

Lindsay's Challenge - February 2022 Newsletter

Challenge 17

<i>North</i>	
♠ A	
♥ K J 5 2	
♦ A K 7 2	
♣ A K 10 6	
<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ J 7 5 2	♠ K Q 9 8 4
♥ 10 9 8 7	♥ A Q 4 3
♦ 8 4	♦ 5
♣ J 9 3	♣ Q 7 5
<i>South</i>	
♠ 10 6 3	
♥ 6	
♦ Q J 10 9 6 3	
♣ 8 4 2	

How can South make Six Diamonds when West leads the Ten of Hearts?

The heart lead is covered by North and East returns a spade. A small trump is played, won by the queen and a spade is then ruffed with a diamond honour. Another small trump is led to declarers hand and another spade is ruffed. South returns to hand by ruffing a small heart and plays two rounds of diamonds, throwing two clubs from the North hand. If both East and West have discarded a club, the eight becomes the thirteenth trick. If either has thrown a heart dummy is entered with a club and the small heart is led and trumped. This establishes the other heart.