

Answers balanced hands Thursday

- 1) 1NT 2) 1H 3) 1H 4) 1Sp

Not sure what I was trying to test (or expose !) with those questions but hopefully you can see that balanced hands with more than 14 pts are opened at the 1 level in a *suit*.

- 5) 1H-----2C 6) 1S-----2D
2NT 2NT
(15-17) (15-17)

- 7) 1H-----1NT 8) 1S-----1NT
Pass 2NT
Why ? coz you only have 15/16 (17/18)
And that is only enough to bid 1NT
Over a 1 level response. And you cant.

- 9) 1H-----2H 10) 1D-----2D 11) 1S-----2S
Pass. 2NT 3S
Now I cant prove to you that (17/18) (17/18)
16 in a balanced hand isnt enough
To raise or bid over the simple raise
But it isnt !

- 11) 1H-----2H 12) Pass (is the final call . Coz you are minimum 6/7)
3H-----4H (you are maximum
Ie 8 or 9 so go to game)

13) South bids 2Sp as a weak takeout/rescue bid after partner's 1NT has been doubled

14) South bids 2H as a weak take out

- 15) (i) 2 diamonds a low discouraging signal (we cant get a trick)
(ii) 9 clubs a High encouraging signal
(iii) K hrts

So ...whether we play High or Low is dictated by the chances of us getting a trick . It is NOT because we have some random honour

16) (I) win Ace spades – lead the 10 hearts for a finesse.-when it wins lead another hearts for another finesse. ESSENTIAL to lead the 10 – you see why of course ? good.

(ii) win Ace spades and play another spade (with the intention of trumping a spade in dummy while you can). Anyone who drew trumps goes off.