

Answers discards

- 1) the 8 clubs and then the 5 clubs is a very definite signal for clubs –yes I know declarer can see this too but its worth it to get partners attention.
Incidentally am pretty sure partner will get in at sometime so they will need to know to lead a club.
- 2) 9 hearts (lead a HEART), and 2 diamonds (don't lead a DIAMOND) –that should be pretty clear I would say
- 3) 2 clubs. Am sitting on the fence a bit but theres no need to shout too loudly what I want (and anyway am not sure quite what I do want !). I also don't particularly want to shout about my K hearts to declarer who may be watching.If partner does get in they can judge whats best for the team knowing that I don't want clubs.
- 4) No you shouldn't win. Whats more you shouldn't win smoothly and quickly. Slow play gives the game away. Just hold up and with any luck declarer will think they are onto a winner with the heart suit and return to their hand to try another finesse.WHICH YOU WIN THE 2ND TIME
- 5) 2Sp. Did you know that ? Called false preference.Going back to the known 5 card suit rather than stop in the 4 card suit (albeit you have more hearts)
- 6) (a) 1S (b) 2S (c) 2C (d) 2NT [or 1 sp if you are a purist]
- 7) (a) wait when weak on the K diamonds lead; duck the next diamond too; win the 3rd diamond. Now lead the Q hrts for a running finesse. Even if the finesse loses you are safe.
Do you see that ? If the diamond finesse lost the player that won wont have any diamonds left and u now have 9 tricks . Count them.

(b) This one is similar but is a bit messier it is true.

First thing to realise is that you don't need to wait when weak in the diamond suit (and postpone playing your Ace diamonds).Actually you are quite strong in diamonds (and will make the Ace and 1 more diamond) as long as youwin the Ace diamonds at trick one. This is called Striking when Strong (S.w.S).

So you take Ace diamonds.

Take 9/10 if you did that.

The follow up is less important and as long as you don't take the spade finesse you will come through ok.

This is best :

1)Ace diamonds 2)Ace clubs 3) Kclubs 4)Q clubs 5) Q hearts

So unblock the clubs (to free up the J) and take a running finesse in hearts.

If it loses and a diamond comes back don't worry as you1098 diamonds will stop the suit.

Again you have 9 tricks.