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This Week in Bridge

Better Card Play – Ruffing Losers: Dummy, Hand, Crossruff

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Ruffing Losers

- Ruff Losers not winners
- Count losers from the proper side – long trump side
- Ruffing in the short side
 - Ruffing losers
 - Ruffing finesse
 - Ruffing outside suit – to establish it
 - When to draw trump first
 - When to ruff before drawing trump
- Ruffing in the long side
 - Shorter your long trump --- lose control of the hand
 - Forcing defense
 - Loser on Loser play – instead of ruffing in long side

Crossruff

- Choosing not to draw trump
- Scoring all your trumps separately
- Partially drawing trump
 - Ruffing with all your trump at the end
 - High crossruff after some trump drawn
- High Cross
- Bad Spot Cards – careful
 - Ruff with small cards early
 - Save high cards for ruffing at the end – danger of overruff