

Homework answers Oct 2

1) 1D-----1s
2D

only 12-14 -cant push partner to 3 level so we keep it low by rebidding first suit

2) 1H-----1NT
2S

this time we have 17 and no worries about getting to the 3 level . We reverse.

3) 1d-----1H
2H*

* its not a reverse when u raise partner

4)1H-----1NT
2NT

2 NTs because cant reverse with 4-4 (only with 5-4)

5)1C---1h
2D

6)1D-----1nt
2D*

(*pass would be ok too -and probably a better choice)

7) 1D-----1S
2H-----3NT

responder goes to game with 9 + 17 ie 25 or more

8)1H-----1NT
2S-----4H

again responder knows they have 25 pts but rather than 3NT prefers the 5-3 heart fit.

9) 1d-----1S
2D-----Pass

opener has 12-14 ie they bid and rebid the same suit so responder has no reason to go on

10)1C-----1S
2H-----4H

opener has 17 , we have 8 , 17 + 8 ? etc

11)1D-----1S
2H-----PASS

well the argument is that opener has 17/18 and we have only 6 so 25 is not there and therefore nor is game. And thats right but one is tempted to bid 3H of course. [and to be candid if you say "well yes I know we havent 25 pts but I feel lucky and want to try 3H" thats fine by me. What wouldnt be fine is if you hadnt a clue what partner was showing and were bidding in the dark.]

12) 1c-----1s
2H-----3NT

standard (bog standard ? by now)

13) Top tricks = 6

Extras will come from diamonds.

1) Ace hrts 3) 2 d to the Q d for a finesse 3) Ace d 4) 5 diamonds *loses*

5) win K Hrts

.... and now you have 9 tricks

NB we didnt take the spade finesse as it was unnecessary.

Anyone who took the diamond finesse *then* took the spade finesse is suffering from *finisitus vulgar* [there is no known cure]

14) 8 tricks on top. The 9th will come from spades

i.e. Q65-----A32

which is Chinese finesse territory. Lead the 2 towards the Q

15) well you have to pat partner on the back when they make good leads -how ? by playing a HIGH heart (a 9). Partner will then know when they next have the lead to continue with hearts. And if you had played a measly 4 hrts ? Partner will conclude you dont like hearts (havent the K) and may switch to another suit.

16) -you send back a heart. Albeit that you can

see that dummy's hearts are strong (they were KQJ).

In NTs the principle is that you return partner's lead whatever. It is extremely rare that you wouldnt.

(You werent asked what to do if the contract had been a suit contract .

In general in suit contracts we dont necessarily return the lead if partner has led top of nothing)