

For a Future Newsletter and Corner

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When you don't have a good bid, and you're not in a forcing auction, just pass.

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S 1D

N 1H

S P (I have 12 hcp, a good 5 card diamond suit, and 2 useful 10's. I would evaluate this as a 14 point hand. However, since partner has passed and my suit is a minor, it is unlikely that we have game. Bidding 2D shows 6

diamonds. Bidding 1NT with a weak doubleton in the other major is not great. I have 3 useful hearts and a ruffing value. I'm willing to play 1H in a likely 7 card fit (Moysian fit).

Passed out.

East leads the 3 of spades (I would have preferred the 9 showing no spade honors).

Hand 1: Dealer North (texashen). Contract 1♥ North. Score 0-1.

Player	Hand
North (texashen)	♠ Q8 ♥ K632 ♦ 92 ♣ AJ54
West (Robot)	♠ AJ ♥ 9875 ♦ J83 ♣ 987
East (Robot)	♠ 9542 ♥ A4 ♦ K74 ♣ Q106
South (Robot)	♠ 10 ♥ QJ10 ♦ AQ1065 ♣ K32

Spades played: ♠ 6, ♠ K, ♠ 3, ♠ 7.

West wins the AK of spades and returns the 5 of hearts to the ace.

Hand 2: Dealer North (texashen). Contract 1♥ North. Score 0-3.

Player	Hand
North (texashen)	♠ Q ♥ K63 ♦ 92 ♣ AJ54
West (Robot)	♠ J ♥ 987 ♦ J83 ♣ 987
East (Robot)	♠ 542 ♥ 4 ♦ K74 ♣ Q106
South (Robot)	♠ QJ ♥ AQ1065 ♦ AQ1065 ♣ K32

Hearts played: ♥ 2, ♥ 5, ♥ A, ♥ 10.

East returns the 4 of hearts and I cash the QJ of hearts.

Hand diagram showing the first trick. The declarer (North) is 'texashen' and the dummy (South) is 'Robot'. The contract is 1♥ North. The trick being played is the 4 of hearts. The cards shown are:

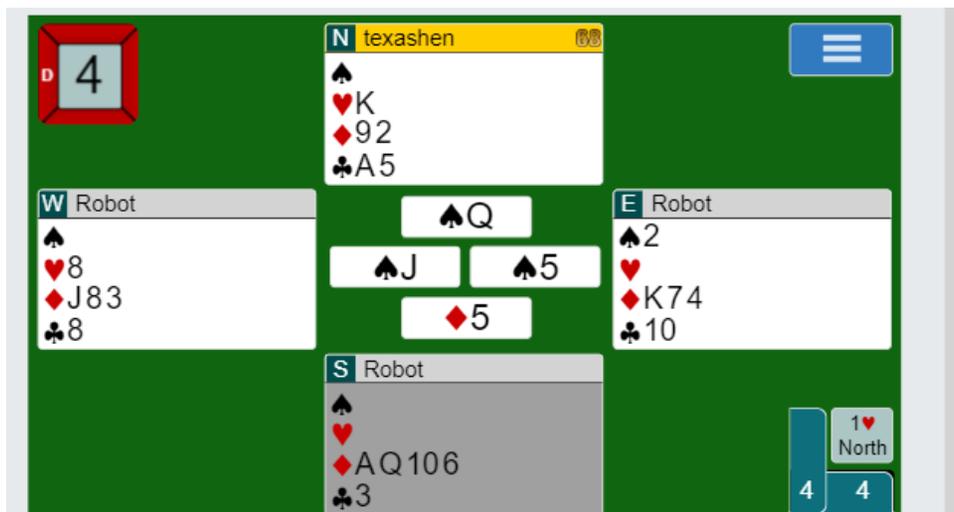
- North (texashen): ♠Q, ♥K, ♦92, ♣AJ54
- West (Robot): ♠J, ♥8, ♦J83, ♣987
- East (Robot): ♠52, ♥K74, ♣Q106
- South (Robot): ♠, ♥, ♦AQ1065, ♣K32

I cash the King of clubs and take the losing club finesse.

Hand diagram showing the second trick. The declarer (North) is 'texashen' and the dummy (South) is 'Robot'. The contract is 1♥ North. The trick being played is the King of clubs. The cards shown are:

- North (texashen): ♠Q, ♥K, ♦92, ♣A5
- West (Robot): ♠J, ♥8, ♦J83, ♣8
- East (Robot): ♠52, ♥K74, ♣10
- South (Robot): ♠, ♥, ♦AQ1065, ♣3

East leads the 5 of spades to the Q.



I pull the last trump, and finesse for the King of diamonds. It works. When the clubs split, I make the 13th club for 1H making 3.