

TIP OF THE WEEK: HOW DO YOU MAKE A DECISION?

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To be a good defender, you need to recognize whether or not a particular hand needs to be defended aggressively or passively. Passive defense is making a safe lead that doesn't give up a trick that is already declarers. Active defense is attacking a suit which may yield a trick or tricks that threaten to go ways if not takes A.S.A.P. How do you make a decision? Think about the bidding and look carefully at the dummy.

PASSIVE DEFENSE

AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE

Declarer or responder do not hold a long suit	Opponents have shown extra vales
You hold key cards in their suits	One or more of the opponents have indicated a long side suit which can be used to discard losers
Declarer is very strong and dummy is weak	Honors are sitting well and suits are breaking for the opponents
The opponents have overbid	Declarer is two suited
Opponents have is a misfit	Dummy has winners
Dummy is balanced	

(Source: When to Not Cash Tricks)

Auction: (2S) P (3S) All Pass

How would you defend with Hand 1 and Hand 2?
Partner leads the JD and you win the AD

Hand 1		Hand 2	
Dummy		Dummy	
AJ5 Q74 76 AQT85		AJ5 Q74 76 AQT85	
	You		You
	96		96
	KT6		KT6
	AJ95		AJ95
	KJ93		9643

Hand 1: The club suit is in control so there is no rush to break new suits. Return a trump. Nothing is going away so defend passively.

Hand 2: Who has the King of Clubs? It can be finessed if partner holds it. Time to defend aggressively before your tricks go away. Switch to the six of Hearts. Hopefully, partner holds the Ace and will return the Jack of Hearts. If he returns a different Heart, win the King and cash one more diamond before declarer dumps this suit on his clubs.

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When to be
Passive on Defence

Defending in Bridge
with Pam Livingston

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Taking Stock When Dummy Comes Down

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Bridge Hands

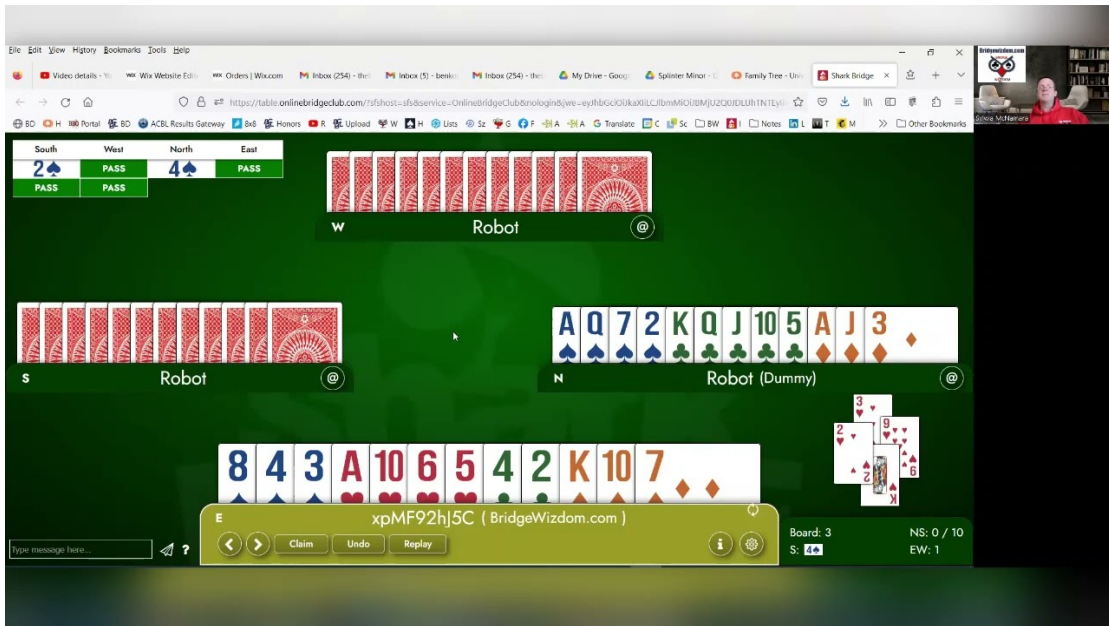
The screenshot shows a BridgeHands software interface. At the top left is the 'BridgeHands' logo. In the center, a text box says 'Please Pick West's Lead'. The hands are as follows:

- Top hand (North): ♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♥ A 3 2, ♦ K, ♣ K
- Left hand (West): ♠ A 7 2, ♥ 4 3, ♦ K 10 5 2, ♣ 3 10 9 7
- Right hand (East): ♥ Q 10 6 5, ♠ Q 9 8 4, ♦ A Q 6 5 2, ♣ 7
- Bottom hand (South): ♠ K Q 3 10 6 5 4, ♥ K 7 3 2, ♦ 8 4 3, ♣ 3

The bottom status bar displays: 'Polling You 71 Hand 2: #1', 'Contract: 5C-South', and 'Trick:1 NS:0 EW:0'. Navigation buttons for 'First', 'Back', and 'Next' are visible at the bottom right.

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Bridge Wisdom



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