

## December 2020 Hand of Month

Hand #16 of the 12/10/20 game is an interesting declarer play hand.

Dir: W		<b>16</b>
Vul: E-W	♠ 6 3	
10	♥ K 6	
7 11	♦ Q 9 5 3	
12	♣ K Q 8 7 5	
♠ Q 9 8 7 5	♠ A 10 4	
♥ 4	♥ A Q J 10 8 3	
♦ A J 10 4	♦ 8 7	
♣ 9 4 3	♣ 10 2	
	♠ K J 2	
	♥ 9 7 5 2	
	♦ K 6 2	
	♣ A J 6	

The auction:                    P - P - 1H - P

1S - P - 2H - P

P - P

South made an opening lead of a small spade (not best). East has a decision to make on a play from dummy. When you do not have a solid suit, be sure not to "commit" yourself. Play LOW. If the King appears, you win the whole suit. In this case you win with the 10. Some players may play a diamond to the Ace and finesse a heart. This is not a percentage play since you are always going to lose a heart trick unless North has Kx exactly. Your best play is to save the Diamond Ace to enjoy the Spade suit later. Just play the hearts from your hand: Ace and then the 10. But guess what - North had Kx – WOW - As long as the opponents do not attack Diamonds, you make an overtrick.

South's best lead - small Diamond - not dummy's bid suit.