

## July Problem

♠Q J 7 5 4  
 ♥A J  
 ♦8 5 2  
 ♣7 6 3

♠A 10 8 6 2  
 ♥K 8 3  
 ♦10 4  
 ♣9 8 4



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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All Pass	

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♦10	2	9	Q
2. S	♥4	3	J	6
3. N	♥A	2	7	8
4. N	♣3	10	Q	4
5. S	♥Q	K	♦5	5

You led the 10 of diamonds to South's 3NT contract. South won the queen, then won tricks with the jack of hearts, ace of hearts, and queen of clubs. He then led the queen of hearts to your king. Plan the defense.

As is our custom, a Raleigh Bridge Club free play will go to the correct answer from the RBC member with the fewest masterpoints. "Correct" is a relative term; just saying "I lead X," even if X is the winning play, will probably not qualify unless nobody else finds the play. You need to furnish some justification for your play. (On the other hand, a briefly or poorly stated but correct justification will fully qualify, if I can figure it out. This is not an essay contest.) I am the sole judge of what constitutes "correct." Send answers to [JohnCTorrey@aol.com](mailto:JohnCTorrey@aol.com).

## June Problem

♠ 9  
 ♥ A 10 8 3  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ Q J 9 6 5 3

♠ 6  
 ♥ Q 9 6  
 ♦ A K 9 6 2  
 ♣ K 10 8 2

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
2 ♦	Dbl	5 ♦	1 ♠	
All Pass			5 ♠	
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♦ A	8	J	3

This problem is held over because the suit symbols did not display in the previous version.

You lead the ace of diamonds to South's 5 ♠ contract; partner follows with the jack. Plan the defense.

Contest rules are as in the July problem. Send answers to [JohnCTorrey@aol.com](mailto:JohnCTorrey@aol.com).