

Where did that card come from, I thought I was out of them

Typically you think that you are out of a suit and cannot follow when that suit is led. For example Declarer is playing in 4 Spades and he is drawing trumps and on the second round it comes to you. You started with 2 spades and you should now play your second spade but unfortunately for you, your remaining spade is nestling amongst your clubs as you have misplaced it. So you discard a card from another suit and think no more of it. Then to your horror you discover that you actually had a spade left in your hand. What happens?

Well this is known as a REVOKE ie not following suit when you can.

Is it too late to correct your error?

NB Your Partner is allowed to say “No More” which could alert you to your error

Say your partner has not played a card on this round yet and you spot your error then Yes, you can put the correct card down but the card you previously played remains exposed on the table and you have to play it, at the first legal opportunity.

Say you won the last trick, (eg you trumped when you still had a card in the suit that was led) and before you lead the first card to the next trick, you realise what you have done, then like above, you can correct it and the previous card you played stays on the table as above.

Too late – known as “the revoke has been established” (see below for definition) what happens now?

You have a penalty of one trick if you won the trick on which you revoked. So in the case that you trumped when you could have followed suit then 1 trick is transferred from your side to the other side. If *Your side* wins any subsequent tricks then another trick is transferred.

If you did not win the trick when you “revoked” then if *Your side* wins any subsequent tricks a trick is transferred to the other side.

A revoke is established when either you or your partner leads or plays to the following trick.

In some cases a revoke will alter the entire line of play and the Director may adjust the outcome if they feel that the other side would have won more tricks than they did including any that were transferred to them.