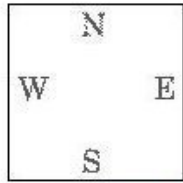


Problem 1

Defense

3rd August

West
 ♠ AK7
 ♥ 74
 ♦ K9764
 ♣ Q83



South **YOU**
 ♠ 952
 ♥ K10532
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 10962

After 1NT by East - 3NT by West,
 you lead the H3.
 Tr 1: H3 H4 HA H6
 Tr 2: H8 HQ ?

Problem 2

South / EW
 4♥ by North

North
 ♠ 4
 ♥ AJ10
 ♦ KJ752
 ♣ Q1098



East (YOU)
 ♠ 53
 ♥ 8763
 ♦ A10984
 ♣ 72

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West leads the CA and cashes the CK
 as well. Then he continues with the C6
 giving you your ruff.
 QUIZ: Your next play?

Problem 3

South / NS
 3NT by South

North
 ♠ 108754
 ♥ K6
 ♦ AQJ10
 ♣ 92

Lead: ♣ 3



YOU East
 ♠ AJ92
 ♥ 853
 ♦ 94
 ♣ A875

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Partner leads the C3 against 3NT
 You win the CA.
 QUIZ: Your next play?

East / NS		North	
		♠ J 10 8 6	
		♥ A J 9 8	
		♦ Q J 10 8	
		♣ 4	
West		East	
♠ AK7		♠ Q 4 3	
♥ 7 4		♥ Q 6	
♦ K 9 7 6 4		♦ A 5 2	
♣ Q 8 3		♣ AKJ 7 5	
		South	
		♠ 9 5 2	
		♥ K 10 5 3 2	
		♦ 3	
		♣ 10 9 6 2	

1. The defensive rules for returning partner's suit is –

- From A 9 8 return the 9 (top of doubleton 9-8)
- From A J 9 8 return the 8 (original 4th highest)

When partner returns the 8, don't hesitate – win declarer's queen with the king and follow up with a small one.

-1.

		♠ 4	
		♥ AJ10	
		♦ KJ752	
		♣ Q1098	
♠ QJ1098		♠ 53	
♥ 2		♥ 8763	
♦ Q63		♦ A10984	
♣ AK65		♣ 72	
		♠ AK762	
		♥ KQ954	
		♦ –	
		♣ J43	

2. After CA-CK-C ruff, they are booked.

Did you perchance try to cash the DA? Ouch.

Listen to the bidding! Declarer shows 5-5 in majors and has followed to 3 clubs. Ergo, he is void in diamonds!

There is no time to lose- play a trump quickly. Nothing else beats it!

Partner will thank you later for preserving his spade trick. Well done!

		♠ 10 8 7 5 4	
		♥ K 6	
		♦ A Q J 10	
		♣ 9 2	
♠ Q 6 3		♠ A J 9 2	
♥ J 10 7		♥ 8 5 3	
♦ 8 5 2		♦ 9 4	
♣ Q 10 6 3		♣ A 8 7 5	
		♠ K	
		♥ A Q 9 4 2	
		♦ K 7 6 3	
		♣ K J 4	

3. Have you concentrated on the bidding?

Declarer opened 1H and rebid 2D. That's 9 cards.

Now look at the lead = C3. Partner has precisely 4 cards in clubs as we can see the C2 in dummy. So declarer has 3 clubs. Ergo he has a singleton spade!

Cash the SA now! Then a small one to partner's honour and when partner returns a third spade, you are poised with the J-9 over dummy's 10-8!

Did YOU beat it?