

Chilbolton Bridge Club Xmas puzzle page(s) ANSWERS

It involves tricks to tighten with spanner (8,6) *Contract Bridge*

Game cut short when American leaves (6) *Bridge*

Which famous bridge player said :-

And these were the words of the Hideous Hog , Victor Mollos brilliant creation from his stories of Bridge in the Menagerie. The Hog an inveterate overbidder who steals contracts off opponents and partners alike has the saving grace of being able to make the impossible calls he lands in. There are a few similar I can think of in Chilbolton

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The contract was 7C and the J Hearts was led the Q being played from the dummy

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| | (dummy) | |
| | 102 | |
| | Q5 | |
| | Q542 | |
| | Q10985 | |
| 764 | | J5 |
| J10952 | | K843 |
| KJ98 | | A10763 |
| K | | 64 |
| | AKQ983 | |
| | A7 | |
| | Void | |
| | AJ732 | |

Michelle Brunner found the masterstroke of playing the 3 Hrts under the Q Hrts.

What's clever about that ?

Well the declarer finding themselves in dummy led the Q cl for a finesse of the King. And you can see how that worked out. If The K hearts had been played at trick 1 the declarer would have had to lead out the Ace clubs from hand. Michelle Brunner won the award for the best defence of the year .

Word I had after opponent initially made optimistic call at bridge (7) *Overbid*

opponent initially = O Word = verb I had = Id

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| (dummy) | |
| J109853 | |
| QJ975 | |
| Void | |
| 32 | AQ4 |
| | 32 |
| K7 | KQ843 |
| AK6 | QJ83 |
| 10932 | |
| A765 | |
| (you) | |

When your right hand opponent plays the Ace spades you must throw your K spades under it ! The reason is that if you don't the right hand defender will lead a diamond forcing you to ruff in dummy. You would then play a spade to your K; return to dummy with a diamond ruff and play the J spades. The defender would win with the Q spades (which would theoretically mean that the remaining spades in dummy were all winners; theoretically because you have no more trumps and cannot get back to dummy to play the winning spades. Playing the K spades under the Ace solves all the entry problems and you make 10 trick's.

What and I have to work all that out in advance.? That wasn't Michelle Brunner playing again was it ?No actually it was a Chilbolton player.

 Here in 6NT you will need to play well on the heart lead. How do you play ?

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| | (dummy) | |
| | AQ74 | |
| | Q102 | |
| | J87 | |
| | K43 | |
| (defender) | | (defender) |
| J985 | | 106 |
| 9 | | KJ87653 |
| 5432 | | 96 |
| J986 | | 105 |
| | K32 | |
| | A4 | |
| | AKQ10 | |
| | AQ72 | |

If you play the 4 Hrts at trick 1 and allow the defenders to win this trick you cannot fail to make 12 tricks (and any other play allows the opponents to beat you). You are going to play a squeeze and the technical term for the heart duck at trick 1 is “ rectifying the count”. NB most squeezes require you to lose straight away all but the tricks you need to make your contract. So if you want to play a squeeze to make a 10 trick contract you first must lose three tricks. Here requiring 12 tricks you must first lose 1 trick.

You win whatever suit is led at trick 2 and play all your diamonds out. You cash the Ace hearts and the defender on your left has to throw either a spade or a club. Cross off the cards as they are played if you don't believe me.

Happy New Year