

Homework answers 23-25 Nov

1) 2C balanced 23+ 2) 2C balanced 23+ 3) 2Sp 8 playing tricks

4) 2C only 3 or 4 losers 5) 1S neither 9 PT nor 3/4 losers

6) tricky isnt it ?

Partner volunteered they hold a club suit -presumably 5 cards and headed by the A or Q (or both). They wont have both the A cl + Ks (or wouldnt have bid 2D neg). They didnt bid 2NT as a second negative so ought to have *some* points. Have to hurry you whats your bid ?

Im bidding a slam. 6H or a clever (I hope) 6C. [my idea is that partner wont think I have four clubs or I would have supported earlier.].

The question really is concerned with whether you bid a slam and if your answer is 6H or 6C either of those I go along with. Not much sense in being in spades when you have a fit in hearts (and clubs).

7) 4Sp is enough -partner has 8/9 tricks and we could provide 2 but a slam is too much

8) I want to either (slightly over) bid 6 or at least find a bid that tells partner im interested in 6.

A cue bid might work as long as partner knows what you are up to. is 4D a cue agreeing Sp or H or just a Diamond suit.

Im sure its obvious to you but it might not be to partner.

Better to make a clear unambiguos raise - so bid 5Sp or 6Sp as you wish.

NB the raise from 3Sp to 5Sp is a much underated call -suggesting slam interest but no other obvious call to make.

9) Hmm... again deep breath time ; 5D or 6D ?

Partner may have nuthin' or they may have a little something .

Leaving aside expert calls like 5C its basically 5D or 6D .

I bid 6D , No I dont I bid 5D. No I dont . I bid ...

10) well if i was inclined to bid 6D last time

perhaps I should bid more this time ?

Certainly 6 seems ok . anything less than 6D is feeble.

7 diamonds could easily make.

Give partner this assortment :-

852

J2

J987

8765

and 13 tricks are straightforward. [maybe even more than 13 ...]

- 11) 2S -yes can support with 3 cards in competitive auctions -a fib ? not really
- 12) Pass -important not to tell "fibs" about points -ie a bid of 2D would show 10+
- 13) Ah I know this one. I have to duck the spade partner has led retaining my Ace sp.
Hopefully one of us will get the lead and if its p they can lead a spade and I will win with the Ace and cash 2 more spades.
- 14) Declarer presumably holds the A + K + Q sp * ie 9 points oh and the K Hrts....
on that basis partner holds the Ace clubs.
So we switch to the 6 clubs , partner wins and returns a club and we beat the contract.
- * couldnt partner have led the Jsp from AJ10 xx and a spade would be needed to beat the contract ? And yes that is true but VERY less likely.
As an aside -I have all but given up leading an hon from interior sequence leads
e.g AJ103 KJ104 AQJ4
Although the lead is undoubtably "correct " too many times partners conclude you have led the top honour and hold say J1093 and switch to new suits. This includes good partners who also never seem to believe you have made an interior sequence lead.
So I dont.