

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Another reason not to pull trump as declarer, is because you will give the defense a chance to cash a defense winner before you can get rid of it.

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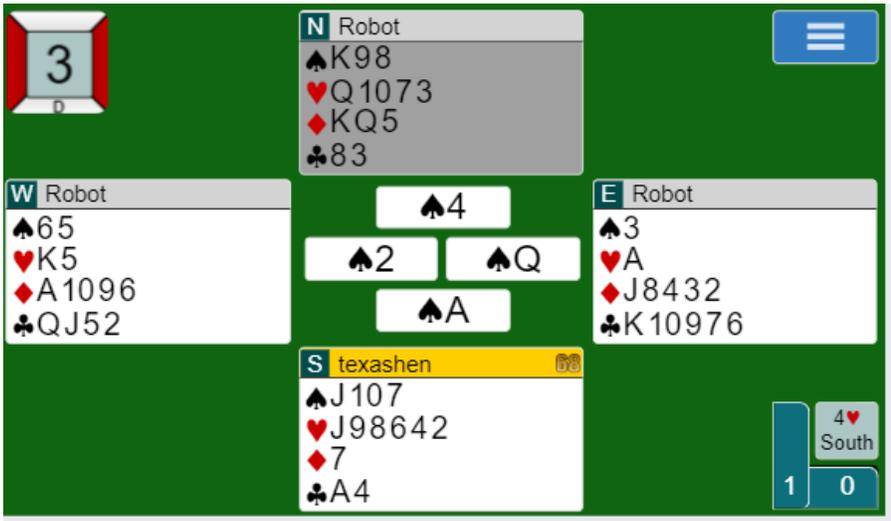
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N 3H (Limit raise, 4+ hearts and 10-12 points)

S 4H (This is not the time to count hcp. We have uncovered a 10+ card heart fit and I have 2 aces and a stiff in the side suits. The Law of Total Tricks is that we can make the same number of tricks as we have trump. That would be at least 10. The Law of Total Tricks works well with distributional hands like mine)

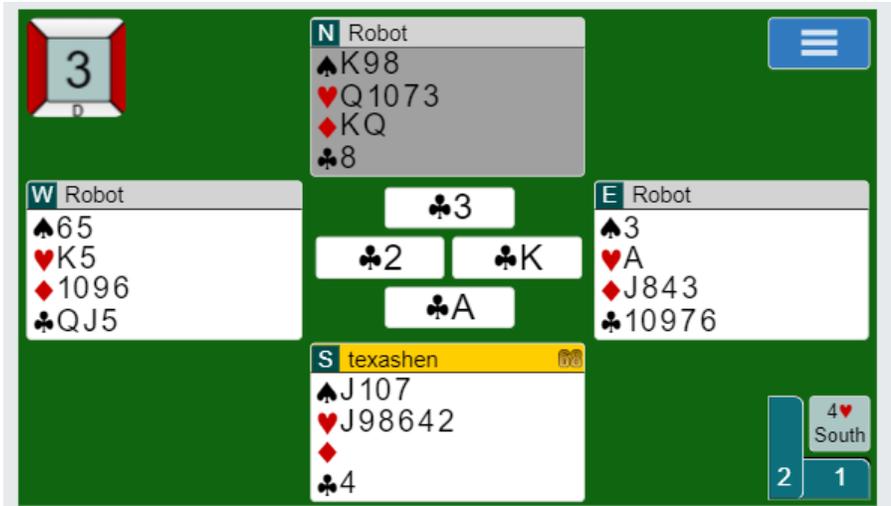
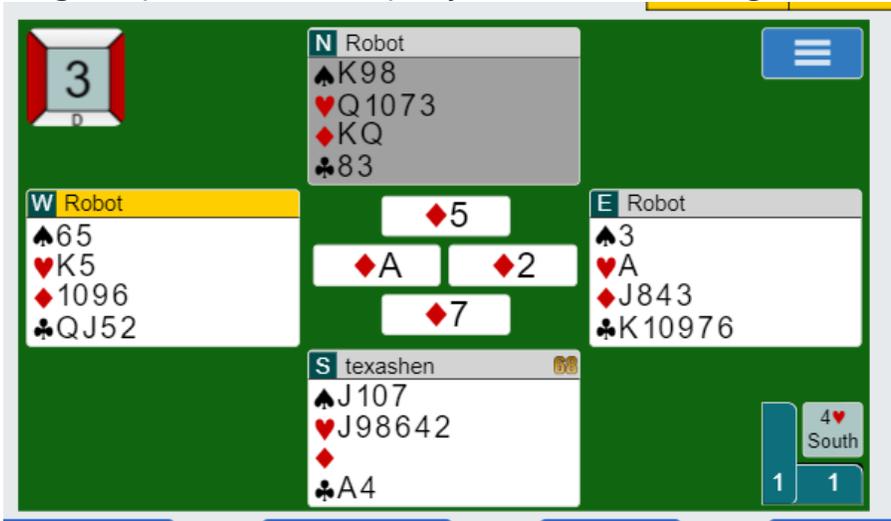
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West leads the 2 of spades.



This makes me happy as I now have the timing to get rid of my club loser. If the defense found a club lead, they could cash a club when they got in with the ace of diamonds.

Now I knock out the ace of diamonds. If a club is returned, I reach dummy with the King of spades and dump my club loser on a high diamond.



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N Robot
♠98
♥Q1073
♦KQ
♣8

W Robot
♠6
♥K5
♦1096
♣QJ5

E Robot
♠A
♥J843
♦10976
♣10976

S texashen
♠J10
♥J98642
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4♥ South
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N Robot
♠98
♥Q1073
♦Q
♣8

W Robot
♠6
♥K5
♦106
♣QJ5

E Robot
♠A
♥J43
♦10976
♣10976

S texashen
♠J10
♥J98642
♦
♣4

4♥ South
4 1

Now is the time to pull trump. I lose the Ace of diamonds and AK of trump - making 4.