

# Help Me (The Director) Out, Please!

- ♠ Bridge is unique in one respect: the referee (Director) does **not** watch things happen live, but is only summoned when there is an infraction, and often must rely on what the players claim has happened!
- ♥ **Call when an infraction happens, not later.** Thinking “we can deal with this” can make the eventual situation far more complex! Once the Director is called, play ceases until the Director arrives.
- ♦ **Every situation is unique.** Non-directors tend to treat a situation as if it were the same as a similar one they remember, not realizing that there are subtle differences. Calling the Director will guarantee that the Laws are applied fairly to both sides.
- ♣ **Calling the Director is NOT an accusation.** It is merely a request for a possible infraction to be handled impartially. Most infractions call only for a equitable solution to both sides, not an automatic penalty.

# Play **Better** Duplicate Bridge! – Quick Quiz

What would be a reasonable contract to reach with these two hands?

Can you get there after West's RHO opens 1♠?

West: ♠ J93 ♥ AQ3 ♦ K932 ♣ AJ2

East: ♠ A42 ♥ T987642 ♦ – ♣ 975

(Answers on next slide....)

# Play **Better** Duplicate Bridge! – Quiz Answers

This wild hand was #7 last week and many East-West pairs got all the way to 4♥! Most South players opened 1♠ and West either doubled for takeout or tried a 1NT overcall. North passed and who can blame East for taking a reasonable shot at 4♥? Even those East players who bid only 2♥ got a second chance later to compete when

South showed a second diamond suit, so 4♥ was the most common contract! It was rather unlucky to have the KJ♥, KQ♣, and KQ♠ all offside, and even unluckier that North-South don't have an easy place to play. The computer says 3NT can be made by N-S, but I wouldn't want to be the one trying it! Sometimes highcard points matter less than distribution!

<b>#7</b>			<b>V NORTH</b>	<b>Feb. 3, 03</b>		
			♠ 5	<b>Dealer: W</b>		
			♥ KJ5	<b>None Vul</b>		
<b>V WEST</b>	♦ 764	<b>V EAST</b>				
♠ J93	♣ KQT643	♠ A42				
♥ AQ3		♥ T987642				
♦ K932	<b>D SOUTH</b>	♦				
♣ AJ2	♠ KQT876	♣ 975				
	♥			5		
15	HCP	4	♦ AQJT85	0	<b>FRK</b>	8
	12		♣ 8		11	