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This play involves ducking when a King is played on lead card, so that you keep your Ace and Jack tenace hold.

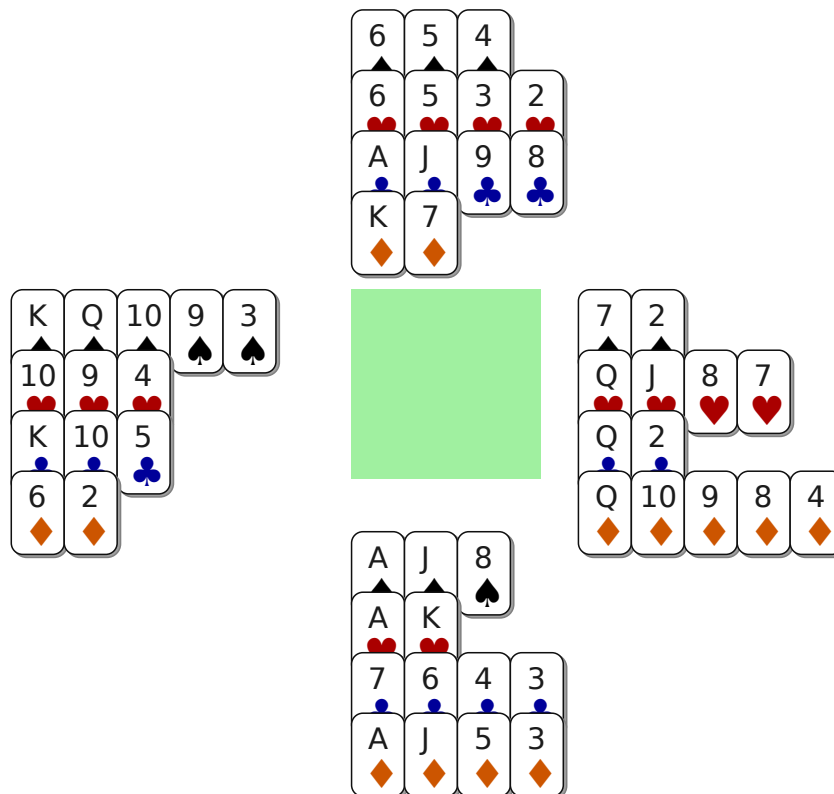
The player on lead is therefore obliged

- either, to give up capturing the Jack if he continues playing the same suit.
- or counter-attacks by playing another suit on the 2nd trick.

But Careful, Declarer doesn't need to worry about a return in another suit ! The Bath Coup is extremely useful when Declarer thinks that East is going to be in hand.

Example :

Your South playing a 3NT contract. W leads with K ♠ . .



Exercise 4610 Duck the lead so that you can keep your Ace Jack tenace. If W continues to play ♠, you'll make 2 tricks in that suit. If he counter-attacks with the 10 ♥, you can make 3 ♣ tricks thanks to a triple finesse (small ♣ to the 8)

Your contract goes down if you don't duck the lead ...