

## Homework answers Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> player plays

- 1) 5 sp . The Ace ? hmm well the problem with that is that I may make it easy for declarer to make their K and their Q if they have it. In general one should prefer to play high honours on high honours ie keep an Ace back to beat a K or Q ( or J )
- (ii) KHrt –if I don't make it now I may never make it –
- (iii) 3 diamonds -see answer to (i) ; also there is a distinct possibility that partner has the Q diamonds and if I play low dummies J will be played ( for a finesse) and partner will win with their Q
- (iv) actually harder ! – the Q is right according to our definitions so I will play it . ie if we don't play it now we may never get it. NB if I were playing a champion I might have reservations but as my usual opponents are the likes of Hugo ...

- 2) (i) 5 sp
- (ii) 4 Hrts –I will surely get a second chance to win with my Ace and as I prefer to beat an honour I am going to wait
- (iii) the 1 Diamonds –splitting my hon
- (iv) J clubs splitting my hon

- 3) (i) K –too dangerous not to play it as I may lose it
- (ii) J Hrts –splitting hon
- (iii) Q diamonds –splitting hon –ho hum
- (iv) 2 clbs

3) 2Sp 4) 1NT 5) 1Sp 6) 1H NB lowest 4 card maj if you hold two 4 card suits

- 7)
- (i) Ace spades –obviously ?
- (ii) 9 Hrts to signal we like and expect to make a trick in time
- (iii) 2 diamonds –yes . 2 diamonds. Or did you think you could make a trick ?
- (iv) 9 clubs –high encouraging

8) win Ace hrts and play a 2<sup>nd</sup> heart back ( to create a void in dummy in preparation for ruffing). If you *don't* you are likely to go off.

Now don't just read that and thing blast got that wrong and move on to next question , if you got it wrong try and understand why we play that way and make sure the next time you have a hand like that you wont miss it ( and get it wrong )

9) you have 4 losers which is the key to knowing what to do next.

You need to discard a loser before losing the lead –so don't draw trumps –instead , play A + K + Q diamonds and discard the 5 clubs. THEN draw trumps.