

Homework answers Sep17

- 1) DOUBLE ! in a loud voice -your chances of beating this contract are very high indeed. 1 Spade trick + probably 2 Hrts + possibly 2 diamonds
- 2)No double -dont really think we will get very close to defeating 4Hrts. How many TRICKS will we get ? Ace Hrts , maybe K diamonds and err .. maybe that will be it.
- 3)well you will think its a bit lily livered BUT there is no guarantee of beating 4 Hrts just because you have AKQ Hrts. Ok you probably will BUT you may not. { I wasnt always such a coward -I used to double at a drop of a hat but unfortunately found the opponents made a lot of their contracts. Well I learnt , will you ?}
- 4)Partner is pushing well -can't really see the opps making this. "Double" -not exactly sotto voce but things dont always go as well as you hope. Still , Double it is.
- 5)
 - a)Well it looks normal to play the Hrts from "the top" ie Ace followed by King expecting the suit to break {2-2} . Eight ever and nine never don't you know.
 - b) ...and now the double changes things. Am expecting West to hold the Q Hrts for her double. Well I'll teach her - I will lead the 10 Hrts and "run it" -NB am finessing now because of the double rather than playing for the drop.
- 6)
 - i) easy now -I win Ace clubs come to hand with K diamonds , trump a Hrt in dummy, and lead a spade; I might as well finesse in spades BUT I am certain to make 10 tricks whatever happens.
 - ii) Hmm ...tricky defence. If the opps had played a second Hrt creating a void in dummy as before I would be laughing; now what ? Well ...I will win with the Ace and lead a Hrt myself { to create a void in dummy }; cant be sure how this will work out. I must resist drawing trumps { and or risking losing the lead } and try to ruff a Hrt in the dummy.
- 7)I will switch at trick 2 and lead a trump { in the hope of removing dummy's ruffing potential }. Could work -we will see. Cashing K Hrts is a bit kindergarten.....
- 8)Play the 2 clubs from hand . First chance is that we will have the pleasure of telling the leader that they have just been Bath Couped {if they carry on with a club }-even if they switch we may have time to play Hrts and get ready to take a club discard on the K Hrts.
- 9)Well our play was wrong. Partner's signal *when there is a singleton in the dummy* is a suit preference signal { and NOT an encouraging or discouraging signal }. Sopartner played the 7 Hrts ; we can see the 2, 3, 4, 5, + 6 Hrts so the 7 was a LOW CARD. Partner asked for the lower of the remaining suits. We should have led a club.