## HANDS from the Seaside Regional Play, Bid & Defend with me

You're North – EW are vulnerable – NS are non vulnerable East opens 1 Club, Partner bids 3 diamonds, West makes a negative double, your bid?

Hand 1: J73

K1086 KJ8 976

Both vulnerable - South's Dealer, you're North -

KQ4 1 Heart
Hand 2: AQ10876 3 Hearts

J95 4 NT

10 6 Hearts

Α7 Dealer 1 Club Pass Pass Pass K94 2 NT **Pass** Pass AQ63 4 Hearts Pass Pass AQ95 5 Clubs (1 or 4) Pass

East leads the J of spades, you win, and draw 3 rounds of trump. Plan your play.

Your North, no one vulnerable, West Opens 1 Spade – you overcall 1NT, East bids 2 spades, All pass, it's your lead?

AK9

J953

Hand 3: A7

AJ95

All the hands to the 3 problems are on the next page, Don't peak until you've bid, played, and defended all the hands.

Tip of the day: If partner opens 1 NT and you hold 5-5 in the Majors, you want to play in a Major in which partner has at least a 3-card fit. With 5-7 points, jump to 3 hearts showing 5-5 and a hand which is invitational to game. With 8+ points, jump to 3 spades showing 5-5 and a hand which is forcing to game.

Hand 1:			our bid is 5 our Non Vu			
AK11054 J754 4 J102	Negative double	8			Q962 A2 A3 AQ853	1 Club
		Q93 Q1097652 K4	3 Diamo	onds		
Hand 2		KQ4 AQ10876 J95 10				
853 J32 1074 8764				J10096 K82 K82 KJ32	52	

You're N and declaring 6 Hearts. Win the first spade, pull 3 rounds of trumps, Take the diamond finesse, it wins, come to hand and take the club finesse, if it wins, you pitch the losing diamond, and make 7. If it loses, you'll pitch the 3<sup>rd</sup> diamond on the Ace of clubs, still make 6, doesn't cost your contract to try to make 7.

AK9	
J953	
A7	
AJ95	
	1075
	102
	K843
	Q764
82	
K86	
Q109652	
108	
	J953 A7 AJ95 82 K86 Q109652

Declarer has 5 spades, responder has at least 3, and you have 3, Partner can't have more than 2, Lead AK9 of spade, down 1. It takes thinking when your on lead. To err is human. I led a heart, finessed partner's K, declarer cashed AQ of hearts and ruffed a heart, making 2.