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**Bridge Tips Tannah Hirsch 22nd September 2010**

Both vulnerable. South deals.

	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ K 9 5 ♥ A J ♦ A K ♣ A K 10 9 8 7	
<b>WEST</b> ♠ 10 3 ♥ 8 7 6 2 ♦ Q J 10 7 5 4 ♣ 3		<b>EAST</b> ♠ Q 8 6 2 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ 3 ♣ Q J 6 5
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ A J 7 4 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ 4 2	

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1 Club	Pass
1 Diamond	2 Diamond	Pass	Pass
3 Spade	Pass	4 Spade	All Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣

The late Alphonse "Sonny" Moyses, for many years editor of The Bridge World magazine, was a staunch promoter of the 4-3 major-suit fit as playable at the game level. Here's an example

from the recent European Bridge Championships.

In the Closed Room the contract was three no trump, making 11 tricks by establishing the clubs and squeezing East in the majors. Four spades proved far from easy. South's one club was artificial and strong, one diamond was negative and the rest of the auction was natural.

Declarer won the club opening in dummy, came to hand with the ace of trumps and led a club. West elected to discard a diamond. Dummy won, and declarer now ruffed a club with the jack of trumps and a spade to the king provided the entry for another club ruff, establishing the suit. This was the position:

	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ 9 ♥ A J ♦ A K ♣ 10 9	
<b>WEST</b> ♠ — ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ Q J 10 7 ♣ —		<b>EAST</b> ♠ Q 8 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ 3 ♣ —
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ — ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ —	

Declarer crossed to the king of diamonds and played a club. East could score his two trump tricks but no more — just another routine flat board!

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