

Homework answers one suiters

- 1) pass – partner's repeat of spades shows 6-9
- 2) you need to bid game with 14 pts – 4 sp looks obvious
- 3) and now you are highly interested in game ...3Sp looks right
- 4) Partner has shown 10-12 and six hearts –we now bid 4H

(any other bid is wrong so let's leave it at that –those who bid 3NT cross it out and change to 4H)

- 5) whatever ! partner means ...she has six spades and enough points for us to bid game. 4Sp is no doubt the right call.
- 6) 4NT and then possibly 6 or 7 hrs. *But but but* partner bid 4H ...that's a shut out isn't it ? No.
- 7) Hmm what was I thinking of putting this one in ? well you need to bid game (or at least make a game forcing bid). So the correct answers are : 4Sp (tho true spades are a little ropey) or 3NT (tho true heart stop is a little shakey)
BUT bid strongly whatever you do.
Anyone that's bids (only) 3Sp --- O Vey .Not enough by far.
I suppose you could bid it with a rising inflection in your voice but ..no we use bidding boxes these days so that wont work either. Perhaps hesitate a long time before putting the 3Sp bid on the table and then partner will know you had some doubts.
PS any unintended irony was intended
- 8) well this is one of those that u cant quite be sure of how many pts partner has – but I think its clear that we must bid game. 4H is normal.

- 9) a)bid 2H – one of the times Philippa that we can raise straight away with only three cards
b) and this one too bid 2Sp
NB are u clear the times you *can* raise with 3 cards straight away ?

11) [no 10] you win with the Q (lowest of touching honours) – now what ? the problem with returning a heart is that declarer has the J (check that) so a heart is wrong. You need to switch –the best is a diamond . You should lead a low diamond and hope partner has the Q or Ace. You lead a diamond rather than a club as we prefer to lead up to weakness.

12)well easy on paper –would u do it for real though ? you play your K sp on your partner's Q –unblocking the suit

13) (i) before drawing trumps u need to discard a losing heart- 2 x ways to do it but the safest is to play Q cl; Ace cl; K cl discarding a heart from dummy. Now draw trumps

(ii) *before drawing trumps u need to....* Ruff a heart in dummy.
Play Ace Hrts; play K hrts; Ace clubs; ruff a heart; draw trumps

