

Answers extended stayman Sep 12

The 1st answers are for those using transfers

NB a transfer bid is denoted by an asterix(*)

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| 1) 1NT -----2H* | 2) 1NT -----2D* |
| 2S-----3H | 2H-----2S |
| 3NT | 3H-----4H |
| 3) 1NT-----2H* | 4) 1NT -----2H* |
| 2S-----3H | 2S-----3H |
| 3S-----4S | 3NT-----4H |

The 2nd answers are for those using extended stayman

NB Stayman 2C is also denoted with an asterix (*)

And 3D extended stayman by a double asterix ! (**)

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| 2) 1NT -----2C* | 2) 1NT -----2C* |
| 2D-----3D** | 2D-----3D** |
| 3H-----3NT | 3H-----4H |
| 3) 1NT-----2C* | 4) 1NT -----2C* |
| 2D-----3D** | 2D-----3D** |
| 3S-----4S | 3H-----4H |

Again just for the transfer bidders

- 5) 6spades and 4Hearts 6) 6hearts and 5 spades

Now for the extended stayman sufferers (sorry meant *bidders*)

- 7) 5 spades and 4 hearts 8) 5 spades and 4hearts NB yes responder could be 5-5

9) responder. With 13 pts and 4 or 5 or 6 (or 7 !) diamonds responder's proper bid is 3NT and NEVER 3 diamonds.

Surely I'm allowed to reply 3D with a strong hand , say 17+ pts ? Yes.

10) Hmm... I don't know whats going on here ! (and I set the question , though some weeks back); I suppose we will have to assume that partner knows suit preference signals (who is our partner actually ?). Anyway if she does ,,then the 10 hearts asks for a lead of the higher non trump suits. Ie a diamond. We lead a diamond.

Why she wants a diamon (maybe has a void ?!) we don't know BUT she has clearly asked that a club NOT be led. So we do as partner wishes.

11) You can probably see that some luck in the club suit will bring the slam home. In fact this is a classic elimination , throwin and endplay hand.The slam is 100% certain. Heres how to play :

- 1)Ace spades 2) K diamonds 3)Q diamonds 4) K spades 5) spade ruff 6)Ace hrts
7)K hrts 8) Hrt ruff 9) small diamond to the 10 10) small club to the 10