

## For a Future Unit Newsletter and Corner

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Don't pull trump when you need them to ruff losers.

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**N Robot**  
 ♠K832  
 ♥853  
 ♦6  
 ♣A7542

**W Robot**  
 ♠94  
 ♥J10  
 ♦Q9852  
 ♣K1086

**E Robot**  
 ♠J106  
 ♥K9762  
 ♦K103  
 ♣J3

**S texashen** 67  
 ♠AQ75  
 ♥AQ4  
 ♦AJ74  
 ♣Q9

4♠ North  
0 0

S 1D (Could have opened 2NT (20-21 points and flat), I have 19 hcp + 1 for the 3 aces + 1 for the 2 AQ combinations = 21. I would usually open this 2NT. But since I was already winning the game, I went with what the field would do.)

N 1S

S 4S (This is not a shut-out bid. It shows 19-21 points and 4 spades)

Passed out.

East led the Jack of clubs and all the club honors came down,

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The key to this hand is not to pull any trump. There are 3 diamonds I need to ruff. I can't afford to play a trump as the defense can play a second trump when they get in with 10 of clubs, as that would

only leave me with 2 trumps in dummy to ruff with.

I hope to take:

4 spades in my hand

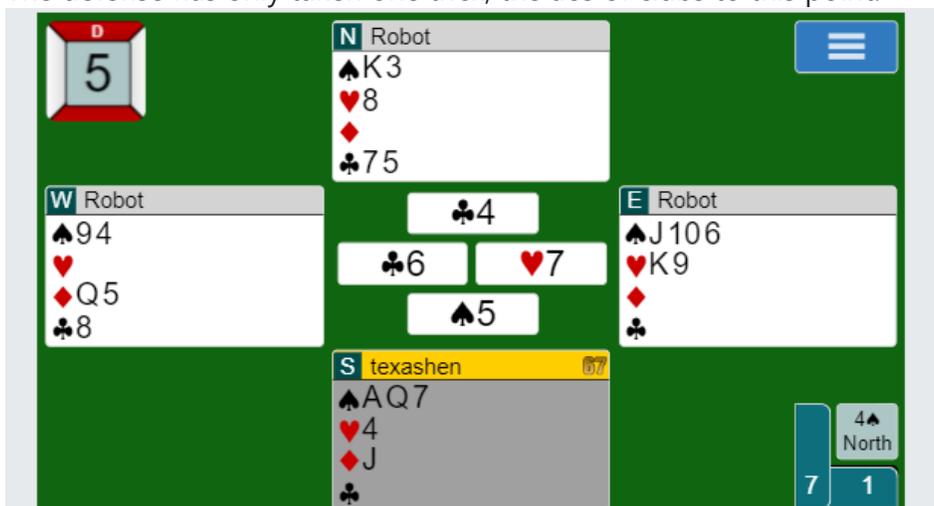
3 diamond ruffs in dummy

2 hearts if the heart finesse works, it does

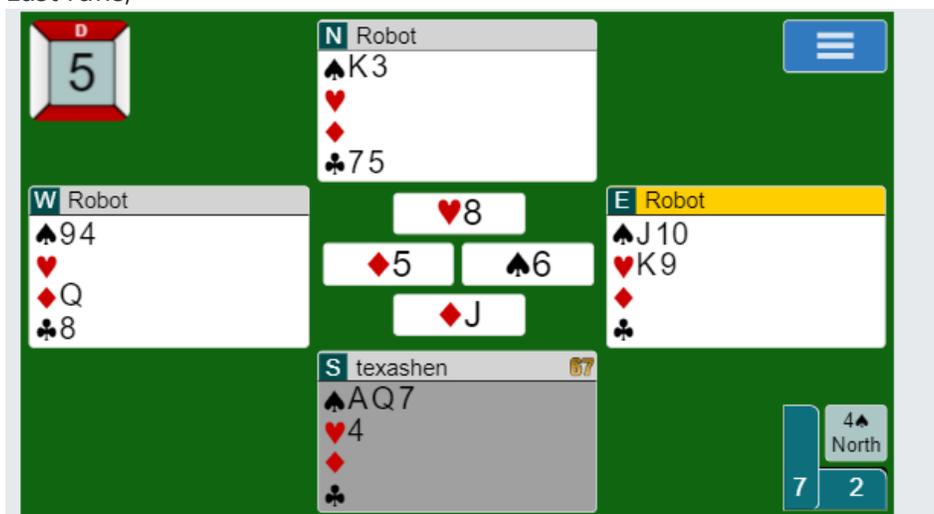
1 club

10 total tricks

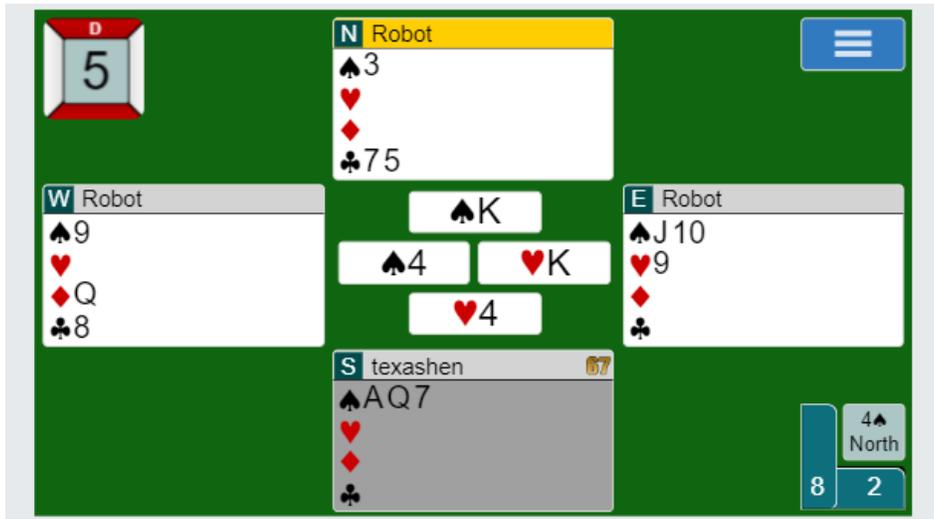
Turns out I take 11 tricks when everything goes smoothly and I end up with this position at trick 9. The defense has only taken one trick, the ace of clubs to this point.



I lead the Jack of diamonds, and when West fails to cover, I pitch the 8 of hearts (a loser on a loser). East ruffs,



East returns the King of hearts, ruffed by West and over ruffed with the King,



When I play a spade back to my hand, the J 10 fall under the AQ, making the 11th trick.