Answers –exploiting a lead

1) win with the K clubs. Draw trumps. Lead the 2 clubs to the 10 for a WINNING finesse.
   i.e the leader led from the QJ(x)

2) Play the 7 from dummy. Our expectation is that the K will be on our right.
   The justification for this optimism is that most players don't lead "from Kings"… so the lead of a small club initially suggested (say) J653 on our left.
   Anyway we play the 7 and the right hand opponent plays the K *. We head this with the Ace. Draw trumps and later lead the 2 clubs to the 10 for a winning finesse.

   Q107
   The club position ( we hope ) is J563-------I--------K84
   A92

   * no doubt it would have been better play at trick 1 for our right hand opponent to play the 8 not the K but not many players seem to play as well as that. Do you ?

3) Play the 3 diamonds from dummy at trick 1- if it wins great , if , ( more likely) it is headed by say the Q, win with the K. Then ( may as well do it now) lead the 9 diamonds and finesse the 10. You are hoping the opponent's diamonds were :-

   J762----------Q854

4) What about finessing the 9 clubs ?

Win the Ace clubs, Draw trumps .Lead the 2 clubs to the 9. It wins. OK ? You do see that I suppose ?

5)North is at fault. The raise to 3 Clubs was feeble. They needed to bid a full bodied 4 Clubs. Then South would go to game. South's calls were fine.

6) Ace , then Queen then King.
   Why ? Hard to say in a sentence but you have had a lesson on it only a few weeks ago. Perhaps check back ? All to do with making sure you end up on the "right side" after drawing trumps.

   (six again)

6) Well done you played the 10. The correct play now is to switch.
   The point is that we have the K clubs trapped in dummy ( our Ace is sat over it ). What you mustn't do is cash the Ace clubs as then the K clubs will make. J hearts looks the obvious switch.

7) no

Now the reason we don't overcall 2H is not really/just because we only have five hearts. There *are* times that overcalls at both the one and two level are made with only five card suits. But such overcalls are made on better hands ( more shape /better impletion ) though the points need not be more. As this is very much a ragged sort of overcall and given that we are VULNERABLE we are not tempted to risk it.