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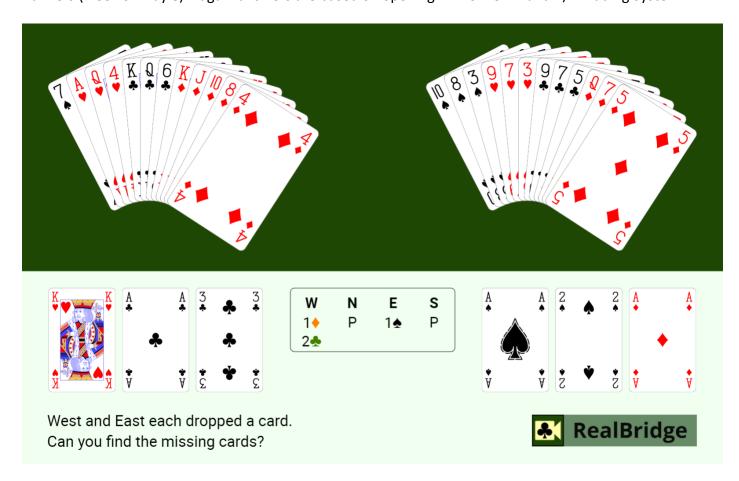
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Puzzle 6 (week of May 8) – again answers are based on opening 1NT of 15-17 and 2/1 Bidding System.



Extra Credit-What is East's next call (assuming N passes) and why?

Don't read on to page 2 if you don't know the answer yet!

Answer to Real Bridge Puzzle 5:

E's choices of dropped cards: ♠A, ♠2, ♦A

The dropped card must be ♠A as they promised at least 4 spades and at least 6 points with their bid. ♠A is the only card that will help them meet that promise.

W's choices: ♥K, ♣A, ♣3

If the ♥K had been in W's hand, they would have enough points and hearts to reverse, and their bid would have been 2♥. If ♣A had been in W's hand they would have enough points and clubs to show a maximum opening hand by jump shifting to 3♣. Therefore, the ♣3 is the dropped card, giving them the 4 clubs for their 2nd suit rebid but not enough points to jump shift.

Extra credit answer to the question, "What is East's next call?":

The answer I think most of us would arrive at is 2♦, putting partner back into the known 7 card minor suit fit with their better 3 card minor, knowing that it might turn out to be an 8 card fit.