DUMMY REVERSAL

Generally speaking, dummy's trumps are shorter than declarer's and are used to trump losers in declarer's hand to make extra tricks. Occasionally we need to use declarer's trumps to ruff losers and employ dummy's holding to extract the enemy's trumps. This play is known as a *dummy reversal*.

DOUBLE DUMMY

As if one dummy at the table wasn't enough there's *Double Dummy*! When you are asked to solve a bridge problem and all four hands are shown, that constitutes a Double Dummy problem.

Double Dummy also refers to perfect declarer play (as if you as declarer could see all four hands). And the term includes perfect play by the defenders (your opposition)…but let's not dwell on that aspect and give ourselves a migraine.

WINNING TIP

Suit Preference signal.

This is a very useful tool especially when defending suit contracts. Say the opponents have declared in four Spades. Partner leads the Ace of Hearts and dummy produces the King and nine of Hearts. It is futile to continue with Hearts. He must change to either Clubs or Diamonds—but which one? You can tell him.
If you play a high Heart (the highest you can spare above the six) you ask for the higher ranking of the two remaining suits (ignoring the trump suit) which is Diamonds. This is a suit preference signal. If you play a low Heart you ask for a Club, the lower ranking suit.

An understanding of the following titles may not necessarily benefit your declarer play but this information should broaden your grasp of medical terminology. If it doesn't, I have interpreted them for the benefit of bridge players.

In Bridge Parlance

ARTERY…….The Study of paintings…………………………………(An exotic end play)

DILATE…….To live to be 100…........(They withhold the setting trump A until the last trick)

IMPOTENT…Distinguished and well known………………………(You hold a Yarborough)

RECTUM……..Darned near killed 'em……………………….................(Going 5 off X)

BARIUM……What Doctors do when a patient dies………………(Going 5 off X and VUL)

ENEMA……..Not a friend………………………………….(And I hope, not your partner)