

Homework -defensive /sacrifice bids.

- 1) 4h - Bog standard -we have 17 pts and anyway can provide 3 to 4 tricks for partner so expect 4 H to make.
- 2)4H----- a typical defensive raise -we dont really have the values for this bid of course but it might put the opponents off. 4H wont be more than a coupleoff anyway.
- 3) Hmmm. Wonder whether South is serious about their 4H raise.  
Perhaps I should double and partner might bid 4sp -on the other hand partner might bid 5D which wouldnt be so good.  
Looking back I see S could hold the hands in questions 1) OR in Q)2.  
If they have (1) pass is our best bid ; if they have (2) then double works fine.  
Wonder which ....  
All of which is designed to show you that sometimes you just are going to have to guess. I personally tend to "go for it" and bid ,however dangerous that might be.  
Works (for me ) probably more times than it doesn't. Best is not to play against opponents capable of such trickery.
- 4)5H in a loud clear voice exuding confidence from every pore. Don't think we will make it actually but they might make 4Sp so better play safe and bid what might be a sacrifice. Shouldnt be much blood though.
- 5)Dont like the look of this -not sure if they will make 4Sp but would guess they probably won't. My hand looks more valuable in defence and I definitely dont want to sacrifice in 5H. Either Pass or Double are my bids. {One reason to Double is to shut partner up incase she was thinking of sacrificing in 5H }.
- 6)We dont have much defence { against 4Sp } -best is to take the sacrifice of 5H -wont be too expensive I hope.
- 7) a) looking good -in addition to partners 7 or 8 Hrt tricks we can provide a likely 4 or 5 tricks so slam is "on the cards". Next bid Blackwood.  
b)lots of points but not enough tricks NB Jacks are all very well but they dont pull# their weight when you are playing the hand. Pass is the bid.
- 8) No hope inHrts or diamonds come to that.  
Play the Ace clubs and then another -maybe partner will have good clubs or give us a ruff.
- 9)Win with the ACe hrts.  
Choice between building a trick in Hrts { and we are nearly there } or taking a chance on clubs. For me Hrts is the better bet.
- 10) i))) 1) Ace Hrts 2)10 cl overtaken with J 3) K d throwing a Hrt 4) Q Di throwing a H  
5) lead a trump  
ii))) 1)Ace Hrts 2) 9 sp .... if the 9sp won then I am still in the dummy and can lead the .....3) 8SP .....if the 8 sp won then I am still in dummy and can lead the .....4) 3 sp.

