

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"Time has too much credit ... I never agreed with the compliments paid to it. It is not a great healer. It is an indifferent and unconvincing one."
— Ivy Compton-Burnett

Mallardi, had the tougher task.

While the Israeli declarer had plenty of time on a trump lead to play on hearts, Mallardi had reached four spades after the Israeli East had the chance to double an artificial club bid.

On a club lead to the ace and the accurate switch to the diamond jack, declarer won in hand and drew two rounds of trump. Now it looks to be a blind guess as to how to play the hearts, but West's low-club lead alerted, he did not have two of the top three honors in that suit. Since East, a passed hand, apparently had six decent clubs to the ace and queen plus the diamond jack, he had no room for the heart ace or he would have opened the bidding. So Mallardi led a heart to dummy's king for his 10th trick.

Counting is one of the most important exercises at bridge, but sometimes you have to combine the exercise with a fair amount of inference and conjecture.

In the semifinal match between Israel and Italy, four spades was made at both tables, but the Italian declarer, Matteo

NORTH	04-6-A
♠ J 8 7 2	
♥ K J 7 6 5	
♦ A 7 3	
♣ 8	
WEST	
♠ 5 3	
♥ A 10 9 8	
♦ Q 6 4	
♣ K 10 7 6	
EAST	
♠ 10	
♥ Q 4	
♦ J 10 5 2	
♣ A Q 9 5 4 3	
SOUTH	
♠ A K Q 9 6 4	
♥ 3 2	
♦ K 9 8	
♣ J 9	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣* Pass
4 ♠ All pass
*Limit raise in spades with an unspecified shortage

Opening lead: Club six

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(L7892) DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
Project title: State Route 542, Chronic Environmental Deficiency East Church Mountain Road - Roadway Realignment and Culvert Replacement Mileposts 38.67 to 39.04
WIN # A54230G
Description of proposal: WSDOT proposes to realign SR 542 away from the North Fork Nooksack River in order to reduce environmental impacts from repetitive roadway maintenance, and to improve fish passage at Chain-up Creek.
Work includes: realigning 3.8 ft approximately 1,600 linear feet of roadway up to 80 feet away from the North Fork Nooksack River, replacing a 5-foot diameter, 80-foot long culvert with a 30-foot long, 40-foot wide bridge over Chain-up Creek, and installing 5 porous weirs and 2 anchored large woody debris structures in the restored stream channel.
Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation
Location of proposal, including street address, if any: This project is located on State Route 542 (also known as the Mount Baker Highway), between Mileposts 38.67 and 39.04, approximately 6 miles east of the town of Glacier, and within Section 36, Township 40 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian, in Whatcom County, Washington.
Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does

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not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.
This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Comments must be submitted by April 20, 2009.
Responsible Official: Kerry Ruth, P.E.
Position/Title: Regional Environmental Program Manager
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