

Answers protective calls

- 1) 1NT . No real 2nd choice though dble if u pushed me
- 2) Dble
- 3) More interesting. Pass or 1NT or 2C – pass might work as if you bid you give them a 2nd chance to get to a better (higher scoring) contract. But nothing is certain. I prefer 1NT to 2C incidentally but will be alone in that Im sure. Pass is probably best.
- 4) 3H is enough really –giving partner a bit of leeway if they have stuck their neck out
- 5) Tempting to pass but spouse better not as partner could have 14.
A slow 2NT perhaps. The slowness that you make your call indicates your uncertainty about its merit. “But but that would be cheating wouldn’t it ?” Yes .
(Doesn’t seem to stop people bidding like that though does it ?)
- 6) 5d IS THE CALL. Pass is wet and 4D not much drier. I guarantee you that if you bid 4D the opponents will bid 4S. So a bid of 4D is a waste of breath.
A call of 5D might cause an indiscretion. (like they might bid 5S hooray hooray)
- 7) Well if you did what everyone else did last week when there was a similar hand
You played the K. Still it kept the teacher in work explaining why as partner surely hasn’t got the Q then declarer has , and so cashing the K is helping declarer to make their Q. The correct lead at trick 2 is a trump (or maybe a diamond)
- 8) If you played low on partner’s Q hrts they will be on lead next. Bet you hope they lead a club. Those of us who prefer not to be left agonising as to whether partner will lead a club next (you know the type ? they pick this card out from their hand , put it back , draw another, put it back) simply overtake the Q hrts with the Ace and cash the A + K clubs.
- 9)
 - (i) T1) Ace hrts T2) Ace diamonds T3) K diamonds T4) Q diamonds throwing a heart. Next draw trumps
 - (ii) T1) Ace hrts T2) Ace diamonds T3) 2 diamonds to the J diamonds ie finesse the J diamonds WINS ! T4) K diamonds throwing a heart. Next draw trumps