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YESTERDAY'S PLAY-of-the-DAY

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“Never Give Up!”

Day 1, Round 2, Board 23:

Dealer: W	5	
Vul.: Both	AJ8653 J5 QT93	
AQT763 Void K93 A754		K42 K92 A86 KJ62
	J98 QT74 QT742 8	

So, did you get to 6♠? Were the opposition nice to you by leading the ♥A? When Bob Jones, one of our welcome visitors from the USA, and sitting North, told me about this hand, his opposition had used exclusion key-card in Hearts, so he knew not to lead the Ace of that suit!

Bob got his side of the deal just right, but declarer did not give himself the best chance when Clubs did not break. On a neutral lead, we know that wa loser we

cannot escape. will need the Club finesse and a Club break!

So after drawing the trumps, the next step should be to duck a Diamond – rectifying the count on a loser we cannot escape.

Now, whatever the opposition plays, we win, cash the Ace and King of Diamonds, and keep running trumps. North has to hang on to his ♥A, so can only keep three Clubs when we play the last trump!

So now, with the aid of the Club finesse, which for our sake just has to work, we have four Club tricks and an elegantly made 6♠ contract.

[I now also see that the Dealing Wizard says you can make 6NT on this hand? We'd love to hear from anyone who bid it, with the bidding details, and how you fared. Editor,]

Today's Question

What do you call an eight
card suit?



TRUMPS!

Who's Who Lorna Speller



Lorna lives in Bryanston in Gauteng with husband Graham and started playing bridge ten years ago. Her passion for the game, coupled with her training as a primary school teacher, has drawn her into the murky world of Tournament Directing! Congress 2016 marks her first major event as a TD. Apart from bridge, Lorna's interests include art, golf, her two Golden Retrievers and her three grown-up children, all of whom now live and work in London. Unsurprisingly, she is a frequent flyer!



LET'S TALK ETIQUETTE!

It has been said that much of the popularity of contract bridge is attributed to the high standard of etiquette expected from the players. Bridge etiquette is based on two factors: good common sense, and the Laws of Bridge!

1. If a possible infringement of the Laws has occurred, never take the law into your own hands; rather than have an unpleasant dispute at the table, call a Director.
2. Do or say nothing that may demean, insult or embarrass any other player at the table, and that includes your partner and the Tournament Directors.
3. Do not make gratuitous or misleading remarks during play, and that includes inappropriate facial expressions, gestures and grunts!!



4. Zero Tolerance offences include, but are not limited to:
 - not keeping to the time-limits;
 - swearing or being rude to partner or others in public;
 - arguing with a Tournament Director;
 - using violence or any other form of physical intimidation, such as throwing drinks, cards, pens etc. across the table;
 - inconveniencing nearby tables by scoring loudly, not passing boards, your mobile 'phone ringing, not moving when called and going through long post-mortems.



Boards and Movements

I must congratulate you on understanding how the movement of the boards works. Just now follow the 'arrows' and then you know to which table your played board goes. We are grateful to Willem Fick for providing us with those lovely little relay tables.

Please always play the boards in ascending order and should you have to wait for the slow table behind or in front of you stick up your hand and call "caddy". The caddy will not hand you the board you are waiting for but the board one below the number you started off. You must then give that board back to the caddy and not place it into circulation.

Travelling score slips: after you have played the first board *please check* the traveller underneath the board if the cards match and also *check* that it shows the right board number on the traveller.

And please remember to ring the winning team's number on the score-slip; it just makes things much easier for our scorer!

Heidi♥

Heidi Atkinson,

Tournament Organiser and Chief Tournament Director

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NO, it's not Automatic!

How often is a claim made and there are still outstanding trumps? The claimer's opponents then expect one or more tricks to be awarded to them. But no! The relevant Laws are numbers 68 to 71 and they are clear that the Director should award one or more tricks if a trick could be lost to that trump by *normal* play, where *normal* includes play that would be *careless* or *inferior* for the class of player involved.

This happened during Saturday's play.

Declarer, South, playing in 3♦s, had already lost four tricks at this end-situation:

♠	T8	♠	Q [high]
♥	--	♥	--
♦	97	♦	KQT
♣	--	♣	--

East now leads the ♥J and South claims without stating a line-of-play. The Tournament Director is called – "outstanding trumps"! In this case, the Director has to rule that the claim is good – South ruffs the ♥J, West cannot over-ruff. In fact. There is no play that would allow West to make a trick at all, so the claim is good. Had West been void in Spades, that would be another story and one trick would have been awarded to West.

