

# Chalk Talk # 5

## Series of Three-Tip Talks

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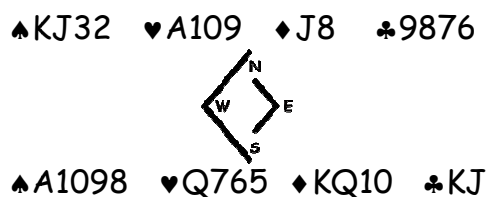
Warren Watson

<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/bridge-index.htm> has more.

## Bidding Tip

### Stayman

Partner opens 1NT, 15 to 17, 2♣ shows 8+ HCP's and at least one four-card major. 1NT opener bids 2♦ with no four-card major or bids his four-card majors up the line regardless of strength.



S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2♣	P
2♥	P	2NT	P
3♠	P	P	P

## Declaring Tip

Do not finesse with an honour if you do not hold the touching one in the same hand.

	AQJ3	
K6		9874
	1052	

Play the 2 to the Queen and then the 5 to the Jack but the King appears so win the ace and play the 3 to the 10 and then cash the Jack. West made a plan to duck smoothly unless declarer plays the ten. West will cover the ten and East will win the 9.

## Defensive Tip

The opening lead is an art and bidding is a science.

What information do you have later in the play of the hand that you did not have on the opening lead?

You have studied the dummy.

You have seen what everybody played to the first trick.

You have seen the card partner played to your lead.

You know whether partner liked your opening lead or not.

Did partner play an honour to the first trick? -That gives information.

You have seen what declarer first did when he got the lead.

The very first card declarer plays at trick two, often tells a lot.

What did partner lead when he got in.

Did declarer or partner make any discards?

What points have declarer and partner shown?

From the bidding, what could they have left?

The situation with exit cards.