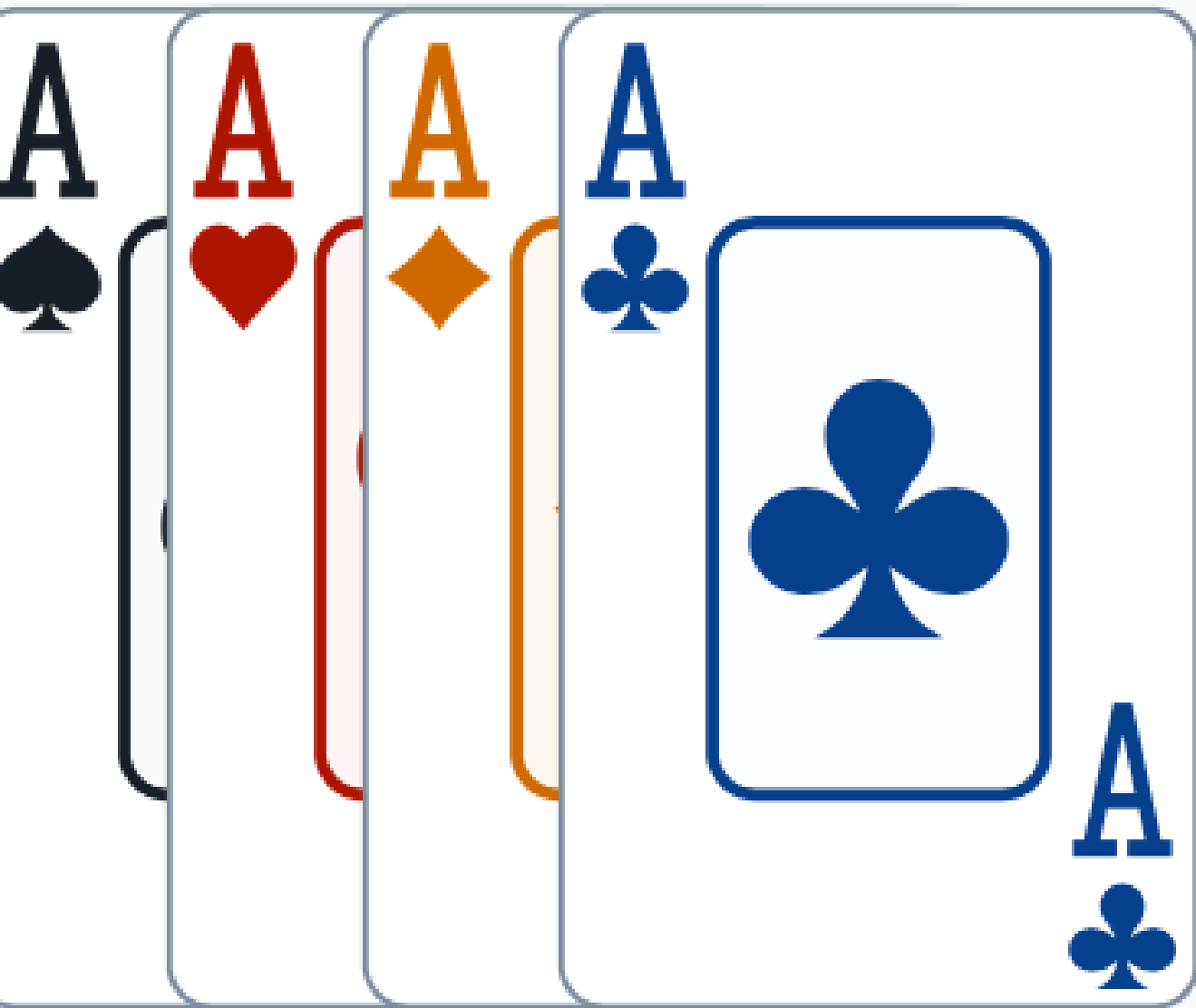




SLAM TRIES:  
SERIOUS/NON-  
SERIOUS 3N

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# MAJOR SUIT AUCTIONS

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Principles of Serious  
vs Non-serious apply  
to majors and minors,  
but in this  
presentation, we're  
focusing on how they  
apply to majors.

- **Non-Serious vs Serious:**  
This is about intentions.  
How good is your slam try?  
Are you trying to force  
information out of your  
partner, or do you only want  
information if they have  
some slam interest  
themselves?



# S/NS 3NT

- **S3NT**: This means your direct control bids are showing mild slam intentions. This method means you start serious interest in Slam with 3NT
- **NS3NT**: This means your mild interest hands start with 3NT and your serious hands make a direct control bid

- For this to apply, the following conditions must be met:
  1. Must be in an explicit GF
  2. Must have a known 8+card M fit
  3. The last bid in the auction must be 3H or 3S
  4. The 3NT bidder's previous bid cannot have been a natural 2NT.
  5. Partnerships can play this in competitive auctions (this is an agreement, must be discussed)

If all these conditions are not met, and 3NT is bid, your partnership must define if the bid is passable or not. It must define what 3N is even if it's not S/NS3NT

## What's the difference?

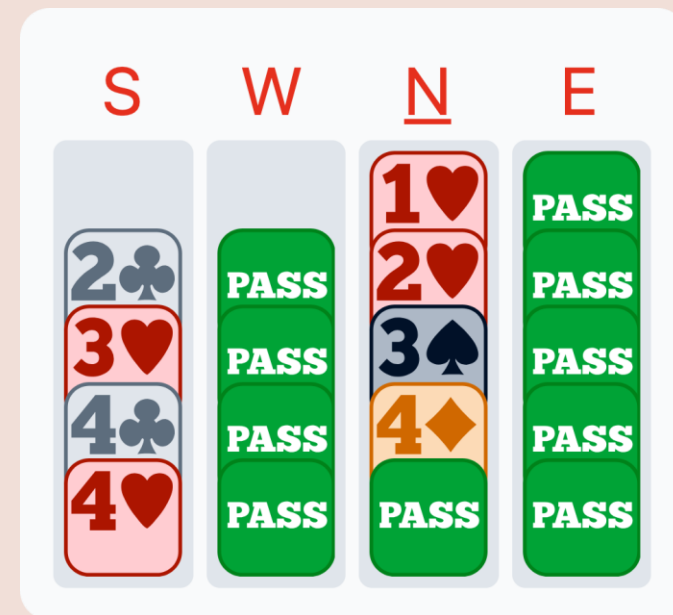
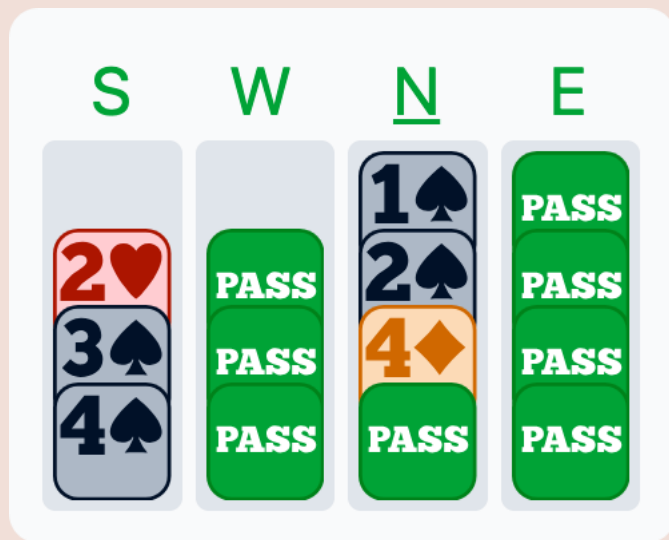
- ❖ As a partnership, picking between the two is about deciding when you want to disclose extra information to your opponents.
- ❖ Every method has a trade off.

| S  | W    | <u>N</u> | E    |
|----|------|----------|------|
| 2♦ | PASS | 1♠       | PASS |
| 3♠ | PASS | 2♠       | PASS |
| 4♠ | PASS | 3NT      | PASS |

| S    | W    | <u>N</u> | E    |
|------|------|----------|------|
| 2♣   | PASS | 1♥       | PASS |
| 2♥   | PASS | 2♦       | PASS |
| 3♣   | PASS | 2NT      | PASS |
| 3NT  | PASS | 3♥       | PASS |
| PASS | PASS | 4♥       | PASS |

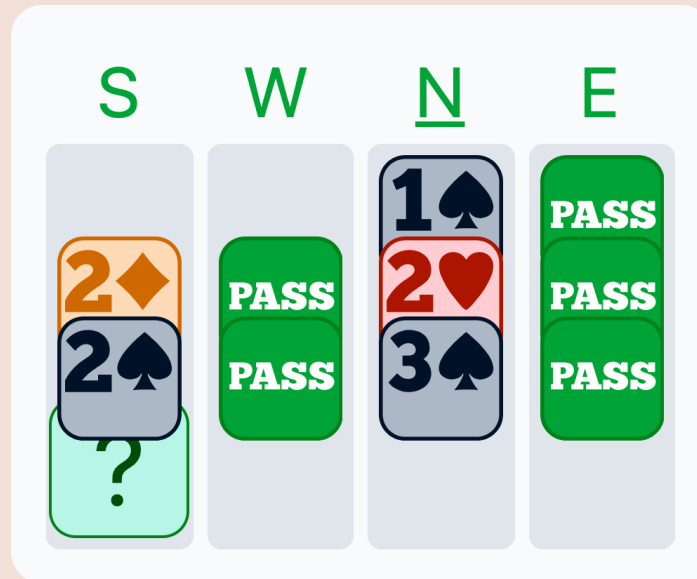
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| 2♣   | PASS | 1♠       | PASS |
| 3♥   | PASS | 2♥       | PASS |
| 3NT  | PASS | 3♠       | PASS |
| 4♥   | PASS | 4♣       | PASS |
| 5♣   | PASS | 4NT      | PASS |
| 5♠   | PASS | 5♦       | PASS |
| PASS | PASS | 6♥       | PASS |

EXAMPLES OF NS3NT



EXAMPLES OF SERIOUS 3N

- Discuss with your partner how to proceed after 2M. Are you bidding shape? Or texture?
- How you evaluate your hand may change based on how many ♠ have been shown in this auction.



# WHAT'S YOUR CALL?

# DEFINE YOUR SCOPE

- There are variations on this convention. Some partnerships play 3♠ functions as S/NS3N over hearts, to save 1 step.
- Your partnership must define the perimeters of this convention well. Do not rely on logic alone.

What happens if our auction starts with:

- 1M – 2N?
- 1N – ?
- 1m – 1M – 3M – ?

