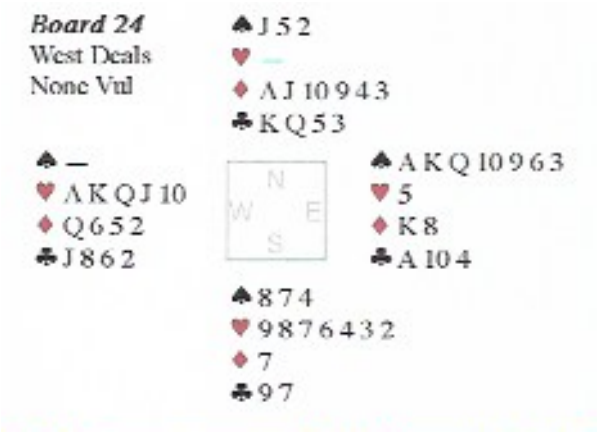
Hand of the Month March 2019



WATCH THE SPOTS!!!! Hand # 24 of the Friday Game, 3/8/19 presents a very simple defense if you watch the spots carefully. 4 Spades should never make. I am going to give you an auction that took place at my table:

1H - 2D - 2S - P

3C - 3D - 6S - All Pass

The opening lead is the Diamond 7, won by North. Next play is Club King.

6 was made 3 times 5 made once. The contract should go down.

Commentary: North made an overcall on a 10-point hand with a void, which is questionable since 2 level overcalls should only be made with opening values. Overcalling a second time to show a 6-card suit should never be done (that shows a very good hand). When the Diamond 7 is led, North knows it is a singleton since it is the lowest Diamond (East should play the King under the Ace to "muddy the waters"). Since North knows South had a singleton diamond, the Diamond Jack must played showing "suit preference" to South - return the higher ranking suit, Hearts. South will return a Heart with North ruffing and another diamond is played. East will eventually lose at least 1 Club. Down 3 or 4. Be careful to watch the "Spot Cards"!