

Complete hand from MayHem's article:

Vul: Both	♠ J 9 8 3	
Dir: West	♥ K 5 4 2	
IMPs	♦ A J 8 4 3	
	♣ --	
♠ A Q 2		♠ S 7 6 5 4
♥ J 7 6		♥ Q 10
♦ 9		♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q J 8 7 4 2		♣ 10 6 5 3
	♠ K 10	
	♥ A 9 8 3	
	♦ K 7 6 5	
	♣ A K 9	

The hand was from a recent team match on the internet. The auction and the opening lead (the ♣Q) were the same at both tables. Two rounds of trumps are played and they split 3-2. Now would be a good time to claim before you screw up and go down☺.

The correct line is to just lose two round of spades (notice those good spot cards) and use the two established spades to pitch diamonds. Just be sure that you don't pitch one of dummy's good spades on the opening lead. Perhaps ruffing the ♣Q in dummy at trick one would be a good idea. Then pull two rounds of trumps and proceed to set up the spades.

If I were a betting person I'd bet that more average declarers would go down on this in spite of the fact that there's a 100% line of play. Why is it so hard to see?