

Discovery Plays - Part 1

People are usually shocked when they find out I'm not a very good electrician.

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Time for a Joke

In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. “Will I die?” she asks. God says, “No. You have 30 more years to live.”

With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. While in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great!

The day she’s discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by a bus and is killed.

Up in heaven, she sees God. “You said I had 30 more years to live,” she complains.

“That’s true,” says God.

“So, what happened?” she asks.

God shrugs. “I didn’t recognize you.”

Discovery Plays Hand #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	2S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North
 ♠ K1042
 ♥ 1063
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ A94

West
 ♠ J3
 ♥ A
 ♦ AK9
 ♣

East
 ♠ 567
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J6
 ♣

South
 ♠ AQ98
 ♥ 972
 ♦ 105
 ♣ K732

Lead: K♦

Losers = A♦, K♦, A♥ and ???

Plan the play.

Think about HCP's and/or shape.

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Hand #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	2S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North
 ♠ K1042
 ♥ 1063
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ A84

West
 ♠ J3
 ♥ A
 ♦ AK9843
 ♣ J1096

East
 ♠ 765
 ♥ KQJ854
 ♦ J6
 ♣ Q5

South
 ♠ AQ98
 ♥ 972
 ♦ 105
 ♣ K732

Lead: A♦

If West had another ♥, he would've played one to get a ruff (after his partner signalled he liked them) before continuing his ♦ suit. West must have started with 2 ♠'s, 1 ♥, 6 ♦'s and 4 ♣'s. Cash your top two ♣'s and throw either opponent in.

Discovery Plays Hand #2

Cue Bids.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
3S	Pass	4C*	Pass
4D*	Pass	6S	Pass

North
 ♠ 108432
 ♥ KQ73
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ 9

West
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣ 2

East
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣ K

Lead: 2♣

South
 ♠ AQJ975
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 652
 ♣ A Q74



Potential losers = K♠ and/or K♦.
 You have 11 spades combined.
 Plan the play. (Whenever they say that, assume the worst!)
 Think about HCP's and/or shape.

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Hand #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
3S	Pass	4C*	Pass
4D*	Pass	6S	Pass

North
 ♠ 10843²
 ♥ KQ73
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ 9

West
 ♠ K¹
 ♥ 8654²
 ♦ J98³
 ♣ J8²

East
 ♠ 6¹
 ♥ AJ109
 ♦ K107
 ♣ K10⁶5³

You have 11 ♠'s.
Do you finesse?

Lead: 2♣

South
 ♠ AQJ97⁵
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 65²
 ♣ AQ7⁴

Potential losers = the K♠ and/or K♦.
 Ruff a ♣ in dummy and lead the K♥.
 East plays the A♥, and you trump in your hand. Now take the ♦ finesse.
 East has the K♣, A♥ and K♦. Can he have the K♠ too and pass in 3rd seat?

Another Joke

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi wanted to see who was best at his job. So, they each went into the woods, found a bear, and attempted to convert it.

Later they got together. The priest began: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," said the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both looked down at the rabbi, who was lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Turning to them," he said, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

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Hand #3



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q85
 ♥ 84
 ♦ 872
 ♣ KQ843

West
 ♠
 ♥ 3
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥ 10
 ♦
 ♣

Lead: 3♥

South
 ♠ AK3
 ♥ K96
 ♦ KQJ105
 ♣ A6

Potential winners = K♥, 3 or 5 club tricks, or knock out the A♦.

Plan the play.

Think about HCP's and/or shape.

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Hand #3



Sherlock Holmes summons all his detective skills and concludes there's too much sugar in his tea.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q85
 ♥ 84
 ♦ 872
 ♣ KQ843

West
 ♠ 1076
 ♥ AQ732
 ♦ A6
 ♣ 1072

East
 ♠ J942
 ♥ J105
 ♦ 943
 ♣ J95

Lead: 3♥

South
 ♠ AK3
 ♥ K96
 ♦ KQJ105
 ♣ A6

Plan:

Take the K♥ and play the 6♣ up to the dummy, then one back to your A♣. Defenders will usually give accurate count signals to tell each other when to take their ace.

GAME TIME

