

## Answers –replying to 1NT

- 1) south is way too strong for the weak takeout call of 2Sp  
-they should have replied 2C stayman intending to follow up with 2NT if partner didn't have spades
- 2) now they are over cooking it – a simple 2Sp was right
- 3) that looks right ie too strong for 2H and too weak for 3 H
- 4) yep good –they seem to have got it
  
- 5) 1NT -----2C  
2S-----2NT  
3NT-----Pass
  
- 6) 1NT-----2C  
2D -----3H  
4H

NB note responder bid 3H after the 2C first bid

- 7) (i) Pass. Yes they could bid a weak takeout and call 2Sp but there is no reason to think this will be better than 1NT

(ii) now they should bid 3D. Partner will remember that you started with a weak takeout of 2H so wont read too much into this 2<sup>nd</sup> call. If your partner after 3D bids 3NT get a new partner.

- 8) We lead back a spade.

Partner presumably had this sort of holding in spades KQ10(x)  
And were (correctly ) afearred of being Bath coupd by declarer who had ducked with AJx(x) spades

- 9) Line 1) 1) win Ace hrts 2) win K hrts 3) lead 3 hrts and ruff in dummy  
4) draw trumps 5) draw trumps 6) draw trumps 7) K diamond  
8) Ace diamonds Makes 10 tricks

- Line 2) 1) win Ace hrts 2) win K diamonds 3) win Ace diamonds  
4) ruff a diamond with 10 sp .....\* *if diamonds have broken 3-----3\**  
5) draw trumps Ace sp 6) draw trumps Qsp 7) draw trumps K sp  
8) master 9 diamond (discard a club) 9) master 6 diamond s  
(discard a club or heart ) Makes 11 tricks

- Line 2) 1) win Ace hrts 2) win K diamonds 3) win Ace diamonds  
4) ruff a diamond with 10 sp .....\* *if diamonds have NOT broken 3-----3\**  
5) play 8 sp to 9 sp 6) trump a diamond 7) draw trumps A sp  
8) draw trumps K sp 9) play master diamond  
(discard a club or heart )Makes 10 tricks

Moral ? well you can try to establish the diamonds in the hopes of making 11 and can still settle for 10 tricks if the suits don't behave themselves.  
It is true that the establishing method did require the spades not to break worse than 3-----2. In a duplicate the good players try the establishing method.

