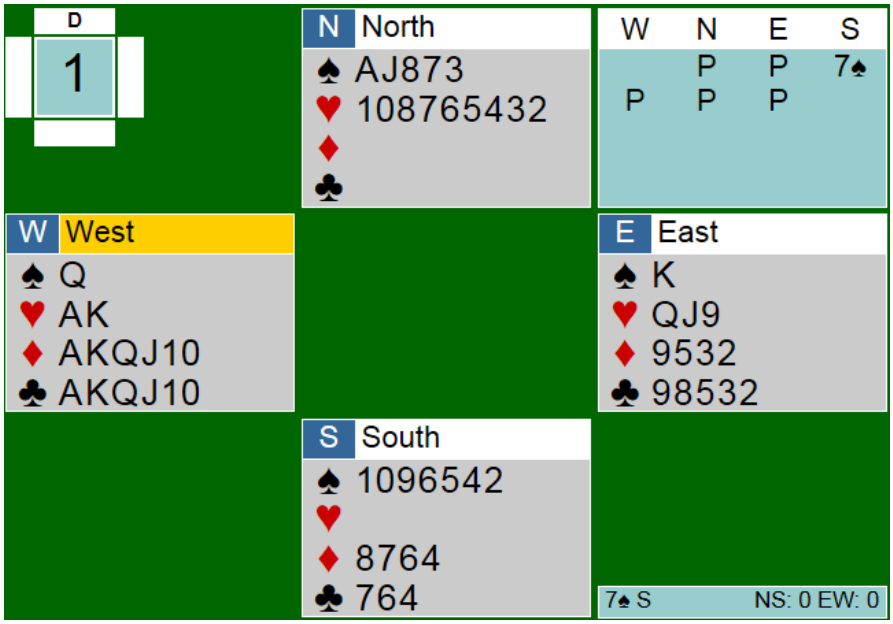
HOW LOW CAN WE GO

Mike Lawrence wondered how few points his side could have and still make a grand slam. He came up with two hands that shared only 5 points. He gave himself permission to arrange the hands anyway he wanted.

Can you see how 7♠ can be made with this hand?



No matter what West leads, South can win and begin to set up the hearts. He must remember to trump high if the lead is a heart. He then draws the two outstanding trump with the ♠A. Then ruffs three hearts high in his hand, using the little spades in his hand to get to the dummy. After the third heart ruff, the rest of the hearts gives him a place to discard his losing diamonds and clubs.

Well done!

You can see how this hand should be played by clicking on this link: http://tinyurl.com/ku6km7t, or copy and paste it into your browser. Click on the "Next" button on the bottom to advance through each trick. Alternatively, by clicking on "Play" you can play all four hands and see if you can make the hand on your own.