



# Adventures in Bridge

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## *This Week in Bridge*

### **Defensive Situations – Analyzing Dummy on Defense**

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#### **Good Habits**

- Picture the dummy before you see it – especially before making an opening lead.
- Pause at Trick 1 – after you see the dummy.
  - Think
  - Count
    - HCP
    - Tricks
    - Your Winners/ Losers
    - Declarer's Winners/Losers
- Play the Hand as if you were the Declarer
  - What is the Declarer's plan?
  - What are your counter measures to prevent the Declarer from accomplishing their goals?
- Active vs. Passive Defense!

#### **Winners and Losers**

- Winners
  - Length
    - Is the Suit Splitting?
    - Cut communication
    - Create Deception – complex card combinations
  - Promotion
    - Cut communication
    - Don't cover honors
    - Create Deception – complex card combinations
  - Finesse
    - Is it working?
    - Cut Communication
    - Put to guess early



- Losers
  - Discarded
    - Take before they go away
  - Ruffed
    - Lead Trump
    - Over-Ruff
  - Create Trump Complexity
    - Uppercut
    - Trump Promotion
    - Create Deception – complex card combinations