For a Future Unit Newsletter and Corner

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Unless you're positive that your opponents are good enough to take their tricks, don't claim when you're conceding trick(s). Many defenders don't signal appropriately.



N 1C

S₁H

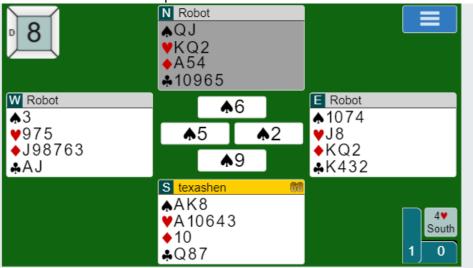
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S 2D (New minor forcing. Says nothing about diamonds. Asks if partner has 3 hearts for 4 spades)

N 2H (Admits to 3H)

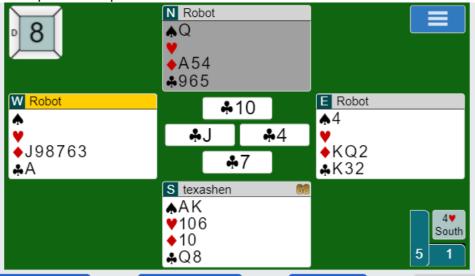
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West leads the 5 of spades.

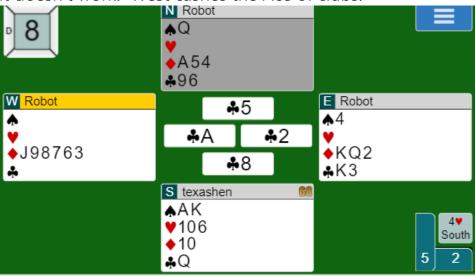


This contract is cold as all I can lose are 3 club tricks. I'll make a valuable over trick by finessing for the Jack of clubs or if the defense misdefends. So, I

So, I pull trump and finesse for the Jack of clubs.

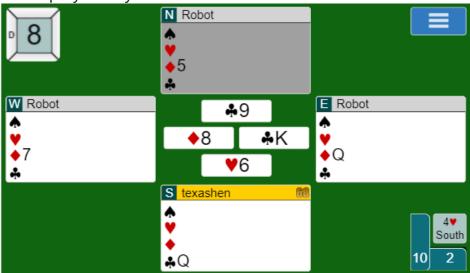


It doesn't work. West cashes the Ace of clubs.



I could concede the King of clubs claim, but I think I'll see if they misdefend.

I now play all my winners.



On my last winner, since my opponents have not signaled effectively East doesn't know if it should keep the Queen of diamonds or King of clubs. East doesn't know I started with a stiff diamonds, so it pitches the King of clubs. I win the Queen for a overtrick that I'm not entitled to.