

Answers –covering hons with hons

- 1) cover the Q sp with the K NB you are hoping partner has the J or even the 10
- 2) Don't cover. There is no point-partner cant have the J or 10
- 3) Don't cover. Partner cant have the 10
- 4) Cover the J with the Q. Perhaps partner does have the 10
- 5) No .
- 6) yesbecause partner might have the J or 10

7) a) yes 2Sp

b) yes 3Sp. OK ? we would rather bid 2Sp BUT partner should take into account we may be stretching

8) you will go off if you draw trumps now.
You will lose Ace sp + Qh + J H + Ace clubs.
You need to throw a losing heart on a winning diamond before drawing trumps.
Ace diamond ; then ...K diamonds ...then Q diamonds throwing a heart.
Now draw trumps.

9)) you will go off if you draw trumps now.
You will lose Ace sp + Qh + J H + Ace clubs.
You need to throw a losing heart on a winning diamond before drawing trumps.
BUT this time we have to take a risk and take the diamond finesse.
NB small diamond to the J. If that wins ,,play Ace diamonds and K diamonds throwing a heart. Then draw trumps.
Was that risk justified ? well if you don't take the finesse you will go one off.
If you take the finesse and it wins you make the contract.
Finally , if you take the finesse and it loses you go two off.

Whazz all dat mnean then ? Yes its worth the risk.
(Risking 2 off to make a game contract is correct)

- 10) (i) bid 2H Because we cant bid 1NT with nothing in the overcallers spade suit
- (ii) bid 1NT - we have 6—9 and would prefer not to support partners hearts with only 3 cards when there is a clear alternative.