

Homework answers –game raises

- 1) 2D the start of a DGR (NB too good for anything else)
- 2) 4D –splinter raise
- 3) 4H –well why not ? we might make it and will stop the opps bidding
- 4) 3Sp –standard limit raise 10-12 pts
- 5) 4C (u could also take the DGR route and try 1Sp but if u play splinters play ‘em)
- 6) 3D –too strong for anything else NB a jump shift 16+

- 7) 4sp (as planned)

- 8) 4NT ie slam is on the horizon . We know this as opener didn’t sign off in 4H and instead made a cue noise of 4D

- 9) ..and this sort are a problem (see Cindy/Amanda for verification).
If u bid 4H it “just sorta sounds like u are ‘aving a go and raising p to game”
Partner doesn’t know by this bid of 4H that u were always intending to bid a DGR. You need to make your intentions clearer. On this hand 4NT is obvious (though do accept there will be times when things aren’t so easy)

- 10) Pass. Where are we heading ? Ans: “ into trouble if we bid”. The gambling raise is NOT encouraging
- 11) 4H. End of. Partner’s singleton club isnt especially good news. Give up
- 12) Well... this better news. Partner has no wasted values in clubs ...what honours she does have should fit well. 4NT it is.

- 13) This is a S.P.S situation. (Look it up –its filed under Suit Preference Signal perhaps). When theres a singleton in dummy in the suit we lead an Ace partner tells us what to switch to. Here the answer is a diamond. Gosh swoon err... how come ? Groan..the 8 hrs was a HIGH heart asking for a switch to one of the two higher (non trum) suits.

- 14) Perhaps you are imaginative to come up with various ideas but actually you just have to consider why partner led the Ace diamonds and then switched (when u played the 2). Almost certainly partner’s diamonds were something like AKJ(x) and she needs you to go back to diamonds leading through declarers hon. You return a diamond now.

- 15) Ooooh ... just like Q14 really isnt it. Its no good cashing the K clubs (yes yes it makes a trick BUT declarer will then make their Q clubs. Check each of those assertions –they are all correct (and might even satisfy Phillida) but you need to understand them.
So rather than cash the K clubs ...we need to “put partner in” so they can lead a club back to us. 9 diamonds is the lead at trick 2.

NB the clubs are reasonably assumed to be like this :

765
AKJ10-----|-----432
Q98
(declarer)