

Your accounts of your poor card holding are legend and it is no surprise that you have become an accomplished defender. Here once again your defensive mettle is put to the test. Partner leads the 2 Diamonds against 4 Sp. Dummy will win at trick one of course . What plan have you formed ?

NB no doubt you will be thinking along the lines of ... *i expect declarer will start drawing trumps; I will have to choose when I take my Ace trumps; also I must decide how we are to beat the contract, which suits to lead and so on.*

9)	{ dummy }		10)	{dummy }	
	J876			KQJ53	
	AQ	{ you }		A76	{ you }
	AJ109	A7		KQ	A8
	976	876		A76	J1098
		Q7654			765
		A83			QJ109

Sometimes you have to make a "bad bid" { I mean *deliberately* make a bad bid !} or at least a slightly off centre bid. Which of the following underlined bids do you think acceptable and which could be improved with an alternative bid.

11)	AQ	Kxxx	12)	AQx	KJx
	Qxxx	Ax		Kxx	Axx
	Qxxxx	xxx		Kxx	Jxxxxx
	KQ	Axxx		Jxxx	A
	1D ----- 1S			1NT ----- <u>3NT</u>	
	<u>1NT</u> ----- 3NT				

13)	x	QJxxx	14)	Q1098765
	AQxx	xxx		Axx
	KJxx	Axx		Ax
	AKxx	Jx		x
	1D ----- 1Sp			<u>3Sp</u>
	<u>2NT</u> ----- 3NT			

If you were in 4Sp on the following pairs of hands can you say  
i) how many losers you have ii) how you intend to play to make 10 tricks  
Assume the lead of the J Hearts

14)	{declarer}	{dummy}	15)	{declarer}	{dummy}
	QJ7654	1098		KQJ1098	765
	Ax	KQx		Axx	Kxx
	Ax	KQx		KQx	Jxxx
	Qxx	xxxx		x	Axx