

## Answers discards

- 1) hmm and hmmm ... my remaining hearts ( the Q J 10 9 ) are all winners yet this is the suit I am going to discard. And that will seem double dutch to some but you can hardly unguard your clubs ( the J needs 3 "protecting " cards ) and the Q43 diamonds similarly cant be thrown from lest the Q becomes unguarded.  
I cant promise u will beat the contract like this but u will definitely prevent a declarer making multiple overtricks.  
If the declarer had say – 9876 -----86-----AKJ10 ----AK10 and you *Kept* your hearts and threw clubs then diamonds the declarer would make 12 tricks;*if you threw hearts however the declarer can only make 9 tricks.*
- 2) you should try not to throw a diamond  
ie you have the J654 and dummy has Q1087 and you need to keep the same number as dummy ( you are catering for declarer having the A + K diamonds in hand ); hearts are more disposable perhaps. Nevertheless my first 2 discards will be clubs ( yes winning clubs ) ; the 3<sup>rd</sup> discard is harder ... I might even throw another club !! but probably a heart is safe.
- 3) Ah ...this is different. Because we don't have to protect our honours ( we aint got many ! ) we are free-er to use our discards to signal. So the discard of a the 9 hearts would send a message that we like hearts ( and (say) the discards of the 2 clubs or 2 diamonds would say we don't like clubs or diamonds ).  
Hmm so let me get this straight –if you have honours to protect then the discards you make are purely designed to protect those honours ; if however you have suits that hold no honours or have no honours needing protection you can use those suits to signal your likes and dislikes ? Yes.
- 4) no question 4
- 5) (a) South bid 2H on only 3 cards because they had only 6---9 pts but couldn't bid 1NT as they had no stop on spades e.g 93---- 876- AK32 – 8764  
(b)South bid 2H on only 3 cards because they had only 6---9 pts but couldn't bid 1NT as they had a side suit singleton e.g AJ3---- 876- J65432 – 4
- 6) It was Norths. North with a modest 14 pts hand was not strong enough to reverse into hearts having started with diamonds; North should actually have repeated their diamonds. The way the bidding went South believed North had 17+pts and so was entitled to raise to 4H . (Some will ask how should it be bid then and that's really a subject for another lesson but this would do :  
1D-----1S  
2D-----2H  
Pass
- 7) Win with Ace hearts and play another heart ( to create a void) ie don't draw trumps (yet). Might not work I can see but is a fair start
- 8) Establishing the clubs probably will work; as ever one tends not to draw trumps when establishing ; So ...  
1)Ace hrts ; 2) Ace clubs ; 3) K clubs 4)\* ruff a club ....and if the clubs are winners now draw trumps and enjoy the 2 winning clubs and take 13 tricks.  
  
If after 4\* the clubs weren't yet established 5) return to ace diamonds 6) ruff another club and then draw trumps and enjoy the one established club. Makes 12 tricks.

