

## Answers drawing trumps

1) draw trumps in this order 1) K sp 2) Ace sp 3) Qsp

le you want to end up in declarers hand after drawing trumps in order to lead the Q Hrts for a finesse.\*

*\* I suppose at some point we will have to listen to the dissenters asking about "preserving the tenace" –they will have a point of sorts and I will address it at the end of the answer sheet*

2) draw trumps in this order 1) A sp 2) Q sp 3) K sp

le you want to end up in declarers hand after drawing trumps in order to lead the 2 Hrts to finesse the J. [ later you can return to dummy to lead the 4 hrts to finesse the Q]

3) ...hmm we have been slightly unlucky in that the trumps broke 3-1 and not 2-2. Never mind . *We could* draw the last trump now but we would end on the wrong side to finesse hearts. Better is to now take a heart finesse ( 2 to the 10). Assuming that wins now draw the last trump with the Q Sp. Return to the Ace clubs and take another heart finesse. Isn't that risky leaving a trump outstanding ? No.

5) draw trumps in this order 1) A sp 2) K sp 3) J sp

le you want to end up in declarers hand after drawing trumps in order to lead the 3 clubs to the J for a finesse.

6) 3NT. Anything else is wrong and is either an *underbid* (3D/2NT) or a *nuts bid* (4D)

7) 5D is a good bid. Perhaps the opponents will double. How bad will that be ? 3 off ? Maybe , but even if it is that will only lose 500 pts and the opponent's contract of 4Sp ( which surely will make ) will score 620 for them. Going off when not vuln *in a competitive auction* is no bad thing if the opponents can make a vuln game.

8) First things first ;we led the 3sp and not the 5 Sp. I admit that was a typo and I meant to type the "5 spades"- however some good players will try to fool declarers by leading what is a 5<sup>th</sup> highest rather than a 4<sup>th</sup> highest so it is not such a rare thing. Back to the problem.Partner played the 10sp and declarer won with the J spades. That means declarer still has the A+ Q spades. If you lead a spade now you will be helping declarer make their Q. Better is to switch ( 9 hrts looks ok ). If partner ever gets the lead they will return to spades for you.

9)You don't want to lead a club or diamond as the opps bid those suits.

So 976 spades or K3 hearts ? Length is best in these situations so lead the 9 spades. NB the opponents might well have bid a major if they had had one

*\* The "preserve the tenace" lobby will have in mind that with a holding such as AQ43---K1062 AND all other things being equal the safest way to draw the trumps is to play the Ace , then the Q ....finally , should the suit not break .. they will be in a position to lead the 3 towards the preserved tenace of the A10 , and if appropriate , be able to finesse that 10.That is of course good play and if there were sufficient entries ( if the hands were strong enough ) that would be how to play; whenever hands are more difficult with less entries ( when the hands are not particularly strong) such considerations have to take a back seat to making sure you are on the correct side to take finesses etc after drawing trumps.)*

