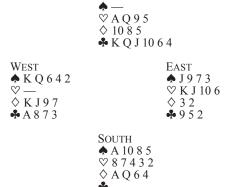
Still Couping After All These Years

TO THE EDITOR:

Octogenarian John Swanson no longer competes at the table, but he thrives in the electronic world.

NORTH

North dealer Neither side vulnerable



SOUTH	WEST	North	EAST
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Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the king of spades. Knowing trumps were zero=four, declarer avoided playing that suit. He discarded a diamond from dummy, won with the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, and ran the club king, discarding a diamond from hand. The contract was headed for defeat, but West misguessed the defense when he won with the club ace and shifted to a low diamond. This gave South a chance to demonstrate masterful technique. Swanson won with dummy's ten, threw a spade on a top club, ruffed a club, cashed the diamond ace, ruffed his last spade, and continued clubs. East ruffed with the jack, but South underruffed, trumped East's spade exit in hand, and discarded a club on the queen of diamonds, endplaying a trump-bound East into giving dummy the ace-queen of hearts.

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