

## For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Marty Bergen suggests marking your convention card for 1NT openers 14+ to an average 17 count. Hands like this with only 14 hcp should be opened 1NT.

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S 1NT (Yes, it's only 14 hcp but this is an upgradeable hand. It has 2 useful 10's and a nice 5 card suit. The small doubleton in hearts is just a minor flaw. 1NT does not promise a stopper in all suits. If the 10 of clubs was replaced with the Jack of hearts, nearly everyone would open this 1NT although the hand would then be significantly weaker.)

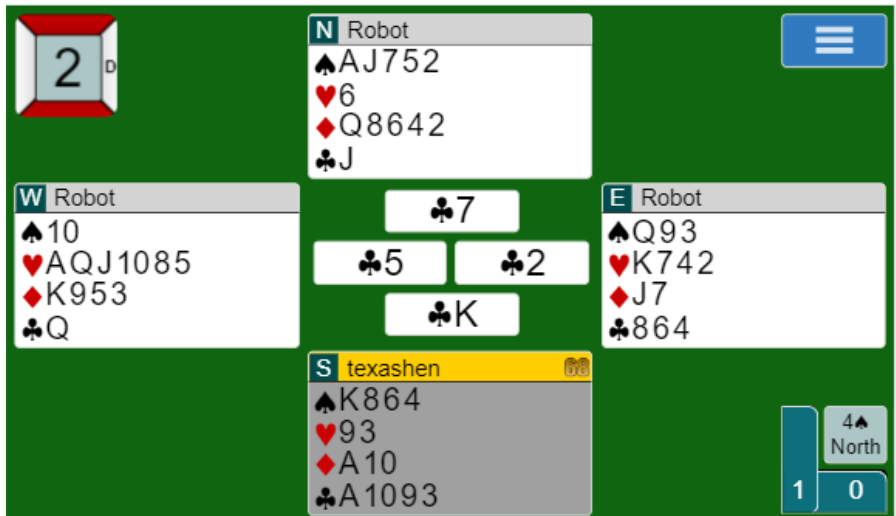
W 3H

N 3S (5+ spades and 8+ points)

S 4S (Good 4 card trump support, 3 quick tricks {Ace of diamonds, AK of clubs} and a source of tricks in clubs. When you have a good fit, controls and an outside source of tricks, don't count points. Think tricks. Bid aggressively)

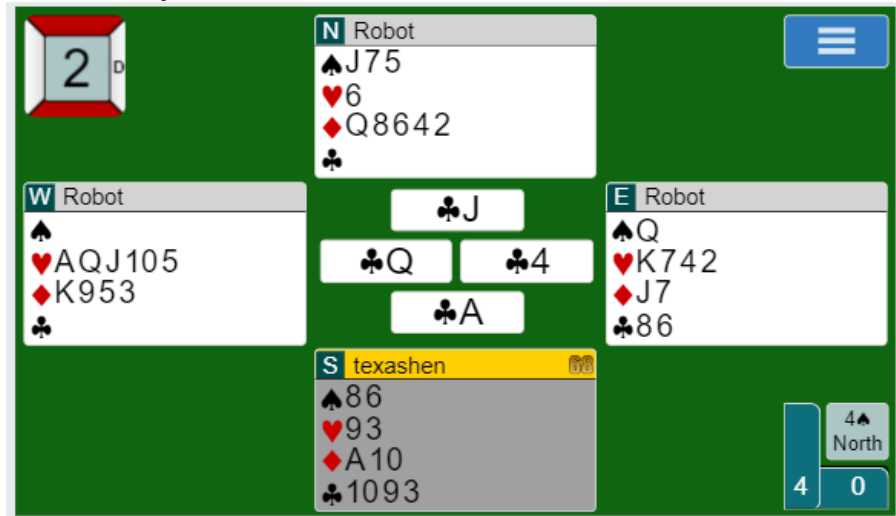
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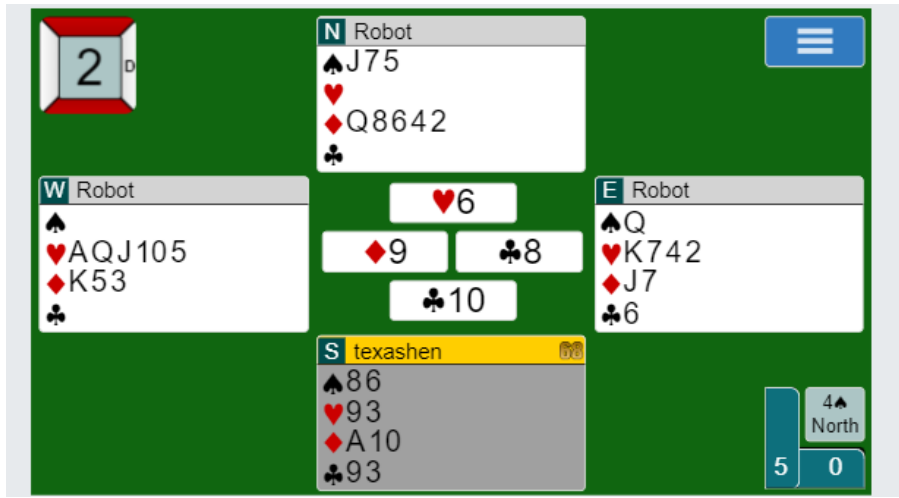
East leads the 2 of clubs. This is an unusual lead as West has shown strong hearts. I take it that East is hoping to either get a ruff in clubs or give West a ruff in clubs. I rise with the King as I can take the finesse later if I choose and I want to pull trump as quickly as possible.



I pull trump and end up losing only a diamond and the Queen of spades. Making 5.

After pulling trump. I play the Ace of clubs and then discard my heart loser on the 10 of clubs.





Making 5. Not leading partner's suit cost the defense a trick, With a live partner it tends to harm partnership harmony.