

For a Future LSBC and Unit Newsletter and Corner

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When your bidding has given a reasonable description of your hand and partner makes a penalty double, leave it in - even though it makes you uncomfortable.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top, there is a score table with values: 5, 3♠Wx-2, 300, 9.4, and 14.7. Below this is a 'Refresh' button and a score of 1.2. The main area displays a hand with 5 clubs (♣5) and a bidding sequence. The bidding sequence is as follows:

	W	N	E	S
Pass	2♣	Dbl	Pa	
2♦	3♣	Pass	Pa	
3♠	Dbl	Pass	Pa	
Pass				

The hand for North (Robot) is: ♠A96, ♥85, ♦983, ♣AQ643. The hand for South (texasashen) is: ♠K5, ♥Q962, ♦K2, ♣KJ1098. The hand for West (Robot) is: ♠Q432, ♥J104, ♦A10764, ♣5. The hand for East (Robot) is: ♠J1087, ♥AK73, ♦QJ5, ♣72. A '3Ax West' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

This is a close-up of the bidding sequence from the previous image. The sequence is:

	W	N	E	S
Pass	2♣	Dbl	Pa	
2♦	3♣	Pass	Pa	
3♠	Dbl	Pass	Pa	

S 1C (Not the greatest opener. No aces. 12 hcp, including 2 doubleton Kings. Would be a stretch to say this hand has 2 quick tricks. It is a reasonable opener in 3rd seat where the requirements for opening are relaxed. Pretty decent club suit.)

N 2C (4+ clubs & 10-11 points since we are playing inverted minors and North has previously passed.)

E DBL (Take out, 11 hcp)

S Pass (After opening this, I don't want to show any additional values since I don't have any)

W 2D

N 3C

E P

S P (Can't pass fast enough)

W 3S (A peculiar bid showing that poor spade suit on the 3 level when partner is a passed hand. If partner liked diamonds better than spades, now East would have to bid 4D - a high level for 2 passed hands. West gets "lucky" catching East with 4 spades.)

N DBL (penalty, 3 spades, 5+ clubs and 10-11 points)

S Pass (hoping North knows what it's doing. If partner was interested in further competing in clubs North

should either bid 4C or pass letting me decide.)

We take:

2 spades

1 spade ruff (declarer can't pull trump fast enough to prevent a heart ruff)

1 heart

1 diamond (when declarer can't use hearts as an entry to take the diamond finesse and pull trump at the same time)

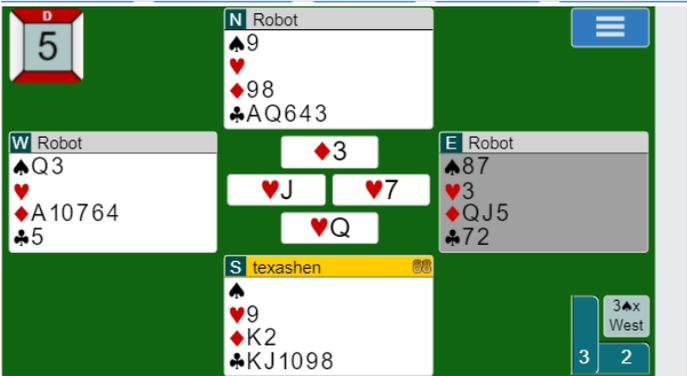
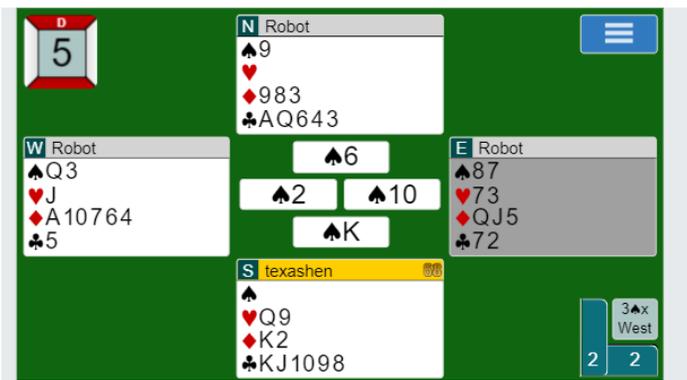
1 club

6 tricks, down 2 doubled

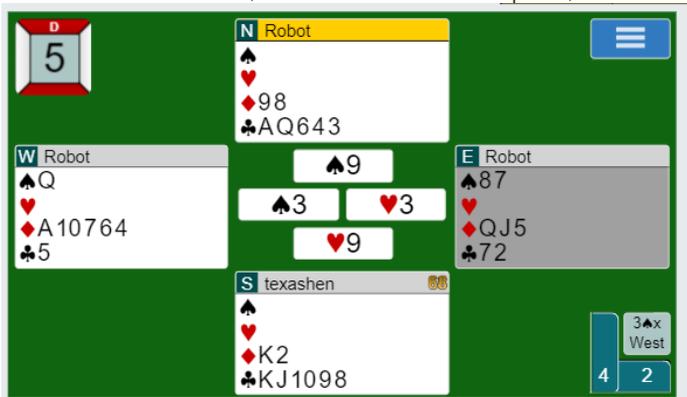
The play:

The play sequence is shown in three screenshots:

- Trick 1:** Dealer (D) leads the 5 of diamonds. North (N) plays the 8 of hearts, West (W) plays the 4 of hearts, East (E) plays the Ace of hearts, and South (S) plays the 2 of hearts. The score is 0-1.
- Trick 2:** Dealer (D) leads the 5 of diamonds. North (N) plays the Ace of spades, West (W) plays the 4 of spades, East (E) plays the Jack of spades, and South (S) plays the 5 of spades. The score is 1-1.
- Trick 3:** Dealer (D) leads the 5 of diamonds. North (N) plays the 5 of hearts, West (W) plays the 10 of hearts, East (E) plays the King of hearts, and South (S) plays the 6 of hearts. The score is 1-2.



Now I lead the 9 of hearts, And West loses the 9 of spades,



Ruffing with the 3 is a foolish play. It works if South has the last outstanding spade, but North promised 3 spades from the bidding. So, North must have the 9 of spades. It's good to remember the bidding when you declare.

Now West has no way to take the diamond finesse. So, the defense gets a club and a diamond to come to 6 tricks.