

Alt Best Hands Awards - Nominated Hand - Declarer Play

Reference Number **Dec 2**

Nominated by:

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Player(s): Geir Helgemo **Team:** Skeidar

Event:	Date:	Match:	Board:
NewCo1	27.01.	9	14

Link to replay: <https://tinyurl.com/28dbub8b>

Nominator's comments:

I am Tom Johansen, playing for team «SKEIDAR».

In the ninth match of «*New Alt Competition – Event 1*», board 14 came up. In the lead role, our Superstar of the team. Please enjoy Mr. Geir Helgemos magical hands as declarer:

When the heart finesse failed second time, and a spade was returned, most of us would take one, two or three more rounds of heart, followed by the king of clubs. Geir Helgemo had other plans. One of the reasons why he is a Superstar is namely that he always sets up traps for his opps. And he always strive to make them sophisticated and easy to walk straight into.

Geir cleaned Easts last triumph (throwing D9 from table), and West threw C4 to help his parter to time when to use his ace of clubs. At that moment, Geir was completely aware that East would have zero problems to hold up the CA if CK was played. Therefore (and this was less than a second after the last trick), Geir lead C7 from his hand. This maneuver lured East into one of Helgemo's countless traps. When East followed low, the contract was cold. D10 was played to low, low, low, and a new diamond from table secured the contract. If West raises with DA and continues with spade, Helgemo ruffs and plays CK. This endplays East, as he has just clubs and one diamond left in his hand. +420 deducted with -140 from the other table gave 7 well deserved IMPS to Geir and Team SKEIDAR.

Thanks for sending. I know the hand well as it was played against my team (I was NPC). Both my E&W players think they should have got it right by rising with the CA, or later DA. But that takes nothing away from Geir giving them the chance to go wrong

Martin Cantor
