

## Best Bid Award - Michael Byrne and Mike Bell



### Tribal Calls

Game all. Dealer South.

♠ AT	
♥ AKQ7	
♦ JT	
♣ Q9852	
♠ K87543	♠ QJ92
♥ 632	♥ 985
♦ K64	♦ 952
♣ 3	♣ AK6
	♠ 6
	♥ JT4
	♦ AQ873
	♣ JT74

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett, Ju</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Byrne</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The above auction, from the match between the Holders and the European Aces, won the best bid hand award, even though the contract failed. Byrne and Bell was the only pair to explore the hand fully. 1C was clubs or 17-19 balanced (their system TRI-BAL is so called as it focuses on three balanced hand ranges). With his good intermediates Mike Bell was going to treat it as the latter. 1S showed diamonds, 1NT was 17-19 and 2D an artificial game force. 2H and 3D were natural and the key bid was 3H which showed 4 good hearts, as North was known not to have five. It was now easy to choose the Moysian fit by bidding 4H, but with clubs 3-1 and the diamond finesse wrong there was no play for the contract.