# Buckland's Bridge

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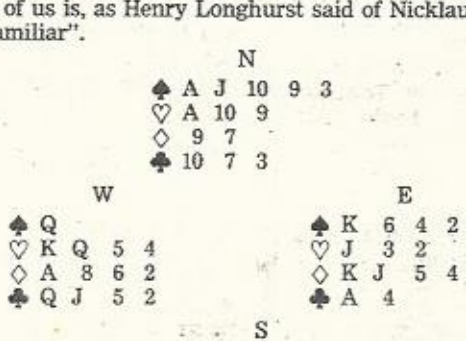
THE subtleties of bidding and play in the recent tournament for the Lederer Memorial Trophy at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club produced a form of Bridge which to most of us is, as Henry Longhurst said of Nicklaus's golf, "unfamiliar".




North dealt and passed. East bid one spade and W/E reached a contract of 3 no trumps after a bidding sequence which included no less than 3 "Shape relays". North led knave of spades. Declarer asked South what was their "lead style" and was informed that the knave denied having a higher honour. Declarer played low from dummy. South deduced from declarer's enquiry that he did not hold the ace which meant that his partner's lead was a false card. He therefore began an encouraging "peter" in order to suggest to declarer that he (South) held an honour — I hope you are still with me.

Declarer won with the queen and led a low heart. North ducked this but won the next heart lead with the ace and led 9 and 10 of spades which declarer allowed to win. He hoped that South would have to play his ace on the 10 and thus block the suit. In the event, North continued with the ace which took dummy's king and the 3 to defeat the contract.