

## For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Play to make your contract - especially at IMPS. Don't let the defense know what you have. Think at trick one.

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S 2NT (20-21 hcp, flattish, doesn't promise all suits stopped)

N 4NT (Quantitative, 12 hcp. Yep, North lies. 10 hcp. Adding points for length in a 6 card suit headed by the Jack is not recommended. High cards are more valuable in long suits than short one. If the 6 card diamond suit was headed by the AK, I would look for slam with 10 hcp, But the AK doubleton has the high cards in the wrong place. Should pass.)

S 6NT (20 hcp + 1 for the great 5 card club suit = 21.)

Passed out.

West leads the 9 of clubs not wishing to lead from an honor.



It looks bad. The contract looks hopeless unless the diamonds run. That would require the Queen of diamonds to be doubleton, not likely. Looks like I will have to let them in with a diamond and then the defense can cash the Ace of spades. Down 1.

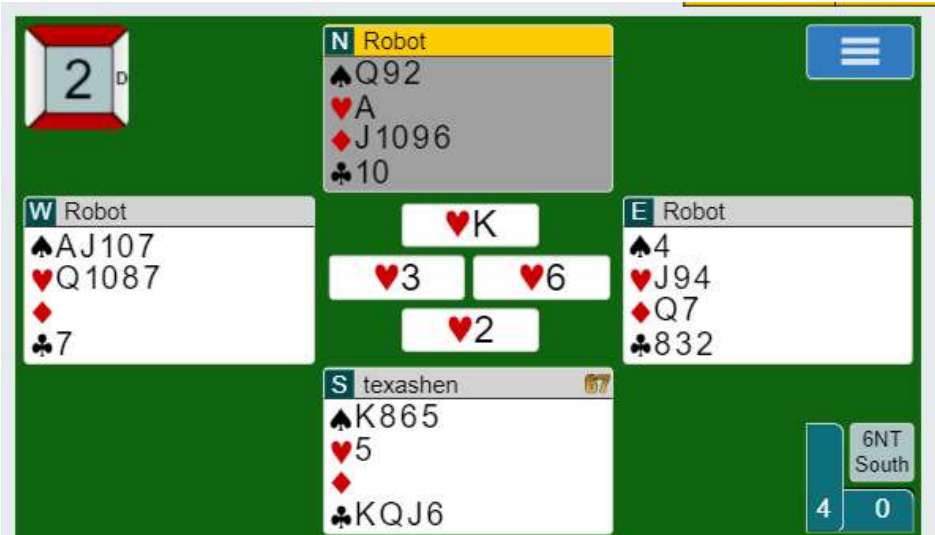
I need to make it hard on the defense. I resist the urge to win the 10 of clubs. That would let the defense know that I had all the high clubs. I win with the ace keeping my club holding secret.

I play the AK of diamonds hoping the Queen falls. With 5 out, it will fall about 40% of the time. It doesn't.

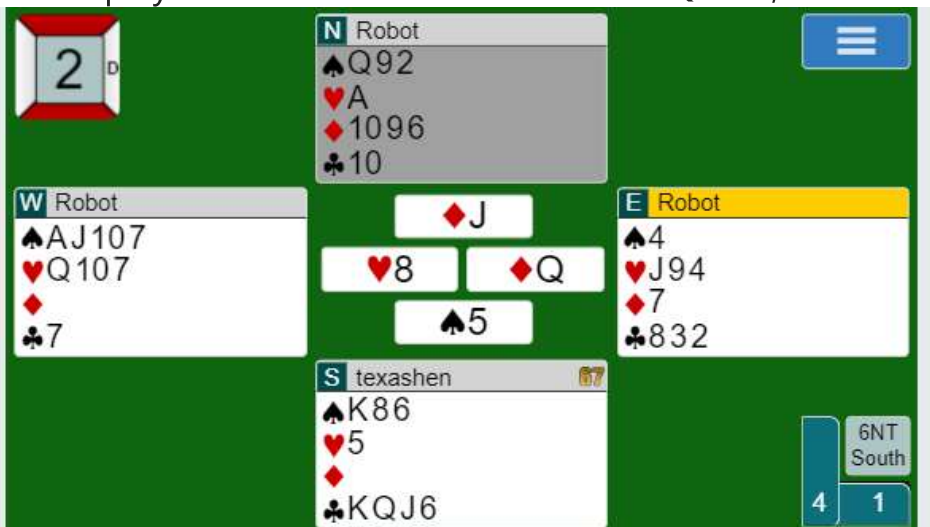


I need to get to the board to lead a diamond. Again, I resist the urge to use the 10 of clubs as an entry as that will reveal the club holding in my hand.

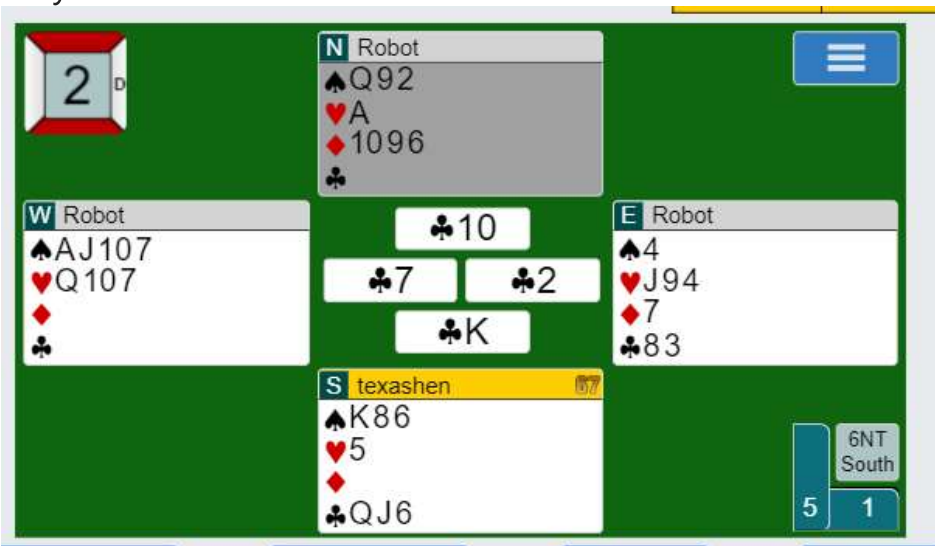
So, I play a heart to the King.



Then I play the Jack of diamonds to East's Queen,



Now I pray that East doesn't have the ace of spades. Prayer answered. Since I have carefully hidden my club holding, East must guess what to lead. I pray for a club. Prayer answered.



I win the King as I have no outside entry to my hand. I discard dummy's 3 spades on my 3 clubs and reach dummy with the 5 of hearts. Making.

Below is the play of the entire hand.

<https://tinyurl.com/2qqcnrcg>