

#### 4<sup>th</sup> s f answers

1) spot on – a call of 3nt with no real stop in clubs would be silly. The 4th suit ( the “pitiful crutch” as one former disaffected player used to call it NB that player was Terence Reese probably our best player ever and he came round in the end )

2) now not much point in the call -3nt is better

3) good bid –South hopes that North will give belated support for spades. Yes 3NT would have been ok too but not as good NB if North fails to bid 3Sp then South bids 3NT

4) this time its silly- North has already shown 5 spades ( and south knew that when they bid 3C ie they didn't bid 3 or 4 spades). 3NT is the call.

5) In best order (i) 9 sp (ii) 4 diamonds OR 4 clubs

Will there still be people who don't consider leading a major when the opponents have not investigated playing in a major suit ? Bien sur.

“But *when* should we lead a 3 card major rather than a 4 card minor “?

When you have a very weak hand with few entries.

“Hmmm I think you told us that before “

Yes a few times.

6) you don't want to give declarer a head start with your lead.

The traditional lead against a G.S in a suit is a trump.

Normally that wont assist declarer as u imagine they have the sense to have the A K Q of the suit they are trying to make 13 tricks in

Against 6sp you have more choices; the 3 clubs might hit home or if u r in daring mood try the 4 diamonds ( though partner didn't make a L.D.D> of the 5 diamond bid ). And finally if you think safety is the best course a spade is fine too.

“whats a L.D.D. ? Im sure I should know “

You are right you should.

7) spades

8) (i) win with the K and lead the 5 to the 10. The 10 wins, Now play the Ace and discard a club. NB file under *exploiting the lead*.

Any other play eg drawing trumps is hopeless. Sorry but it is.

(ii) win with the ace hearts. Draw trumps. Lead the 2 to the 10

9) The Ace. Then the Q. Then (having preserved the tenace) if needed you can finesse the 10

