

Playing Defense

Doing the Best You Can
With What You Were Dealt

Problem 1-1 ♠...2 ♠...4 ♠

You

♠ 7 2

♥ Q J 10 9

♦ A 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 5

Dummy

♠ K 4 3

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ 9 4 2

♠ A Q 10 6 5

♥ A 7 2

♦ 9

♣ A 8 2

♠ J 3

♥ K 8 6

♦ J 10 9

♣ K J 10 7 3

You lead the ♥Q, partner plays the king and declarer wins the ace. Declarer plays the ace and queen of spades and leads the ♦9

Problem 2-1 ♠...3 ♠...4 ♠

You

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ 8 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ 6 5 2

Dummy

♠ Q J 9

♥ K 10 4

♦ 8 7 3

♣ K J 10 7

♠ 9

♥ 9 5 3 2

♦ A 10 5 4

♣ Q 9 8 4

♠ K 10 4 3 2

♥ A Q J 7

♦ Q 9

♣ A 3

Problem 3

♦ J

You

♠ J 9 3 2

♥ 7

♦ A K J 9 7 4 2

♣ A

♠ A Q

♥ Q J 10 6 5 3

♦ 8 6 3

♣ K 3

Dummy

♠ K 10 4

♥ A K 9 2

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 10 9 6

♦ 3

♠ 8 7 6 4

♥ 8 2

♦ 5

♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

♦ 5

You

3 ♦

North

3 ♥

South

4 ♥

Problem 4- Using the Rule of 11.

	♠K	♠ K 2		
		♥ Q 9 8		
		♦ A K J 10 2		
		♣ A 7 4		♠ 5
You			♠ A Q 8 5 4	
♠ J 10 3			♥ 10 5 3	
♥ A J 7 2			♦ 9 3	
♦ 8 5 4			♣ J 9 5	
♣ Q 8 6		Dummy		
		♠ 9 7 6		
		♥ K 6 4		
		♦ Q 7 6	North	South
		♣ K 10 3 2	1nt	2nt
			3nt	all pass

Problem 5- Using the Rule of 11.

Dummy

♠ J 7 3 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7 5

You

♠ 9 8 5 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ A 8

♣ K 10 5 4

♦3

You

♠ 10 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ K 9 8 3

♣ Q 8 6 2

♠ A K Q

♥ K 10 5

♦ Q J 10 7 4

♣ A J

South

2nt

3♦

north

3♣

3nt

♦4

Problem 6- Don't Be Afraid to Force Declarer to Ruff

Dummy

♠ 7 6 5 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ Q 7 6

♣ J 8 6

♠ 9

♠ A 9 8 4

♥ 5

♦ K 5 4 3

♣ 7 4 3 2

♠ K

You

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ Q 8 3

♦ J 8 2

♣ Q 10 6

♠ J

♥ A J 7 6 4 2

♦ A 10 9

♣ A K 9

♠ J

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

north

2 ♥

All Pass

Problem 6- Don't Be Afraid to Force Declarer to Ruff

Dummy

♠ K 2
 ♥ K J 10 8 2
 ♦ Q 6 4
 ♣ Q 10 9

♠ A - 8

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 10 8 5
 ♣ J 8 5 4 3

♠ Q

You

♠ Q J 10 9 7
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ 7 6

♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ A k 8 3
 ♣ A K 2

♠ 4 - 5

South

1 nt
 2 ♥
 4 ♥

north

2 ♦
 3 nt

Problem 7- Don't Give Declarer a Ruff and a Discard

	Dummy	
	♠ J 9 8 7 6	
	♥ K 8	♥ A - 2
♥ Q	♦ K 8 3	
You	♣ A Q J	
♠ Q 4		♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 4 3		♥ A 10 5 2
♦ A 9 6		♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 7		♣ 8 5 4 2
	♠ A K 10 4 3	
	♥ 7 6	
	♦ Q 7 5	
	♣ K 6 3	
♥ 6 - 7		
	South	north
	1 ♠	4 ♠
	all pass	

Problem 8- Sometimes a Discard is Better than a Ruff

	Dummy			
	♠ 7 6 4			
	♥ K 10 2		♥ J - A -4	
♥ 8 - 5 - ♣ 3	♦ K Q 10 7			
	♣ 10 9 2			
You			♠ 5	
♠ K 10 8			♥ A Q J 7 6 4	
♥ 8 5			♦ 9 8 6	
♦ 5 4 3			♣ K 6 4	
♣ J 9 7 5 3	♠ A Q J 9 3 2			
	♥ 9 3			
	♦ A J 2			
	♣ A Q			
		East	South	north
		2 ♥	double	3 ♦
		pass	3 ♠	4 ♠
		All pass		
♥ 3 - 9 ♠ J				