

## Third Hand Play

1. Partner leads low declarer plays dummies 3; for each of the 6 east hands what would you play?

	<u>Q83</u>	
4 of Spades		a) A62 b) A92 c) KJ72 d) AJ102 e) K72 f) J102

2. Partner leads low declarer plays dummies 3

	<u>963</u>	
4 of Spades		a) AQ2 b) AJ72 c) KQJ5 d) 1085 e) K82 f) 852

3. You are defending 3NT and you lead the underlined card.

	<u>763</u>	
Q85 <u>3</u> 2		10
	K	

Who has the A,J and 9?

4. You are defending 4H and you lead the underlined card.

	<u>Q64</u>	
K75 <u>3</u>		9
	2	

Who has the A and J and 10 ? How many more cards does declarer have in this suit?

## Answers

Q1 When Partner leads low you are required to play your biggest or if you have two or more cards of the same value the lowest of these. However if dummy has an honour and you have a higher honour you should save it to take dummy's honour. BUT only if your next best card is the 9 or greater

- a) A
- b) 9 the nine is the next best card under Q so save the A to take the Q
- c) J K and J are equal because Q is in dummy so play lower of equal cards.
- d) 10 lower of J 10.
- e) K
- f) 10

- Q2
- a) A
  - b) A
  - c) J - Lowest of touching cards
  - d) 8 – 9 is in dummy so ten and 8 equal
  - e) K
  - f) 8

Q3 Declarer has the A and the nine but partner may have Jack! If partner had the nine and the T then he would have played the 9 and not the ten. Play of a card denies the card underneath.

Q4 It is unlikely that declarer would duck this trick wouldn't he have tried the Q. So partner certainly has Jack and Ten and the Ace too. In this case then declarer's original holding would have been 8 2 as partner can not have 8 or he would have played it and they are the only 2 cards missing!