

Lindsay's Challenge - May 2021 Newsletter

Challenge 13

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

How can South make Six Spades after West leads the 10 of Spades?

To make 12 tricks South needs to set up 4 club tricks on which to discard the red suit losers. To cater for a 4-2 break in trumps, South can only afford to trump one club since there is likely to be a 4-2 break in clubs (as in this deal). To set up the clubs when they break 4-2, one club must be lost and one trumped. The only time a club can be lost safely is at trick 2. So, South leads a small club from dummy at trick 2! If a red suit is returned South must win in hand to preserve the needed entry in dummy.

South plays the last spade from dummy, trumps a small club, plays out the rest of the spades, then crosses to dummy's Ace of hearts to lead the 4 remaining clubs from the top, discarding the red suit losers from hand.