

Homework answers forcing bids

- 1) no – Norths 2H was a reverse showing 17 BUT S can pass
- 2) yes –again N's bid was a reverse (showing 17) BUT this time S had themselves promised 10 +. Therefore both players knew of 25+ between the two hands
- 3) Not forcing (tho very rarely would be passed)
NB openers bids are consistent with 5-4 shape and 12+
- 4) forcing of course NB opener has 15+ and responder has 10+
- 5)not forcing (and showing 15-17 and six clubs)
- 6)Forcing ...because ...responder have themselves shown 10+
- 7) partner has 17 + and u have 10 (and thus have 25+ pts together HOWEVER you are the only one who knows this !)
Thus a bid like 3D would not be enough !
You must bid either 3NT (or a gameforcing 4th suit forcing 3C bid)
- 8) 3Sp is still forcing (I cant say this in every answer BUT opener has shown 17 and knows you have 10+ so both of you know that game will be reached); why bid 3Sp rather than 4Sp ? well it leaves more space is one thing. I do NOT subscribe to the view that 4Sp is a shutout incidentally BUT why make a space consuming bid when you may need room to investigate higher contracts
- 9) well ...you can pass (and maybe should !) but I bid 4Sp
- 10) now you cant pass (not that you would want to) –bid 4H
- 11) Gorbimeyi don't know ! Partner's 3H bid is not forcing –it doesn't show 15+ in a competitive auction. On the other hand they wont be that weak to keep bidding and will surely have a six card suit. Bid 4H (and double the opps if they sacrifice in 4Sp .
- 12) You ducked quickly. Well done. Declarer will return to hand , take another diamond finesse , which you will win (slowly if you like). Then you will return partner's spades.
- 13) I refer my honourable friend to the answer given to Q 12.
Shame ! Shame ! Answer the question ! I already have. I duck the first finesse and win the 2nd
- 14)(i) no –rubbish (sorry); 6 sp to the J was good, THEN play the A
- (ii) no again –the lead of the Q was right (touching hons)-after that the play should have been the 2 to the Ace
- 14 (again)(i) Win with Ace hrts; then play a small heart to create a void in dummy ; later trump a heart in dummy.
- (ii) you need to establish clubs (in order to discard a heart).
One doesn't usually draw trumps before establishing but here I can see you could. So if you drew A + K + Q sp next that's ok. I will do that later though as follows :
1)Ace hrts 2) Ace clubs 3) K clubs 4) club ruff 5) Ace sp 6) K sp 7)Q sp
Assuming clubs are established ...8)Ace di 9) winning club 10) winning club