

Homework answers –new year resolutions

1) it's a dangerous game to overcall 2C when vulnerable – you *will* get in the opponents way which is a good thing but against that you would be contracting to take 8 tricks
Suppose partner has got little and you are left in it (and possibly even doubled).
You will make 4 or 5 tricks I suppose . Now whats the score for 3 off doubled when vulnerable ? Oh I remember minus 800.

2) now when not vuln at least if you go down (possibly doubled) you will only lose minus 300 or minus 500. Still a lot. For me you should pass.

NB if you want to overcall on a 5 card suit at the 2 level do it with better trumps or on a more shapely hand (it will play better). Even 9765 ----76---K3----AKJ96 is an improvement.

3) great suit –should I overcall 2H ? maybe if not vuln 4) Vuln –no.

There is something else we might mention. You could always pass (on the first round) and come in later if the opponents seem weak. That would be safer.

4) Ace hearts. 2nd choice ? Ace hearts 3rd choice ? Ac.....

6) hmm –partner has overcalled 2D again—we don't have to lead their suit and could prefer a heart. Its not though our hearts are that wonderful though (they are not KQJ4 or even KQ109).
We should lead a diamond-the 4

7)1H-----1S

1NT -----3D A bit like a checkback call. NB we had to bid at the 3 level to show strength
3Sp-----4Sp

8)1H-----1S

1NT-----3H (checkback)

4H

9) 1H-----1S

2D-----3NT

4D-----4H

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Well I can see 6H is likely to make so perhaps we should continue with 4NT.

Or is that being wise after the event?

10) (i) draw-eliminate-throwin WHAT ? you want me to dot the I's and cross the t's ? Sure

1) Ace hrts 2) Ace sp 3)K sp 4) Ace clubs 5) Q clubs 6) K clubs 7) J hearts (loses)

Now the opponent on lead has the unenviable choice of leading a diamond into your AKJ or giving a ruff and discard. You endplayed him you see boyo ?

(ii) (I had to think twice about this I might tell you !). We are going to play another elimination and endplay. The throwin card (for the endplay) being a trump. Heres how.

1)Ace hearts 2)Ace spades 3) K spades ie no attempt was made to finesse the Q spades

4)Ace clubs 5)K clubs 6) Q clubs ... 7) 10 sp loses.. the opponents have to lead a diamond or a ruff n discard.

