

Answers responding 2NT

1) (a) yes poor , responder should reply 1H

(b) 2NT correct

(c) perfect. (Could double 2NT also if u prefer that way to go)

(d) wellthe problem is that partner may pass (they might) –and as u have 15 and know partner has 11-12 its for you to bid game. 3NT really has to be the call. If you don't like the uncertainty of this sort of auction then stop replying 2NT to a 1 suit opener and there won't be the problem.

2) (i) 1S-----2C
2NT-----3Sp (checkback)
4Sp

(ii) 1S-----2C
2NT-----3NT

3) Hmm (so many bridge problems are Hmms) ..at the end of the day you have to play the ace on partner's K and return the suit to their Q. They will then give u a ruff. Hmm or not that's the only way to play.

4) Play the 9. Silly question ? Ive seen the ace played on partner's Q more than once. You don't believe it ? Come to a Mon or Wed session and I'll tell you who to sit next to.

5) Duck the spade. Is that because I will anyway have to lose the lead at least twice and its better to attempt to cut the opponents off from each other immediately before one of them gets the lead to send the suit back ? You got it.

6) Win with Ace hrts.

Lead 3 diamonds to the J (wins) .

Ace sp.

Q sp.

K spades.

Lead 5 diamonds to the Q

[wide eyed young thing] “Gosh it's like every time you are in the dummy you take the opportunity to take finesses by leading weak to strong.It almost looks as declarer planned that too from the beginning.”

[weary instructor] “Gosh , yes so it does”