



## WHY BOOK WITH A TRAVEL AGENT?

**W**hy on earth, in this day and age, would anyone book with a travel agent versus booking it themselves online?



There are two reasons: price and service. A Travel Agent who specializes in cruises, tours or air books thousands or even tens of thousands per year. He or she can negotiate discounts far below the best price an individual consumer would pay. But price is not the best part. When something goes wrong, a Travel Agent has the purchasing power to command better service for you, their customer. Think of it this way. If someone who buys one cruise, tour or air ticket a year from you complains, do you really care? Probably not. Now, if someone who buys 5,000 cruises or air tickets a year from you complains, are you going to take care of their problem. Yes, you are. That's exactly what happens. Cruise, tour companies or airlines will bend over backwards to correct a problem when a major Travel Agent is involved. As a consumer, if something is not right, you're much better off with a Travel Agent representing you.

Unforeseen things happen when traveling. Planes are missed, hotels get double booked. Events get cancelled. When consumers book their trips through a travel agent, that agent can act on their behalf should something unexpected crop up. Also, your travel agent is plugged into the travel community and can give you last-minute information about changes. If you are traveling internationally, a travel agent can help ease the transition through international flights. And should you have to cancel your trip at the last second, a travel agent is the only person you need to call in order to facilitate that.

When you are travelling, you need someone on your side. There may be delays, glitches or cancellations. You don't want to be in line at the counter or on the phone to the airline. A travel agent can help you differentiate between what sounds great and what is great. Travel agents deal with consortiums and wholesalers and have discount prices. You get better rooms at hotels when you deal with a travel agent. Travel agents have "been there & done that!" They can tell you their favourite coffee shop in Rome, what days of the week it is best to see something and also help with the pacing of a trip if they think you are "biting off more than you can chew." A travel agent, simply put, adds tremendous value to your trip. Last year, The Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) held its annual ACTA Atlas Awards Gala at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montreal. This annual event recognizes the finest in the industry. **VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP was awarded the highly coveted TRAVEL AGENCY OF THE YEAR.**

**Vision 2000 Travel GROUP** is the largest Canadian-owned travel management company. A leader in travel management solutions, Vision 2000 provides a full range of business & leisure travel services from over 30 full-service venues across Canada. **Vision 2000** ranks among the top TEN in the world with Virtuoso, the world's largest Luxury Travel Network.

Trust is everything. At the end of the day, deal with someone you trust. On internet, you don't know who you are dealing with.

**Vision 2000 Travel** has the answers AND the service. Call **Liz Gibb** at 416-915-2808 or 416-487-5385 or 1-800-387-2440. Liz and Barbara have been partners in the travel business for over 20 years. Vision 2000 Travel is at 1200 Sheppard Ave E # 201.

## AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE



**T**he A.C.B.L. is the largest organizing body of bridge in the world. Make the most of your game when you join the ACBL. Your membership will include the Bridge Bulletin monthly magazine — full of information for players at all levels — as well as the opportunity to earn masterpoints as you advance to become a Life Master. Receive these and other valuable member benefits.

With more than 3,200 bridge clubs, 1,100 annual tournaments throughout North America and many sanctioned games online, there's always a place at the table. We hope you'll become a member of the ACBL's community of 160,000 friends and partners who enjoy bridge as much as you do.

Effective Jan 1, 2010, the requirements for becoming a Life Master will change to 500 masterpoints, of which 50 must be silver, 25: red and 25: gold. **If you join ACBL before December 31, 2009**, and remain a member in good standing, then the requirements for you to become a Life Master will remain **@ 300 master points**.

So, now is the time to join (or re-join) ACBL. New members: \$34.80. Renewals (and re-instatements...there is an amnesty period now so you are not penalized for the period you were not a member): \$50.50). Can \$. If you join with Barbara or Alex or Wayne, we can give you an Instant ACBL number and get all master points that you have won over the past year. credited to your account.

If you are re-joining, you can re-instate at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) and click on **RENEW** or call 1-800-264-2743. Have your ACBL # available when renewing. If you do not know your number, Alex or Barbara can find it for you.

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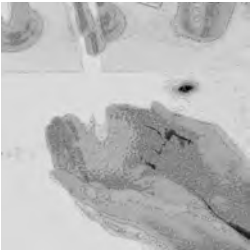
## ON THE ROAD

**A**lex and Barbara flew to Calgary in mid-September to teach. There were 180 students in each of 3 classes. What a great group. Our wonderful hostess, Helen Graham, drove us first to Lake Louise. What heaven! Then on to the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. We then dined at the Post Hotel and Spa in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

The following week, I flew to San Francisco to teach: At a lovely bridge club in Santa Rosa and the next day in San Rafael, in the heart of Marin County. I stayed on Belvedere Island, across from Sausalito. The Golden Gate Bridge was seconds away and I could see it every day from my bedroom. I found out before the trip that an old friend (with whom I attended Boarding School in Barbados), was taking bridge lessons in San Francisco. I contacted her (having lost touch with her for 20 years); she met me at the airport and we went to lunch at the Four Seasons Hotel. Then we shopped at Bloomingdale's. It is the way I was born to live! While teaching in San Francisco, one of the students came to me and observed: "You have to have NO pride in order to play this game!" I had to agree. Bridge is a most humbling game!

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**Chances that a road is unpaved in the U.S.A: 1%, in Canada: 75%.**



## **LET'S ALL BE HEALTHY!**

Dr. Vinay Goyal is an MBBS, DRM, DNB (Intensivist and Thyroid specialist) with clinical experience of over 20 years.

"While you are still healthy and not showing any symptoms of flu, in order to prevent proliferation, aggravation of symptoms and development of secondary infections, some very simple steps, can be practiced:

1. Frequent hand-washing. Make it a ritual habit...make it part of your daily routine... DO NOT BE LAZY...!!!
2. "Hands-off-the-face" approach. Resist all temptations to touch any part of face (unless you want to eat, bathe or slap).
3. Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C. If you have to supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has Zinc to boost absorption.
4. Drink lots of warm liquids. Drinking warm liquids washes off proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive, proliferate or do any harm."

*We now have hand sanitizer at our School of Bridge and at the Regal during our games. Please use it often and please avoid putting cards near your face. If you are feeling unwell, it would be best to stay home till you are better.*

*We take large groups of people on our trips. We recommend to people that **if** they feel a cold coming on, they should take COLD FX (available in all pharmacies) and ZINC 50 mg. tablets. This will frequently prevent the cold from materializing but if it does materialize, it will be considerably milder. COLD FX is an all natural product and boosts your immune mechanism. We do not have shares in the company!! 😊*

## **PARKING AT THE REGAL**

Sometimes the lot at Lawrence Plaza (526 A Lawrence W) may seem quite full. There is LOTS of parking on adjacent side streets. The North south street to the immediate west of the plaza on the north side of Lawrence has unlimited parking till 4 pm and so does the East-West street parallel to Lawrence, JUST north of the Plaza. You can then enter the Plaza through the opening between Shoppers Home Health and TD Bank.



## **PENCIL AMNESTY**

Pencils! Who would think they could add up to such a cost! At 31c each, we would! We lose an average of 100 per week. We find them everywhere we go, even at other bridge clubs! They wander home in purses and convention cards and accumulate in your drawers at home. If you bring them back, you won't even have to sharpen them; we will be delighted to welcome them back and we won't even glare at you. You can keep the ones that show signs of being chewed. Is it hunger or nerves?

## **GOLD POINTS ON OCT 19<sup>th</sup>. AT THE REGAL**

A Swiss Team Championship Game will be held at the Regal on Mon. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. @ 7 pm. Fractions of gold points will be awarded. Join David Halasi for this fun evening.

## **OUR SCHOOL OF BRIDGE IS NOT MOVING! THE RESTAURANT IS STAYING! SAME OWNER, NEW MENU, MORE GREAT FOOD!**

**M**irko Babic was about to sell the Sweet Gallery, but now this has all changed. Help has arrived and he is now in a position to continue on & make some great changes in menu and other aspects of the restaurant. Mirko has been at the Sweet Gallery for 12 years or so and he is the most wonderful man. He has been the landlord of our dreams and we love being there. It is a wonderful restaurant. We don't know what the changes will be but Mirko will be there and so will our School. If the restaurant name should change, know that many of the same traditions will be continuing on. Because of the name "Sweet Gallery" many people have often wrongly assumed that this is a restaurant for desserts and pastries only. This is far from the truth. There are many hot menu items, salads and full meals, all Continental-style. The prices are extremely reasonable. There will soon be new menus: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mirko also will be doing lots of catering. If you are planning a dinner party in your home or having a larger function anywhere, please keep him in mind. Tel: 416-484-9622 or cell: 416-520-5573. Upstairs is available on weekends & some weekdays for special functions also.

## **OUR NEW LIFE MASTERS!**

Congratulations to our three newest Life Masters, all of whom have become good friends and interchangeable partners. They met at our Club a number of years ago and have done so well at the game.



Mary Lovrics "went over" while playing with her Dad, David Sullivan, at our club. Natalie Silverstein and Barbara Murray became Life Masters in Barrie at the recent Regional Tournament. They are all great girls and always good fun to be with at the table. Natalie not only became a life master but became also a BRONZE Life Master.

As we were going to press, we heard that Anne Sinclair just became a Life Master at the Ottawa Regional. Congratulations, Anne!

## **THE DEVIL'S TICKETS**

A Night of Bridge, a Fatal Hand and a New American Age  
by Gary Pomerantz

*"Gary writes about the Bennett murder case & makes it the focus of his fascinating, deeply researched new book. This is history with a whole lineup of compelling characters..."*

*Pomerantz handles it all with a stirring sense of story and human behaviour."*

*The Kansas*

*"A mesmerizing tale...a fascinating and thoroughly delightful read. Rating A Plus."*

*ACBL Bulletin*

*"A deliciously detailed and splendidly written account of the emergence of bridge as America's # 1 pastime...illuminating a crime and card game of passion, and the gentle gender-bending of the Roaring Twenties and Great Depression, Pomerantz weaves a compelling read even for people who don't know the difference between a trick and a trump."*

*National Public Radio.*

*If you are interested in the history of the game of bridge, this is a must read. You will also learn a lot about one of the forefathers of the game, Ely Culbertson. I couldn't put it down. In bookstores everywhere now.*

*Barbara Seagram*

Acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner has opened: No cards in the suit, and sudden death.

Alfred Sheinwold

- A. ID  
 IS  
 You

What will you bid with the following hands in this seat?

- |    |                                    |    |                                       |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| 1. | S 87<br>HAQ94<br>D 752<br>C K753   | 2. | S A 8<br>H 10763<br>D K 76<br>C Q 874 | 3. | S AQ10873<br>H 84<br>D 8<br>C 9852 |
| 4. | S 92<br>H AQJ53<br>D KQ<br>C 10862 | 5. | S AJ10<br>H Q73<br>D 965<br>C Q842    | 6. | S 76<br>H K542<br>D 983<br>C QJ64  |

- B. IC  
 IH  
 You

What will you bid with the following hands in this seat?

- |    |                                   |    |                                    |    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | S AQ62<br>H 954<br>D Q532<br>C 54 | 2. | S A763<br>H 108<br>D 32<br>C KQ764 | 3. | S KJ654<br>H K98<br>D 3<br>C K872 |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|

C. You are using negative doubles. What should you bid after the bidding has gone:

- | You | Opponent                          | Partner | Opponent                           |    |                                    |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| IC  | IS                                | Double  | Pass                               |    |                                    |
| ??  |                                   |         |                                    |    |                                    |
| 1.  | S 87<br>H KJ74<br>D A83<br>C AJ98 | 2.      | S AJ10<br>H Q5<br>D K72<br>C KJ743 | 3. | S 4<br>H AJ6<br>D 943<br>C AQJ932  |
| 4.  | S A7<br>H KQJ6<br>D 93<br>C AQ743 | 5.      | S 9<br>H AQJ7<br>D KQ7<br>C AQ752  | 6. | S AQJ10<br>H 93<br>D KQ8<br>C AQJ4 |

ANSWERS:

- A. 1. Double 2. Double 3. Pass & hope that partner can re-open the bidding with a double  
 4. 2H 5. 1 NT 6. Double
- B. 1. Double 2. Double (If partner now bids 2 D, you now bid 3 C)  
 3. IS (Just bid naturally with a 5 card major)
- C. 1. 2H 2. INT 3. 2C 4. 3H 5. 4H
6. Pass (You will get lots of points for defeating them in IS)

*Note to less experienced players. This has been a quiz on Negative Doubles. If you are not yet playing these, you should soon add these to your repertoire. You will wonder how you lived without them. More information can be gleaned in 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know (B. Seagram & M. Smith: Master Point Press) and in our Intermediate III course on Defence & Conventions (starts Oct 15)*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon. Oct 19 @ 7 pm  
 SWISS TEAMS at REGAL  
**GOLD POINTS!**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 Mon Nov 2 @ 7 pm  
 Tue Nov 3 @ 12 noon  
 Wed Nov 4 @ 12 noon + 7 pm

**SILVER POINTS AT REGAL**  
 Same hands played throughout Ontario, Manitoba & Bermuda  
 Mon Nov 16 @ 7 pm  
 Tue Nov 17 @ 12 noon  
 Wed Nov 18 : 12 noon + 7 pm

**XMAS/Hanukkah party at Regal**  
**WED 9 DEC 11.30 am**  
**Bagels & cream cheese & chopped egg salad**

**CLUB IS OPEN**  
**MONDAY 21 Dec: 7 pm**

**CLUB IS CLOSED**  
**Tue 22 Dec 12 noon**  
**Wed 23 Dec 12 + 7 pm**  
**Mon 28 Dec 7 pm**  
**Tue 29 Dec 12 noon**  
**Wed 30 Dec 12 + 7 pm**

# RIVER BOAT BRIDGE CRUISE: VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE RICHES OF THE MEKONG DELTA

FEB 6-28, 2011



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## SHIP: MS La MARGUERITE (Built 2009) AMA WATERWAYS. Spacious cabins (226 sq ft) 92 passengers

Feb 6: Fly from Toronto (or from your own home city) to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) **Feb 7: Arrive HO CHI MINH CITY (D)**

**Feb 8: HO CHI MINH CITY.** Morning drive through typical southern Vietnamese countryside to Tay Ninh province. Visit Cao Dai Temple, a fusion of different religions that combines the mixture of elements from other world religions, observe noon service. Later, visit famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. (B,L)

**Feb 9: HO CHI MINH CITY – DA NANG – HOI AN** Fly to Da Nang, Vietnam's fourth largest city. Visit ancient trading town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,D)

**Feb 10: HOI AN.** Walking tour of town's most famous landmarks, Hoi An Museum, old Chinese Merchants' houses, Assembly Hall and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Then, travel by sampan on the Thu Bon River or spend leisure time on the beautiful sandy beach of Cua Dai. (B,L)

**Feb 11: HOI AN.** Red Bridge Cooking tour in Hoi An. Visit colorful local village market and herb garden. Learn how to prepare some of Vietnam's best-known dishes in this hands-on experience, and enjoy the lunch you have prepared. Observe the local life along the river, as you take a boat ride on the Hoi An River before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

**Feb 12: HOI AN – DANANG – HUE.** Leaving behind the peaceful atmosphere of Hoi An, travel north to Da Nang and Hue. En route, visit Marble Mountains and enjoy a scenic view from the pagoda located inside the mountain. Visit a stone-cutting craft village nearby before continuing to Da Nang for a tour and visit to the Cham Museum. Continue heading north with a stop at scenic Lang Co Beach. Cross the beautiful Hai Van Pass, before arriving in Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam, whose monuments have earned it a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. (B,L)

**Feb 13: HUE.** Boat trip along the serene Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda, the best known pagoda in central Vietnam. Then, drive to the Tomb of former Emperor Minh Mang, visit the elaborate tomb of Emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh, and the Royal Citadel with its Imperial Purple City. (B,L)

**Feb 14: HUE – HANOI: FLY TO HANOI, VIETNAM.** Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and ancient temples. After your airport greeting, transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city on your own, or perhaps, visit the fabled Old Quarter (B,D)

**Feb 15: HANOI.** A morning sightseeing tour will take you to Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show. (B)

**Feb 16: HANOI – HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT JUNK.** After breakfast, depart Hanoi for a scenic motorcoach ride to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations: Ha Long Bay. Board a traditional wooden Junk that combines classic beauty with modern conveniences, plus luxurious overnight accommodations. Set sail to discover the Bay's magnificent scenery set amidst stunning limestone cliffs. That evening, you'll enjoy dinner onboard, and overnight on the Junk. (B,L,D)

**Feb 17: HA LONG BAY – HANOI – SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA.** This morning, your Ha Long Bay Junk continues its scenic cruising while a delightful breakfast is served in the dining lounge. Late morning, disembark for a motorcoach transfer to Hanoi Airport. After a short flight, arrive in Siem Reap, Cambodia, gateway to Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of South East Asia. (B,L,D)

Feb 18: **SIEM REAP – ANGKOR.** After breakfast, begin a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King, Bayon. This afternoon, visit the most iconic of all Angkorian temples - Angkor Wat. (B,D)

**Feb 19: SIEM REAP – ANGKOR.** This morning, travel through rural countryside to the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. Then visit Ta Prohm, the temple famous for its intertwined trees (showcased in the film Tomb Raider). (B)

**Feb 20: SIEM REAP – TONLE SAP LAKE/EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHHNANG.** Travel to Tonle Sap Lake to embark the luxurious MS La Marguerite. Enjoy your Welcome Dinner onboard as you cruise to Kampong Chhnang. The ship moors overnight.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 21: KAMPONG CHHNANG – KAMPONG CHAM.** After breakfast, enjoy a motor boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy a stunning variety of birdlife, and observe numerous great fish traps, some over a half-mile long. Later, the ship enters the jungle as the river narrows. Temples abound along the riverbanks offer a unique opportunity to observe the rich tapestry of Cambodian rural life. Arrive in the capital city of Phnom Penh in the afternoon and enter the Upper Mekong bound for Kampong Cham. The ship makes an afternoon stop, in time for a walk through the quaint silk-weaving village of Chong Kho. Overnight, the ship moors mid-stream in Kampong Cham.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 22: KAMPONG CHAM – PHNOM PENH.** This morning, journey upriver to the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Over lunch, sail back downstream to explore the Kampong Cham area. Travel by motorcoach to the 12th-century Angkorian temple of Wat Nokor, which has been "fused" with a modern Wat. Continue by motorcoach to the Eco-village of Cheung Kok. The ship departs late in the afternoon from Kampong Cham, arriving at Phnom Penh for an overnight mid-stream mooring.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 23: PHNOM PENH.** Early morning, the ship cruises into spectacular Phnom Penh and docks at the passenger port terminal. A morning tour explores the highlights of Cambodia's capital city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafés, vibrant nightlife and renovated river "corniche." Visit the Royal Palace and the spectacular Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. After lunch onboard, another excursion leads to the infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or S21 Detention Center (Genocide Museum) situated in the suburbs of the city. An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine in one of many nearby restaurants, and experience Phnom Penh's vibrant nightlife, should passengers so choose.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 24: PHNOM PENH – BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM.** Spend the day cruising the Mekong River, stopping at the jungle village of Preak Dach to visit fruit orchards before continuing to the Cambodian/Vietnamese border. The ship moors overnight mid-stream in Tan Chau.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 25 : TAN CHAU – SA DEC.** After breakfast, transfer via small boats to the pier, where a trishaw awaits to transport you around Tan Chau. Visit a mat-making workshop and silk-coloring workshop. Back at the pier, embark on a local boat for a channel cruise and visit to a fish farm before returning to the ship. Overnight mid-stream on the Mekong near Sa Dec.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 26: SA DEC – HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON).** After breakfast, board small local boats for the village of Sa Dec, where you will enjoy a morning stroll. Noteworthy as the town where the French writer (and our ship's namesake) Marguerite Duras spent some of her childhood, Sa Dec is a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta. Visit the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which is now a small museum. After lunch onboard, the ship continues cruising to Cai Be. A local Junk trip in the afternoon will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market; then go ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral and visit delightful flower gardens, ancient Kiet House and local rice paper manufacturers. In the evening, cruise to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, while enjoying a sunset cocktail party and gourmet Farewell Dinner onboard.

(B,L,D)

**Feb 27: HO CHI MINH CITY – DISEMBARK.** In the early morning, the ship docks at the Saigon River Frontage. As the capital of the French colony of Cochinchina, Saigon was known as "Paris of the Orient." Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. After breakfast, disembark for a city tour that explores famous landmarks, such as the former Presidential Palace, Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral; Cho Lon (China Town) and its famous Binh Tay market and Thien Hau pagoda. Overnight at a luxurious hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

(B,L)

**Feb 28: DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY.** Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

(B)

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North  
S. K842  
H. K75  
D. AQJ102  
C. A

South  
S. 3  
H. AQJ109643  
D. 98  
C. 104

After you open 4H, partner checks to make sure you have an ace and sets you down in 6H. Opening lead: CK: Plan the play.

You have two possible losers, a spade and a diamond, and you have two chances to get rid of at least one or them.

You can take the diamond finesse. If it wins, you make an overtrick, if it loses you are down one as the SA is the setting trick. Alternatively, you can lead up to the SK first. If West has the ace, you won't need the diamond finesse as a diamond goes off on the SK assuming West goes up with the ace. If West plays low, the king wins and you can take the diamond finesse for an overtrick. If East tops the SK with the ace, you still have the diamond finesse available.

Tip:  
When two lines of play are available, take the one that gives you a chance (keeps you alive) to use the other if the first fails. Expect this theme ('staying alive') to appear time and again in this set of hands, just as at the table. Lead up to the SK to stay alive.

Percentage-wise if you lead up to the SK first and that doesn't work and then take the diamond finesse you have a 75% chance of making the hand. (One of two finesses)

If you put all of your eggs in the diamond finesse basket you only have a 50% chance of making the hand.

The West hand: S.A965 H.2 D.7643 C.KQJ9

The East hand: S. QJ107 H. 8 D. K5 C. 876532

**All of Eddie's books are very highly recommended. His humour is special and you will learn so much. He has books for all skill levels.**

For players with less experience, we especially recommend *Introduction to Declarer Play* and also *Introduction to Defense*

## OUR FAVOURITE EMAIL

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### HAPPY/GENTLE DUPLICATE GAMES AT OUR REGAL LOCATION



Duplicate Games for Novice/Intermediate and Advanced Intermediates. All levels are welcome as these games are restricted by attitude, not by master points.

Games are held at Regal Bridge Studio @ 526 A Lawrence Ave. West in Lawrence Plaza. We are next to Jones New York and also next to Shoppers Home Health Care.

Gentle games are held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons @ 12.00 noon & Wed evenings @ 7 pm. Alex gives a lecture 15 minutes before game time.

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**QUIZ TIME !!**

NORTH (dummy)

S 982  
H A82  
D Q963  
C J87

EAST (YOU)  
S J54  
H Q54  
D K105  
C 1063

W    N    E    S  
IC   P    IN   2S

West leads the H7, 2 from dummy and your Queen wins. You lead back the H5. Partner's H9 forces declarer's H Ace. Declarer starts drawing trump by playing the Ace and King of S. On the S King, West discards a C.

Reconstruct the shape of the entire hand. Cover below while you figure this out.

West has a singleton S. (He showed out in S's on the second round.) He cannot have a 5 card H suit or would have opened 1H. Thus assume four H's for now. If West had 4 D's and 4C's, he would have opened 1D. Thus he must have more C's than D's. Thus West has this shape:

x  
xxxx  
xxx  
xxxxx

South must have:

SAKQxxx  
xxx  
xxx  
x

West most likely does not have CAKxxx or he would have led CAce at trick one. He may have CAQxxx ? If that is the case, then he most likely will also have DAce or he does not have an opening bid. West definitely has HKing or declarer would have won East's HQ at trick one.

*This kind of thinking will add a new dimension to your game. Take the time to work it all out. You control the pace of the hand. You can stop at any time and say "I need time to think.". Do not however hesitate when you are holding a singleton in the suit led. It infers that you have a choice of cards to play.*

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*Less alcohol, more tea; Less meat, more vegetables  
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