

Homework answers -general

1)a 1H lowest of 4 card majors

b) hmmm if you open at the 1 level then 1sp (highest of fives) BUT ... this is some hand. Looks like a 2C to me. NB 2Sp is wrong.

c) 2H (is right) six card suit -8 winners

d) 1H middle of 3 touchers e)1C lowest of 4's when only 2 touch

f) 3S

2) a) 2C Michaels. Oh yeah

b)2Sp weak jump overcall . Oh yeah

3) a) choices but 4D is attractive. Splinter. Oh

NB 3Sp is too timid

b) 3NT. NB 3C is feeble. 4C ridiculous.

c) 2S. Bidding 2H would be wrong (insufficient points)

d) Double looks obvious at first glance (and is probably right). 3D a possibility and 2NT another. If things go well the best money spinner will be double.

4) a) Pass. weak stayman by p

b)Pass- weak takeout into clubs by p

5) (a) 7 hrs (b) Ace clubs (c) Q diamonds (d)Ace Hrts

Hmm so sometimes you lead a singleton (Q (a) and sometimes you dont (Q (c)

I expect there was a lesson on that ? I would think so yes.

6) Well a spade could be right (and no one will think you have led badly) but the winning lead (maybe) is the K diamonds , hoping (praying !) partner has the Ace. Why ? well the spade is asking a lot to beat the contract –partner would need the A + Q at a minimum and even then you may not beat it.

The K D lead pays off when partner has the Ace diamonds (he needs no other honors). The K diamonds wins; you lead a small diamond and partner's Ace wins, next partner gives you a ruff. The diamond lead would at least suggest you were thinking anyway.

7) Play the 10. Best to reserve our Ace to beat the K

8)Win the Ace spades. Play the Ace diamonds and watch for a signal from partner. If they like diamonds lead another diamond (and hope they win and give you a club ruff); if they play low on the Ace diamonds try a heart.

9) (i) Duck the Q diamonds lead. "waiting when not so weak" © LGent

(ii)you better play the K diamonds. It has to win or we have no chance.

After that there is still no clear way forward –you will have to eventually take a club finesse (4 to the Q) but 1st , will have to guess whether to run the QSP OR Q Hrts. Lousy contract when all is said and done.

10)(i) play the 5 from dummy.

We are certain to in time make the J or K diamonds NB 100% certain.

There will still work to be done but we can set the hearts up no doubt.

The fact that the opps have led the 2 diamonds is quite good news in that the leader has only 4 diamonds and not more.

ii) Play the Q diamonds – only 50% sure to make the Q BUT it will be the only chance to make the Q. If the Q loses, wait with the cae for a couple of rounds then go to dummy with a club and lead the Q Hrts for a finesse. Same good news that the 2 was led....

11)(i) win with Ace diamonds-don't draw trumps –lead the K hrts for a ruffing finesse.

If the K hearts is covered then ruff it and draw trump ending in dummy and play 3 winning hearts;;;;;; if the K hearts is NOT covered with the Ace then discard a diamonds and hope for the best.

Anyone who drew trumps before all this is going to have entry problems.

12) Ace diamonds ; Ace clubs ; Ace hrts ; K hrts ; Q Hrts ...throwing a diamond' K clubs ...throwing a diamond. Draw trumps.

Anyone that drew trumps straight away goes 2 off.

13) This is a sort of Xmas quiz question –you can solve it but maybe only after the mince pies. Anyway heres how :-

- 1) Ace Hrts
- 2) Ace diamonds
- 3) Q diamonds
- 4) 2 diamonds to the K
- 5) J diamonds ...throwing a heart
- 6) 10 diamonds ...throwing a heart
- 7) Ace clubs
- 8) K clubs .Next
- 9) Q clubs is played and we watch what the defender throws.....

The cards left are

	AKQ2
	Void
	Void
	6
(defender)	
J1098	
Q	
Void	
Void	
	543
	10
	Void
	Q

When they finally decide to throw their 5th card we will know how declarer makes their contract.:-

(lets say it's a spade discard) then dummy's 2 spades will be the 13th trick

((lets say it's a heart discard) then declarer will make their 10 hrts and then the AKQ spades. This sort of play is called a simple squeeze. There are also double squeezes repeating squeezes and crisscross squeezes to name a few more.

The simple squeeze is the simple one.

