

answers Honour covering

1) cover. Why ? you hope partner has the 10

2) cover. Why ? you hope partner has the 10

3) No. What would be the point in covering? Partner hasn't got the 10

4) cover. Why ? you hope partner has the J

5) you play the 4.

"What really ? I have always shown a high low since I was a child. "

Time to grow up ...

6)Pass. Partner has long hearts and no liking for your suits

7)Try 4C cuebid. A Cuebid is 100% the best approach on this hand ( do you know why ?); if however you are not comfortable with cuebids or don't think your partner is , then Blackwood might work out.

8) The voids and singletons ( and perhaps the low point count [ for a slam ]) should point you in the right direction.

The extra tricks can only come from ruffing/crossruffing.

If you draw trumps the most you can make is 11 tricks.

This is how 13 were made.

Trick 1) Ace clubs Trick 2) Ace hearts Trick 3) diamond ruff

Trick 4) heart ruff Trick 5) diamond ruff Trick 6) heart ruff

Trick 7) diamond ruff Trick 8) Ace sp Trick 9) Q spades

Trick 10) J spades Trick 11) K clubs Trick 12) small club to the 9 \*

(\* remember the opening lead ?)

Trick 13 ) Q clubs

It had to be played crossruff style BUT the only extra tricks came about from *dummy's ruffs*. The ruffs that were taken in hand were necessary because there were too few entries but didn't actually make any *extra* tricks.

As ever ,it is ruffs in dummy that are important not ruffs in hand.

How could you see all that from the "off" ?

You might think on these lines.

" I have six spade tricks in hand and can make two more tricks in dummy by ruffing hearts.I also have the Ace hearts, ( That makes 9 tricks ). In addition the lead of the J clubs surely shows the 10 clubs so I should be able to make 4 tricks from the clubs [AK2-----Q954 ] by a timely finesse of the 9 clubs ".

