

Fwd: For a Future LSBC Newsletter

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This lesson is kind of a fun one for all levels.

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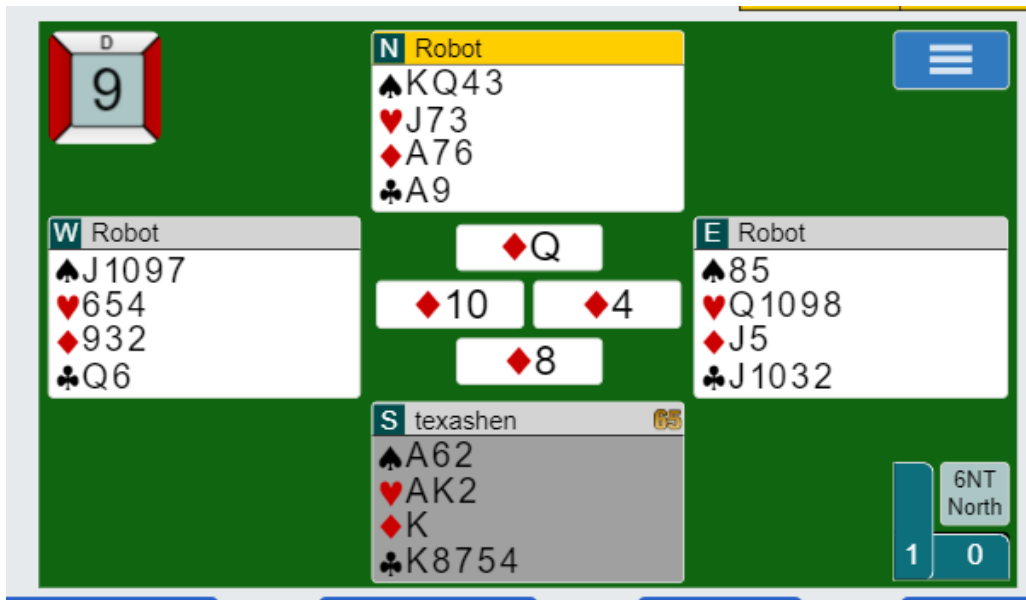
Taking advantage of a common defensive mistake to make a slam that should go down.

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N 1NT (15-17 hcp)

S 6NT (I have 17 hcp. It generally takes 33 hcp to make a small slam on pure high card power. I have a 5 card club suit, but it's not great. It is usually incorrect to add a point for a 5 card suit of this poor quality - but it is worth something, maybe. So, it's a close bid as to whether to bid 6NT or invite partner with a quantitative 4NT inviting partner to bid 6 NT with a good 16 point or 17 point hand. It's generally good bridge to allow partner to make the last mistake. But I like that my points are in aces and kings which are undervalued, so 6NT it is.)

East leads the 4 of diamonds.



These are my winners and potential winners:

3 or 4 spades (4 if they split 3-3)

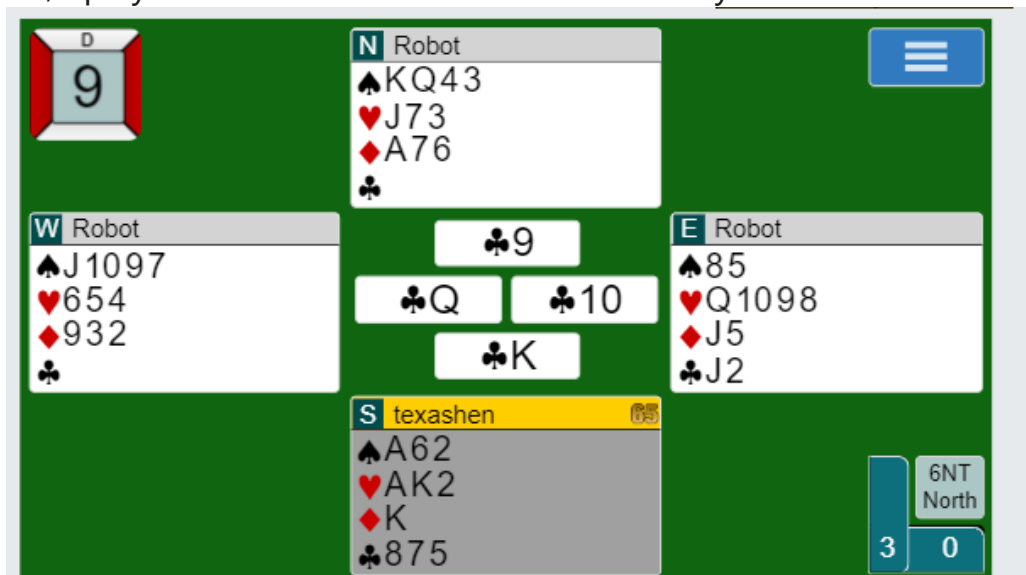
2 hearts (unless it's my lucky day and the Q is doubleton - not likely)

3 diamonds

2 or 4 clubs (2 if all I get is my AK, 4 if they split 3-3)

Looks like I need the clubs to split to come to 12 tricks. That's about a 36% shot. Wish I had just invited with 4NT.

So, I play ace and then the 9 of clubs from my hand.



East then makes the non thinking play and common error of covering the 9 with the 10. The old force them up play, which is old but often incorrect.

East sees all the clubs but the Queen. If declarer has the Queen it's marginal to cover at matchpoints to make sure that declarer doesn't finesse against the J 10 of clubs and take all 5 club tricks. But at IMPs, it is likely that declarer will make the contract

unless the defense can take 2 club tricks, so East should play that either declarer won't take the finesse against the J and 10 - which he probably won't with an initial club holding of A Q 9, or that West holds the Queen of clubs.

After East covers with the 10 of clubs, I now take the 4 club tricks needed to make the contract.

Here's the complete play which is uneventful after the 10 of clubs is wasted.

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