

Christmas puzzles ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

1) I had been waiting about 30 years to show my expertise with the type of hand below and finally the moment arrived (last week). And I completely muffed it. But the same (or very similar) hand was dealt to me this week too (true). Did I do any better ? Well you know ..the light was in my eyes , I was tired and NO ! I failed again. Can you do any better ?

The opponents arrive in 3NT after you had opened a cheeky 1Sp in third seat. Anyway partner led the 7 spades. You have plans how to play no doubt. How do you see the hand working out ? Declarer by the way is a good player.

N	E	S	W
P	P	1S	Dble
P	2H	P	3NT
P	P	P	

	E (dummy)
	32
	QJ76
	K43
	10987

	S (you)
	AKQ65
	543
	J54
	32

2) And how would you play here as South (after West has been doubled in 1NT) ? Your partner leads the Ace Hrts. Any thoughts about trick 2 and trick 3 ?

N	E	S	W
-----	P	P	1NT
Dble	P	P	P

	E (dummy)
	KJ943
	63
	J62
	J97

	S (you)
	107652
	K2
	Q94
	862