

TIP OF THE WEEK: BECOMING A BETTER DEFENDER

BEGINNERS - BASIC DEFENSE

Click on the following link, for an excellent REVIEW lesson.

BRIDGE Unit 4

<http://bridge-tips.co.il> › Unit-4-Basic-Defence

Additional information and videos on signals, can be found by clicking on, "Getting your Signals Straight." in the tips list.

ADVANCED LEARNERS

Three Tips by Peter Hollands

1. Where are the missing cards?
2. Make a plan
 - How many tricks can I win?
 - What specific cards does my partner need to have?
3. How do I actually play to implant this plan (rush or sit back)?

Third Hand Defense Tip by Eddie Kantar

If you choose to return partner's use, give count by leading back ...

- . with 2 remaining cards lead the higher
- . with 3 cards return the lowest
- . with more than 3 cards, return your original 4th best
- . with an honor sequence return the higher

(Source: wimpy.biz/bridge)

When dummy comes down, both defenders need to evaluate their hands in relation to the dummy. For example, suppose dummy raises 1NT to 3NT and tables:

♠Q543 ♥AQ5 ♦Q65 ♣J65.

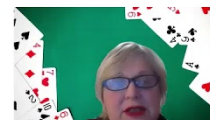
Defensive chances do not look bright, as the opponents rate to have 26 to 28 high card points. However, suppose you are sitting East, holding:

KJ92 KJ3 97 8432

You should be optimistic about defeating this contract since both major suit queens in dummy are dead due to your holdings in those suits.

Sledgehammer Defense with Majorie Michelin

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At first, you thought your partner was leading from the KQ♥. Now he has clarified that it was a doubleton. You already discouraged in hearts at trick 1 so now its time to give partner a **Suit preference signal**. Play the 10♥. You *prefer* a diamond to the club to give him his ruff. The 10 cannot cost you a trick.



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Counting Declarer's Tricks with Marjorie Michelin

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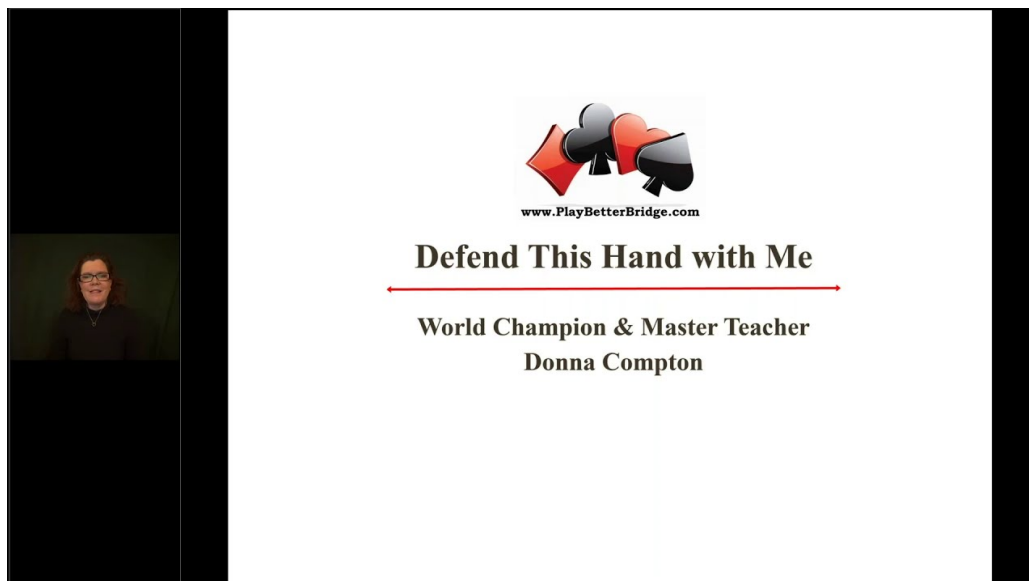
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Defense with Donna Compton

Please note, that Donna uses a different method for determining partner's points.



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Peter Hollands



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Defense Against Precision

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Defending Against Precision

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass			

Pass

3 4 5 6 7

♠ NT

Alert

- Defence To 1C Opening
- General Approach After 1C
- Dealing With Relays
- Defence To 1D Opening
- Understanding Their Opening Styles
- Defence To 2C Opening
- Defence To 2D Opening

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