Sheinold on Bridge
Questions & Answers

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South played dummy's park of spades, and broke dummy's queen with the ace. She then started dummy's king (club) in the ace of clubs. The fall of the king took East's queen (club) and six spades, good defending to East. West kept his ace of spades, but as the spades were led, the declarer discarded his king of clubs. "I don't want the king of clubs," the declarer demanded.

"I didn't," South replied, "but I needed the king of clubs to cover the three small spades. To cover the ace of clubs was fine.

NO PROBLEM

If both defenders play low on the ace of clubs, South leads a dummy to dummy and returns clubs to dummy. The club return is not a problem, but if East went high, South would lead clubs to dummy. South leads clubs to dummy, and if East has the club ace, South will lead clubs to dummy. If East has a lower club on the ace of clubs, South will lead clubs to dummy.

Partner next bids a diamonds 3 NT. What do you answer?

ANSWER: 4 NT. South has enough tricks for the contract.

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