

## Answers Doubling

- 1) I bid 2Sp. You could argue on the lines of ..." well partner has 16+ pts and I have 5 pts so probably we will beat 1NT so I will pass the double " BUT I think that's wrong headed myself. Points aren't everything and it wouldn't surprise me if 1NT even made. In bidding 2Sp I expect we will make it and that's good enough for me !
- 2) Partner's double is penalty and Im happy with that I pass.  
I expect to be able to make a couple of heart tricks and a club or two.
- 3) Hmmm –again the dble is penalty and Pass might be ok but I bid 2Sp.  
My defensive assets aren't great ( only the Ace clubs really ) but I expect to make a lot of spade tricks if I play in spades.
- 4) who knows !? I bid 5 Spades. I'll apologise to partner ( not too profusely) if 5C dbled would have gone down a lot but to avoid accidents Im not going to risk passing the penalty double of 5C. Why ? well what are my defensive contributions going to be ? errr ziltch. Partner doesn't know I have six spades and may be expecting us to take the Ace + K of spades in defence-well I doubt that's going to happen. 5Sp is my call.
- 5) this is an old chestnut if ever there was one-we Pass of course as partner will be weakish.
- 6) Yes I think we have to move with the times and accept that everyone bids on these, these days. Even at Bootles in the cash game. It is at the 1 level after all.
- 6)Now Im more reluctant – 2 level overcalls are risky affairs at the best of times and nearly always should only be bid with six card suits. I suppose if u knew your opponents never doubled u might bid 2C but what if this is the day they have decided to double? Too dangerous.
- 7) Ace diamonds ALWAYS ( an ace when you hold Ace king) even if partner opened a different suit
- 8)There are two different bids you might now make.:-  
(i) 3NT      (ii) 3C      Both are fine . Anything else isn't.
- 9)Win with the Ace hrts: Draw trumps ; Play A + K + Q clubs ; play J hrts ( which loses)..... now the opponent who won the Q hrts has the unenviable choice of either leading a diamond into your AQ tenace or giving a ruff and discard.

Yes the contract was cold.

What you did was

- (i) Draw (trumps)
- (ii) Play clubs (eliminate the side suit )
- (iii) Led a heart ( throw in the opponents with a heart)

The opponents were well and truly endplayed (stuffed)

