

Homework answers May 2-5

- 1) seems sensible to return a diamond NB partner led the Q so still has the J; if we lead a diamond back then declarer will play their King and eventually partner will make a trick.
- 2) No point in returning a diamond { as declarer has Ace + K and there are only 2 diamonds in dummy } ; best is to switch. Lead a Hrt { L.U.T.W.}. Anything could be right but Ace Hrts followed by another seems reasonable.
- 3) Play the K diamonds and probably another diamonds. No need to switch when it appears we have tricks for the taking.
- 4) Hmm... nothing very good happening here.
Return a diamond to be safe { passive} or possibly lead a club.
A club might get us a trick so is probably best.
- 5) Switch to a Hrt. Either the Ace or a *clever* 2 Hrts.
Who knows.
- 6) Switch to a Hrt. A low Hrt looks normal.
- 7) Well what should we play ? Crunch time has been reached.
Has our right hand opponent led away from their Ace { in which case we should play our King } or has right hand opponent got the Q { when we should play the J } ? .The answer to this is*who knows*.
Why has the question been set ? To show you that the defenders can cause havoc when they switch , leading up to weakness.
- 8) Exactly the same answer as to 7 above.
If you guess wrong you go down , if you guess right you make.
- 9) Dummy wins with the Ace diamonds. We know partner probably hasn't got the K diamonds. When declarer starts to draw trumps our best chance to beat the contract is to get club tricks. With this in mind we intend to win smartly with the Ace spades and switch to clubs. Perhaps leading the 3 Clubs.
- 10) Again there is no future in diamonds. We still have to switch. There is no particularly weak suit in the dummy to lead up to {there is A76 in both side suits}. We may as well switch to our stronger suit the clubs and lead the Q clubs.
- 11) 1NT is ok by me -it shows 15/16 { which is what we hold } and although not exactly balanced it is reasonable. The alternative of reversing into 2H would be a bigger crime chez moi.
- 12) 3NT is again fine -there is no sensible alternative. Waffle bids like 3D get you nowhere.

13) 2NT rebid with a singleton in partner's suit are acceptable and practical.

14) 3Sp with two side Aces is wrong. { Did you know that a preempt must never have any Ace outside the bid suit ? No probably you didnt}.

15) 5 losers { 2 Sp + 3 C }

You need to dispose of clubs on the winning Hrts and diamonds.

Win Ace Hrts and play K + Q Hrts {throwing a club}; now Ace and K + Q diamonds throwing another club. Now draw trumps.

16) 3 losers { 1 Sp + 1H + 1 D }

Draw trumps and claim 10 tricks.