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Abstract

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CROSSWORD

Across

- 1) Bridge
- 5) Paul
- 6) Annual Dinner
- 9) Fellow
- 10) Praises
- 12) Gin
- 13) AP
- 14) Nag
- 15) Technophobe
- 19) Tea
- 20) Athletics
- 21) Treasurer
- 24) Minutes
- 25) Low
- 26) Trust
- 27) Rosie
- 28) See 16D

Down

- 1) Benson and Hedges
- 2) Cans
- 3) Kauffman
- 4) Eagle
- 5) Propaganda
- 7) Leiden
- 8) Res Medica
- 11) Auntie Pat
- 16) & 28) A Olim Scriba
- 17) Flick
- 18) Secretary
- 20) Auditor
- 22) Cullen
- 23) Vets

BRIDGE PROBLEM

Q1: You and dummy have 30 points in total, leaving 10 for the opposition.

Q2: The 5 of spades and ruff from the dummy with a heart.

Q3: 4 trumps are left: you have 3 and the dummy has 1.

Q4: East had 2 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and 6 clubs. Therefore he has 4 clubs remaining.

Q5: By elimination, 6 spades, 2 hearts, 5 diamonds and no clubs. He has 3 spades and 1 diamond left.

Q6: You need 4 tricks to make your contract and you need your 4 trumps to win those tricks. If you trump it from South, you will have to enter the next hand with either a trump or a club. If you play a trump you will have to return one, leaving only 2 trumps in South and losing the contract. If you play a club you will have to return a club, losing to East. Since East has only clubs remaining, he will play that suit and you will lose the contract.

Your only solution is to play a club from South and let West win with a diamond. He can then only enter with a spade, allowing you to ruff from dummy and discard from South. This leaves South with three trumps to make the contract!