

Tip of the Month

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While many play Keycard Blackwood, not many play 6-card Keycard. Six card Keycard situations occur after each partner raises the other, IMMEDIATELY. In the auction shown in this month's Hand-of-the-Month, South raises the responder (in diamonds) and then responder raises South's (opener's) hearts. This creates the situation where there are 6 Keycards: the four aces and the kings of the two bid suits. The responses are the same as always:

0 or 3; 1 or 4; 2 no queens; 2 with one queen

Some experts have more complicated responses so they can determine which queen their partner has when he has one of the queens and they have a bid to show 2 Keycards and both queens. In this writer's memory, only the latter has ever come up!