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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 East-West vulnerable. West deals

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 Club	1 Spade
2 Heart	Pass	3 Club	3 Spade
3 NT	4 Spade	Pass	Pass
X	All Pass		

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

We continue with deals from the ACBL Summer North American Championships in New Orleans. Veteran Michael Cappelletti of

Winter Park, Fla., played this deal.

With the vulnerability in his favor, he pushed on to the three-level, and North cannot be blamed for continuing to game, doubled by West.

East overtook the club opening lead with the jack and continued the suit, hoping his partner held the singleton. Declarer ruffed with the eight and made the good shot of leading the king of spades, ducked by West as East followed with the queen. The jack of spades was allowed to win and West won the next spade with the ace, East discarding clubs, then tabled the king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace, drew the outstanding trump, discarding a diamond from dummy, cashed the queen of diamonds and crossed to the table's ace, bringing about this position:

	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ -- ♥ 9 ♦ k9 ♣ --	
<b>WEST</b> ♠ -- ♥ Q54 ♦ -- ♣ --		<b>EAST</b> ♠ -- ♥ J ♦ J6 ♣ --
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ -- ♥ 1082 ♦ -- ♣ --	

Cappelletti now exited with the nine of hearts, and the defenders were helpless. If West won with the queen, he would have to return a heart into declarer's 10 8 tenace. If West let East win, the defender would be forced to lead a diamond into the table's tenace. Either way, declarer would score the last two tricks to make his doubled contract.