

Homework answers –thurs delayed calls

- 1) that's fine by me. East decided they were too weak to overcall at the first opportunity * so passed ; when they realised the opponents had stopped in the low contract of 2C they then bid 2H. [* there are those who would overcall 1H on the 1st round. It is the modern style in truth but it is NOT what you should be doing for the time being at least,]
- 2) No . East is too light for a (non) delayed take out double. A double shows an opening hand 12 +
- 3) No. They should have doubled 1D as they had 12 + pts and shortage in diamonds and length in the other 3 suits.
- 4) I don't think this is right (though I can name the players who would do it .)
The suit is too scratchy , the shape unbecoming and the points weak.
A bid of 2Sp is asking for trouble ; partner may have very few points.
- 5) and now YES we do bid 2Sp. Why ? Why is it better to call with the same hand we had in Q)4 now when pass was the right call then ?
The answer goes something like this :-
This time we know South (the opponent) is weak because they bid a weak takeout of 2H.
From that we can deduce partner must have some points .
A delayed overcall of 2Sp is NOW definitely the right call.
- 6) Play the Ace. Now you cant be beaten. (Play a heart next of course).
We played S.W.S at trick one in sp (10932—A4) is strong. It's the FOUR sp to the 10
That makes the difference.
Anyone who played w.w.w. and didn't play the Ace on the Ksp lead goes off.
- 7) There might be a complicated way of making this by trying to establish the diamonds but the straightforward way is to ruff a heart in dummy.
Win Ace hrts and then play another heart to create a void in dummy in hearts. When you can ruff a heart.
- 8) (i) win with the ACE hrts. You might fool the opps that you don't have the K hrts by doing this.
(ii) 3 sp to the J sp. If that finesse held next play the Ace sp (hoping the K will fall).
An example of a mongrel finesse.
- 9) opener took no notice of partners 2H over 1S call (showing FIVE hearts) and blithely rebid in NTS. They should have raised the hrts (to 4 HRts)
- 10) if we are playing w.j.o then partners 3H call shows 6---9 and we better pass with our 13

PS if we were playing i.j.o showing 10-15 pts then we should have “ a go “ and bid 4H.

Now what jump overcalls do you play ?