

Counsel for the Defence 63 – Quiz

Board 1		♠ A Q J 6
West Deals		♥ 9 7
None Vul		♦ 10 5 3 2
		♣ 8 5 2
	♠ K 8 7 3	
	♥ J 10 6 3	
	♦ 9 7	
	♣ J 7 3	

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♣
3 ♥	All pass		

Q1: Do you agree with South's stated bidding?

Partner leads K♣, declarer winning her Ace. Then she tables the master trump felling partner's Queen.

Trick 1: partner leads K♣: K-2-3-A

Trick 2: declarer leads A♥: A-Q-7-3

Q2: What is the remaining trump position?

Now declarer plays a low spade to dummy's Queen, partner having played the 4 (standard count) - Trick 3: 2 ♠: 2-4-Q-?

Q3: What are your general thoughts about the defence at this point?

Q4: When at some point declarer plays dummy's 9♥, will you cover or not?

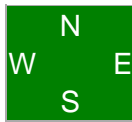
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Q5: What do you think of each player's decisions in the auction?

Q6: Do you agree with declarer's line of play?

Q7: How would our side have fared in a club contract?

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul



♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ Q 3
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 5 4 3

♠ A Q J
♥ 10 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A K 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT ¹

2♥ All pass

1. 12-14

Q1: Would you have bid at South's second turn, or passed as suggested?

Partner leads the J♣, which wins and continues with a second club which you win with the Ten

Trick 1: Partner leads J♣: J-3-6-8

Trick 2: Partner leads 7♣: 7-4-10-9

Q2: What is the remaining club position?

You continue with another club, declarer and partner discarding spades.

Trick 3: You lead A♣: A♣-5♠-4♠-5♣

Q3: Your partnership are playing Standard Attitude discards - what do you make of Trick 3?

Q4: How do you continue the defence at this point?

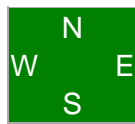
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Q5: What do you think of West and North's bidding decisions?

Q6: What would you have led as North?

Q7: What would have happened if West had ruffed at Trick 3?

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul



♠ J 9 8 2
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ K Q 10 5 4
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K J 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
			1♠ ¹
Dbl	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♦	Dbl ²	All pass	

1. 5+
2. penalties

Q1: Why is best to play that partner's double in this sequence is for penalties?

Q2: What do you think West holds to justify his bidding actions?

Partner kicks off with 3♣, the first trick going 3♣: 3-5-8-A

Q3: What are the possible remaining club positions?

Q4: What are your thoughts about the spade position?

At Trick 2, declarer plays the A♦, felling your Queen, and then continues with another trump, partner winning.

Trick 2: declarer leads A♦: A-2-3-Q

Trick 3: declarer leads J♦: J♦-K♦-4♦-5♠

Q5: Do you agree with the 5♠ discard (standard attitude)?

Partner continues another club which declarer ruffs - Trick 4: partner leads 7♣: 7♣-9♣-J♣-5♦

Declarer continues with another top trump, discarding a club from dummy: Trick 5 - declarer leads 10♦: 10♦-6♦-10♣-4♣

At Trick 6, declarer leads a small spade, partner discarding: Trick 6 - declarer leads 3 ♠: 3 ♠-6 ♥-J♠-Q♠

Q6: What are your general thoughts about the defence at this point and what do you lead to the next trick?

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Q7: Do you agree with the bidding decisions of the other players?

Q8: Could declarer have played better?