

## WORLD BRIDGE SERIES – 2010 – PHILLY

Barnet Shenkin's TIP for a deal in World Bridge Series Philly 2010.

**Barnet Shenkin** is a professional player and a Bridge teacher of excellence.

Board 8 Dealer West Vul : None	NORTH - Shenkin ♠ J82 ♥ Q108432 ♦ 9 ♣ Q76	
WEST ♠ -- ♥ 6 ♦ AKQJ8432 ♣ AKJ5		EAST ♠ 1097653 ♥ 95 ♦ 1075 ♣ 104
	SOUTH ♠ AKQ4 ♥ AKJ7 ♦ 6 ♣ 9832	

West	North	East	South
6 Diamond	Pass	Pass	X
Pass	6 Hearts	Pass	Pass
X	All Pass		

What do you do if the opponents open the bidding at the 6 level?

Playing in World Bridge series Barnet Shenkin had ♠ J82 ♥Q108432 ♦ 7 ♣ Q76. His RHO opened 6♦ at both Vul and went as Pass., Pass to his partner who doubled. Now Pass back to Shenkin.

He did not expect to make 6♦ but if they make their slam, it could be a good save.

Is Partner's X a penalty? Is it lead directional or is it Take out?

The opener should have a hand that will make if his partner contributes a little something. Perhaps 3 trumps or a suitable Q somewhere. He should not be down more than 1. It is therefore sensible to to play the double as take out. The corollary here is that when you aor your partner are sure you can beat the hand, you must pass if a X is a takeout Eg> ♠A1085 ♥ 852 ♦AJ10 ♣ A64

Barnet Shenkin went down 4 for -800 but that is better than -1090 a common result for 6♦x making. Virtually none of the pairs competing had an agreement what x meant. So while it is not likely to come up often in your lifetime of bridge ,it is a nice agreement to have.