

## Still Couping After All These Years

club on the queen of diamonds, endplaying a trump-bound East into giving dummy the ace-queen of hearts.

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

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North dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH  
♠ —  
♥ A Q 9 5  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ K Q J 10 6 4

WEST  
♠ K Q 6 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ K J 9 7  
♣ A 8 7 3

EAST  
♠ J 9 7 3  
♥ K J 10 6  
♦ 3 2  
♣ 9 5 2

SOUTH  
♠ A 10 8 5  
♥ 8 7 4 3 2  
♦ A Q 6 4  
♣ —

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	1 ♠	4 ♥	Double
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