## Defense in 3rd position against a trmp contract

## During play your partner leads a suit not previously played.

- Most of the time the card to play will be 'forced': The highest.


Quiz 3878 In 3rd position, on the lead of $2 *$, the dummy plays the 4. Take it with your ace in 3rd position your partner the 2 , he has 3 or 5 cards ...do not risk the declarer making his singleton king.

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## Case numer 1 : your partner and you can make your camp leading :

In general the card to play will be forced : the highest one....

- with equivalent cards, playthe lowest useful card

| S | W | N | E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 \uparrow$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | Pass |  |  |



Exercise 4600 As South, in 3rd position, play your smallest equivalent useful card. Here, the queen.

| $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\boldsymbol{N}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 \boldsymbol{a}$ | Pass | $4 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |



Exercise 4602 As South, in 3rd position, play your smallest equivalent useful card. Here, the 8 , is enough to force the ace of the declarer.

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## Case number 2 : The dummy wins the trick

- Show count using Odd - Even carding. (Show the Doubleton with honor up to the jack) :
- With 4 cards, play the second highest
- With 2 cards play the highest first: With a doubleton with honor, indicate paruty up to the jack included. Après with higher honors play your small card. Signalling should not make you waste a king or queen!
- With 3 or 5 cards play the smallest first
- With a séquence play the highest, if you can afford it !


Exercise 4603 : In 3rd position, If, as here, the dummy makes the trick, show count with odd-even carding With 4 cards, play the second highest, the 6


Exercise 4607 : In 3rd position, si, as here, and the dummy wins the trick, show count with odd-even carding. With 3 cards, play the smallest, here the 2.

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