

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

1st JUNE 2016

DEFENDING AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS

(Defeat That Contract Recap)

KEY ISSUES

- **Listen to the bidding (especially by partner)**
- **Count your tricks and possible tricks (what might partner have/what do you need him/her to have to defeat the contract? Cp last workshop)**
- **Find the best lead**
- **Maintain communication and break declarer's links**
- **Avoid giving away tricks**
- **Count, signals and discards**

COMMUNICATION

If declarer is trying to set up a side suit for discards, you may need to hold up your winner. Contract 4 Hearts

♠ ??? (declarer)

opposite K J T x (dummy)

You hold A x x

If there is no other entry to dummy, hold up the A.

DISCARDS

Various methods

- **HELD/ or Low Likes**
- **Revolving**
- **McKenney/ Lavinthal**
- **Italian**

What is important?

- **Agreement**
- **Watching partner's discards**

NEXT WEEK

Workshop with David

Active & Passive Leads