## For a future Newsletter and Corner

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When third hand on defense goes up with the jack they deny the 10. That's useful knowledge; sometimes for the defender's partner, sometimes for declarer.



S 1C

N 2C (Inverted minors. 4+ clubs, 10+ points)

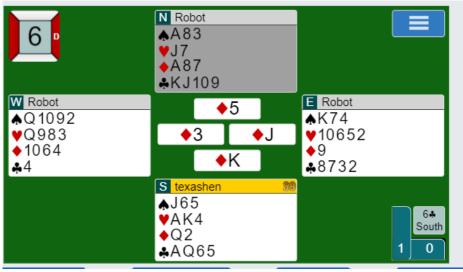
S 3NT (18-19 hcp)

N 6C (14+ points. A stretch. The strong club intermediates are nice, so it's close)

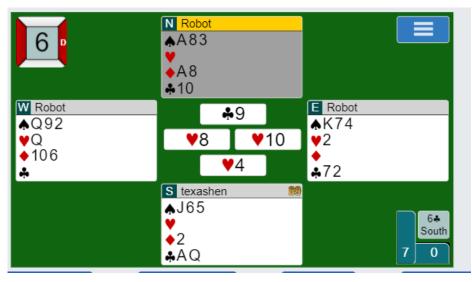
West leads the 3 of diamonds. When East rises with the Jack it's over. Standard play is to play the lower of touching honors in third or fourth position on defense. So, East denies the 10.

Later when the 9 of diamonds drops under the Queen, I know to finesse West for the 10.

I discard a losing spade from dummy on a club, and take the marked diamond finesse for my 12th trick. Losing only one spade and making my contract.



I need to ruff a heart before I finish pulling trump.



Then I play the A and Q of clubs, pulling the last trumps and take the marked diamond finesse.

