

Answers penalty doubles

1) Penalty (partner has already bid)

2) takeout (partner has *not* yet bid)

3) Penalty (partner has already bid)

4) takeout (partner has *not* yet bid)

5) Double or 2NT

6) Double or 1NT

7) Well what does partner's double mean (and what does he want us to do now ?)

Surely partner is quite strong to bid at such a high level.

As we haven't yet bid so some would say that the dble is takeout. If you read your notes (again ?) you will see that I think of these high doubles as being *optional*. Ie pass if you think the opponents might go off or bid if you think you might make. Pass is clear as far as I am concerned.

Partner's hand was : AQ632 -3----A98---AJ73

8) Am sure I set this question only the other day ! oh well partner has AKJ diamonds. You need to see that with that holding having led the Ace (and seen our TWO) they would make a safe exit. When you get in (with the Ace sp) you will of course lead a diamond

9) you will carry on forcing declarer to trump-you will win the Ace sp fairly soon and lead another heart. It may be that declarer runs out of spades and your 2 sp (yes) becomes a winner).

10) Win the Ace diamonds –don't draw trumps yet –play Ace clubs; play J clubs overtaking with the Q clubs-play K clubs discarding a diamond-then draw trumps

11) a) yes –only chance to make a trick is to play the K sp

11) b) no – they should play low from dummy – now they are sure to make a trick eventually with either the K or J