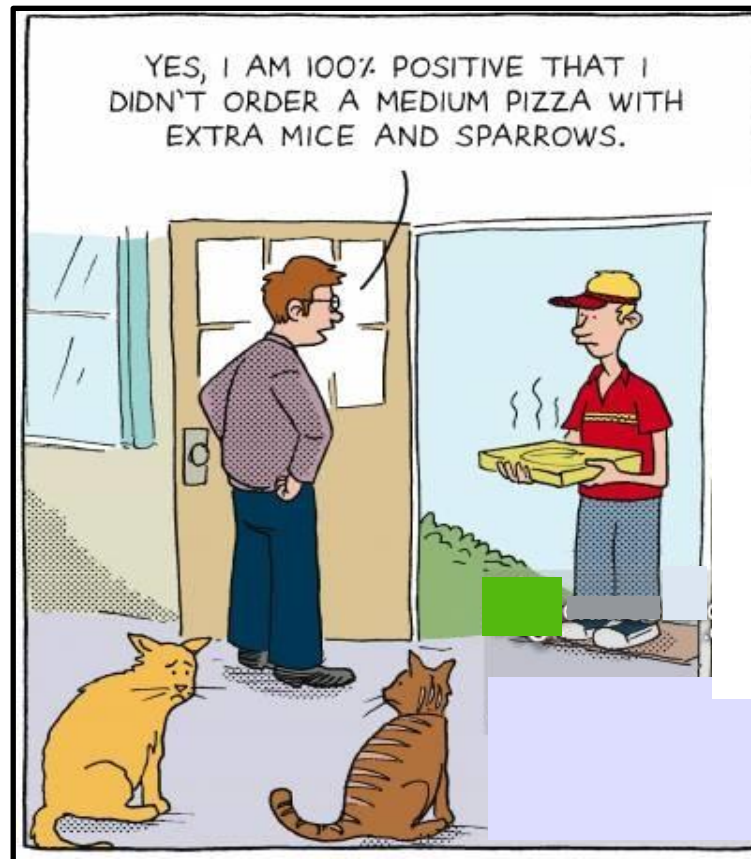


Some Play of the Hand



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Time for a Joke

A Canadian park ranger is giving some hikers a warning about bears. “Brown bears are usually harmless. They avoid contact with humans, so we suggest you attach small bells to your knapsacks and give the bears time to get out of your way. However, grizzly bears are extremely dangerous. If you see any grizzly-bear droppings, leave the area immediately.”

“So how do we know if they’re grizzly bear droppings?” asks one of the hikers.

“It’s easy,” replies the ranger. “They’re full of small bells.”

Play of the Hand #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		4S	Pass
Pass	5H	5S	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North
 ♠ A6
 ♥ J976
 ♦ A985432
 ♣ ---

West
 ♠
 ♥ 5
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥ 8
 ♦
 ♣

South
 ♠ Q1087632
 ♥ A
 ♦ ---
 ♣ KQJ109

Lead: 5♥

**Losers = 2 or 3 ♠'s and
 0 or 1 ♣.**
**Winners = Plenty - no
 need to count here. A♦
 is not needed.**

Plan the play.

Play of the Hand #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	5D	6D*
7D	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North
 ♠ ---
 ♥ A632
 ♦ J10
 ♣ QJ107642

West
 ♠ A
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠ 3
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣

Vul: N/S
 Lead: A♠

South
 ♠ K92
 ♥ ---
 ♦ AKQ987643
 ♣ K

Plan your play.

Play of the Hand #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	5D	6D*
7D	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North
 ♠ ---
 ♥ A632
 ♦ J10
 ♣ QJ107642

West
 ♠ A10874
 ♥ K10987
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 93

East
 ♠ QJ653
 ♥ Q104
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A85

Vul: N/S
 Lead: A♠

South
 ♠ K92
 ♥ ---
 ♦ AKQ987543
 ♣ K

You need to discard your K♣ on dummy's A♥, then ruff a ♥ to your hand to ruff another ♠ in the dummy.

Oops! Made it!

Posts on the Internet

Another overly dramatic post found on the Internet!



Play of the Hand #3



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
2H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North
 ♠ 32
 ♥ AK763
 ♦ 32
 ♣ KQJ4

West
 ♠
 ♥ Q
 ♦
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥ 2
 ♦
 ♣

South
 ♠ AKQJ10976
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K75
 ♣ A

Lead: Q♥

Losers = 1 or 2 or 3 ♦'s.
Plan the play.

Hand of the Hand #3



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	Pass
2H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North
 ♠ 32
 ♥ ~~AK~~763
 ♦ 32
 ♣ ~~K~~QJ4

West
 ♠ 4
 ♥ ~~QJ10~~9
 ♦ A1084
 ♣ 9732

East
 ♠ 85
 ♥ ~~84~~2
 ♦ QJ96
 ♣ 10865

South
 ♠ AKQJ10976
 ♥ ~~5~~
 ♦ K75
 ♣ ~~A~~

Lead: Q♥

Cash dummy's K♥
 next, tossing your A♣.

Then, run dummy's
 high ♣'s, discarding
 your ♦'s.

Play of the Hand

#4



Rule of 2 and 3 (only 2 losers in ♦'s).

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
5H	Pass	4H	4S
		Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q9
 ♥ K1094
 ♦ 432
 ♣ AK42

It looks like I have 3 winners for partner.

West
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ K
 ♣

East
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ 8
 ♣

Vul: All
 Lead: K♦

South
 ♠ 72
 ♥ AQJ8632
 ♦ A765
 ♣ ---

Losers = 2 ♠'s and 2 ♦'s.

Plan your play.

Play of the Hand #4



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		4H	4S
5H	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ Q9
 ♥ K10⁹4
 ♦ 43²
 ♣ AK42

West
 ♠ KJ108653
 ♥ ⁷
 ♦ KQJ
 ♣ 73

East
 ♠ A4
 ♥ ⁵
 ♦ 10⁹8
 ♣ QJ109865

South
 ♠ 72
 ♥ AQJ863²
 ♦ A⁷65
 ♣ ---

Vul: All
 Lead: K♦

Take the A♦ and draw trumps, ending in dummy.
 Pitch two ♠'s on the dummy's high ♣'s, not ♦'s. Your 4th ♦ can be ruffed in dummy later. You lose 2 ♦ tricks only.



Time to Play