

Homework answers bids and plays Jan 10-12 2011

- 1) Partner's 3Sp bid was poor. With 9 pts (or even with 8) they should not hesitate to accept the game invitation. They should bid 4Sp.
- 2)Correct.
- 3)Correct.
- 4)no ! a wheel has come off here.
No doubt partner meant 4Hrts to be a splinter agreeing spades BUT of course that is not part of the agreed system for using splinters.
Splinters are only bid in minor suits ie 1S-----4C or 1H -----4D
Partner should have bid a DGR of 2D.
- 5)Oh partner The 2C bid was fine and was the first bid of a DGR sequence.
Partner's second bid has to be 4Sp not 3Sp.
- 6)ditto partner. 4Sp is a gambling raise and not this hand at all.
Partner should have bid 2D and then later 4Sp.
- 7)Perfect. NB there were no misprints in the question (that's unusual some of you will say).
Work out why 2C was a good bid.
- 8)Perfect. Classic Gambling Raise.
- 9)Partner surely she knows by now that with 10 pts she should double the 1NT bid .
Apparently not. Oh well.
- 10)Yes a good bid by partner. A Lead DFirecting Double requesting that we lead a diamond.
- 11)no ! -partner no doubt has doubled to tell us that she has clubs; well she does have clubs , she has xxxxx in clubs , but that is not the sort of holding to do a LDD with.
She should have passed all the way through.
- 12) Good bidding I would say. Partner bids a reopening double forcing us to bid (and then goes quietly afterwards).
- 13) We have 7 tricks on top and need to get tricks from clubs. With no entries to the dummy we will have to lead a small club towards the Q. We hope the Q will win of course; if it does win we intend to play a small club from the dummy towards our K and we will duck (we wont play our K). We hope that the Ace will have to be played on our small club. (We hoped that our left hand opponent started with exactly Ax in clubs).

14) AJ52-----Q763

standard finesse. First lead the 3 towards the J and play the J.
If it wins that leaves :

A52-----Q76

that is a Chinese finesse of course and so we now play the Ace and lead a small spade to the Q.

We hope that the K will fall under the Ace.

15)AJ432 -----K1087

Lots of finesses we could take.

7 to the J or 2 to the 10.

All red herrings of course as with nine trumps missing the Queen we dont bother finessing -we simply play the K , and at the next trick play the Ace.