

# 302. More Splinters

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♠ J1054 ♥ K10943 ♦ AJ2 ♣ 3		♠ 6 ♥ Q86 ♦ 6543 ♣ AK642	♠ 87 ♥ J7 ♦ 10987 ♣ QJ1098
♠ AKQ932 ♥ A52 ♦ KQ ♣ 75			

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1 ♠
P	2 ♣	Dbl	2 ♦
P	4 ♣	P	4NT
P	5 ♣	P	6 ♠
All Pass			

--East West Vulnerable--

This is a hand that occurred this year at the Spokane Spring Lilac Sectional in the second round of the team event. This example shows the use of Drury, lead-directive double and 1430 Roman key card Blackwood.

### The bidding:

North and East pass leaving South to open One Spade in third seat. North has a limit raise or better, but if partner opened light, Three Spades may go down. Therefore he uses Drury.

Drury is an artificial bid of Two Clubs which shows a limit raise or better. It is used over both third seat and fourth seat major suit openers because Third seat openers can be a Queen lighter than normal (if the suit is good enough that partner

should lead it), and because a forcing bid is needed over a major opener in both third and fourth seats. A passed hand cannot make a natural bid that is forcing.

East doubles Two Clubs for a Club lead, and South bids Two Diamonds, which is another artificial bid, saying he has a full opener and wants to continue bidding at a low level. He may be interested in slam or he may only have enough for game if he can investigate if his honours are working.

North jumps to Four Clubs showing Club shortness and enough for game. South finds North has one key card and bids Six Spades.

### **Opening Lead:**

West leads the Diamond Ten. He is reluctant to lead Clubs because there is not a lot of future in the suit, and declarer may have the Ace and King and get a discard.

### **The Play:**

Declarer wins the Diamond lead, draws trump, pitches a Heart on the Long Diamond, plays the top two Hearts and ruffs a Heart. The clubs go away on the Hearts which have been ruffed good for +1010.