

Phoenix Bridge Club – Wednesday 9th January 2019

<p> ♠ 8742 ♥ 972 ♦ AQ4 ♣ K85 ♠ K1063 ♠ AJ9 ♥ A65 ♥ 3 ♦ J8 ♦ 1097652 ♣ QJ109 ♣ 642 ♠ Q5 ♥ KQJ1084 ♦ K3 ♣ A73 </p>	<p>Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>West</i></th> <th><i>North</i></th> <th><i>East</i></th> <th><i>South</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South is declarer in 4♥ and West leads the ♣Q.</p> <p>Declarer has 10 top tricks (5 Hearts, 3 Diamonds and 2 Clubs) so it just a matter of making sure he can cash these top 10 tricks in peace. So just draw three rounds of trumps first and then all is easy.</p> <p>If declarer gets blinded by his ♦AKQ and starts to cash those before drawing trumps he will lose 4 tricks straight away.</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>				1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>														
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Pass	4♥	All Pass															

♠ K65
 ♥ 7432
 ♦ Q9
 ♣ AKQJ
 ♠ J108 ♠ A9
 ♥ AKQ ♥ J1098
 ♦ 8743 ♦ 10652
 ♣ 952 ♣ 643
 ♠ Q7432
 ♥ 65
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ 1087

Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South is declarer in 4♠ and West leads ♥AKQ.

Declarer has lost 2 Heart tricks and must also lose a trick to the Ace of Trumps – which means he can't afford to lose a second trump trick.

The way to keep your trump losers to just one is to hope that one opponent has the doubleton of Ace of trumps and then lead through that opponent on the first round and then play a small trump from both hands on the second round.

So who has the ♠A? It must be East because West was dealer and couldn't open the bidding and has just shown us the ♥AKQ. So get to dummy with a Club and lead a small Spade from dummy to your Queen. Then play a small Spade from both hands and watch East's ♠A fall on thin air.

♠ AQJ1072
 ♥ A75
 ♦ 103
 ♣ Q7
 ♠ 4
 ♥ KQ83
 ♦ QJ98
 ♣ 10954
 ♠ 853
 ♥ J102
 ♦ 72
 ♣ AK863
 ♠ K96
 ♥ 964
 ♦ AK654
 ♣ J2

Board 21 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

North is declarer in 4♠ and East leads the ♣AK and then (hopefully) switches to anything.

Declarer has 9 top tricks – 6 Spades, 1 Heart and 2 Diamonds. His only chance of a 10th trick is to hope the Diamonds break 3-3 or 4-2 because then dummy's last remaining small Diamond will be a winner.

Declarer needs entries to dummy to all this setting up so he combines this setting up with his trump drawing process. Declarer wins the Heart switch and can afford to cash one top trump from hand. Then he starts on Diamonds by playing ♦AK and ruffing the third round of Diamonds in his hand with a big trump (just in case he gets over-ruffed). Then he enters dummy with the ♠9 and ruffs the fourth round of Diamonds (again with a high trump). Now the stage is set to draw the third round of trumps by playing a trump to dummy's King and then cashing his hard earned 10th trick with the ♦6.