

## Play of the hand in suit contracts - continued

- **Trump in the short hand**

Contract 4♥, lead K♣

♠ K973	♠ A85	Win the A♣ and play a second club. Win the return and ruff a club. Return to hand and ruff another club with the Q♥. Draw trumps. 2 spade tricks, three heart tricks and two ruffs, A♦, A♣, and 5 <sup>th</sup> trump = 10 tricks
♥ Q85	♥ AKJ97	
♦ A963	♦ 7	
♣ 75	♣ A842	

Note: if you tried to ruff the diamonds, whilst you have sufficient entries to dummy to do so, you will probably lose 1 spade, the 10♥ and 2 club tricks and the contract will be defeated

- **Play an honour from the short hand first**

Contract 4♠, lead K♣

♠ A93	♠ KQ764	Win the A♣. Draw three rounds of trumps. Play K♦ then small diamond to the A♦. You can now discard your two small clubs on the top diamonds. Three top spades, A♥ A♣, 4 diamonds and 5 <sup>th</sup> spade = 10 tricks
♥ 943	♥ A87	
♦ AQJ3	♦ K4	
♣ 853	♣ A62	

If, after drawing trumps, you play A♦ then K♦ you will be left with

♠ -	♠ 64	Now you will lose two heart tricks, two club tricks and the contract will be defeated
♥ 943	♥ A87	
♦ QJ	♦ -	
♣ 85	♣ 62	

- **Desperation plays: play towards an honour**

♦ 76	♦ K4	Play 7♦ to the K♦ and hope the A♦ lies favourably
♥ Q43	♥ A87	Play A♥ then 7♥ to Q♥ and hope the K♥ lies favourably
♠ 963	♠ KQ76	Play 3♠ to K♠, return to hand and play 6♠ towards Q♠ and hope the A♠ lies favourably

### **Famous Bridge Hands #4**

Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham, 2nd Earl of Yarborough was a lot wiser than the Duke of Cumberland. He gave his name to a hand of cards dealt in contract bridge that has no card higher than a nine (now known as a Yarborough)

The Earl offered £1,000 to anyone who received a "Yarborough" – on condition they paid him £1 each time they did not succeed. The actual probability of getting a Yarborough is about 1:1828

