# Take More Tricks as a Declarer with World Champion & Master Teacher Donna Compton

#### Lesson Syllabus Tuesday 1:00pm-2:50pm

Material presentation and real time play of lesson hands during the 2 hour class. Live class, video and handout included with lesson. Replay lesson hands on Shark Bridge following live class.

## Lesson 1 September 13, 2022

## **Declarer's Thought Process**

This class shares the secrets of making a plan as declarer. At the end of the class, you will be taking more tricks in both notrump and suit contracts. You will leave with a step-by-step analysis of the dummy play in all types of contracts.

#### Lesson 2 September 20, 2022

#### **Long Suit Development**

Join Stefanie Scott for this fun class on creating tricks through long suit development. Techniques such as high card from the short side and ducking are integrated into your thought process to develop extra tricks as Declarer.

## Lesson 3 September 27, 2022

#### **Keys to Finesses**

Join this class as we discuss the different types of finesses. The key to a finesse is leading from the right hand which often means paying attention to entries. The simple finesse, repeat finesse, leading the honor vs leading up to the honor and leading to the lower finesse topics are included in this class.

#### Lesson 4 October 4, 2022

#### Trumping and Discarding

Suit contracts require us to think in losers instead of winners  $\sim$  specifically in the master hand  $\sim$  and then eliminating the losers. This class will explore two new play techniques  $\sim$  trumping and discarding  $\sim$  and show you how to implement them into your overall plan.

## **Lesson 5 October 11, 2022**

#### **All About Entries**

A big play idea is transportation between declarer's hand and dummy. This class will explore the following topics: creating entries, preserving entries and estimating the number of entries needed to make the play.

#### **Lesson 6 October 18, 2022**

# Rule of 7 & Danger Hand

A lot of times the defender leads your weakest suit and you need a counter for their attack! The hold-up play is the technique for you...The Rule of 7 is introduced which helps you know how long to hold up. The materials show you how to identify the dangerous opponent and then how to avoid them.

# Lesson 7 November 1, 2022

# **Two Exceptions to Pulling Trump**

To draw trump or not to draw trump is asked and answered in this class. Whether or not to pull trump is based on how many fast and slow losers are in Declarer's master hand. Side-suit establishment and trumping are added to Declarer's tool box.

#### Lesson 8 November 8, 2022

#### Which Technique is Best

So now you have these new techniques as Declarer ~ Promotion, Finesse or Long-Suit Development. Now it's time to add which technique is best and the order in which to apply the techniques.