

Answers replying own suit

1) pass 2) 1NT 3) 2H 4) 3NT 5) 4H

6) pass . Yes you did intend to rebid 2D but that was before you knew p had clubs

7) 1NT Does this call come hard to you with such a hand ?

It's the ONLY way that we *might* get to play in 2H /improve the final contract

8) no good answer. (i) Pass ? hmmm (ii) 2H ? hmmm (iii) 2D ? hmmm

Answers (ii) or (iii) are my choice [though could be silly]

9) (i) and now we bid 2Sp (the opponent's suit). The "method" is to pass the 1st time when the opps bid your suit and bid it yourself on the 2nd round

9) (ii) hmm well, bidding 4SP is a bit much but alack alas not all is lost.

We bid DOUBLE. This is a penalty double obviously. We do need a thinking partner to realise that the only way we can have a penalty double (having passed up to now] is if we hold strong spades.

Anyway thios double "out of the blue" is well known and if not quite a convention is known to be asking for the lead of dummy's 1st bid suit.

10) Normally of course you send back the suit p has led at NTs. However....

Here we have the Ace hrts still poised over dummy's King; in this situation it is normal to switch and wait for partner to regain the lead to re-lead hearts again (through dummy). Try the 9 diamonds.

10) These are all about " the dangerous opponent " and in fact *keeping the dangerous opponent off lead*

In clubs there is a two way finesse. We can lead the 3 to the 10 OR the 2 to the J

Best is to assume the finesse will lose.

In that circumstance which defender would we rather win the club finesse ?

(i) Here the diamonds are vulnerable. After trick 1 the diamonds left are :-

Declarer	dummy
2-----	Q4

When you play clubs you don't want the left hand opponent to win the club as they will lead another diamond. Thus (bear with it the answers coming) you should play clubs leading the 3 to the 10; now if the club finesse loses (to the right hand opponent) that opponent (if they lead a diamond) will allow our Queen to make

(ii) same thinking as above –here the answer is lead the 2 clubs to the J.

Yes yes the finesse may lose BUT (and thios is the point) even if the finesse loses the right hand opponent can not lead diamonds to the defenders advantage.

