

One more extension of this principle of looking after your own welfare

	{dummy}
	9875
(you)	32
void	AJ8
AKQJ10	AK102
K542	
Q543	

In 4Sp you lead the Ace Hrts and we will say it is trumped. { Ya Boo Hiss }. Well that wasnt what you were hoping for of course but it does mean that you have some easy discards and will not have to worry about weakening your side suit holdings. When the declarer draws trumps you can just safely discard Hrts knowing that they will never become winners and are no longer needed. This type of situation is common and should be picked up on.

i) discarding to send messages to partner

	{dummy}
	9875
(you)	543
6	AJ8
AQJ92	AK2
Q54	
Q543	

In 4sp you lead a small club and declarer wins and starts drawing trumps. On the second spade you can indicate where your strength lies by discarding high { and of course} low cards. You may think that it is important to tell partner you have a good Hrt (holding)... and can throw the 9 Hrts .{ as a subsequent discard you might throw the 2Hrts to reinforce the message}.

All very good you say BUT suppose your original Hrt holding was AQJ2. Surely you are not expected to discard the J Hrts ? {Actually you might if you thought it was essential to get partner's attention but there is an easier way , simply throw small cards from other suits .Say you threw the 3 clubs then partner would know you didnt want a club; if you could , you might follow with the 2 diamonds and again partner would realise that you werent interested in diamonds either }.

I have already said that your own welfare should be your priority and you might like to see how this fits in with sending messages to partner. Contract 4Sp.

{dummy }		
9875		<i>Declarer plays spades and we discard. The</i>
Q43	{you }	<i>problem with the 9 Hrts is that it weakens our</i>
Q108	void	<i>Hrt holding { and who knows if a Hrt lead is a good</i>
KQJ	A97	<i>idea .The same is true of a diamond discard.</i>
	K962	<i>I would throw the 2 Clubs and leave partner to</i>
	1098732	<i>her own devices.</i>

