

## Answers Thurs shapely doubles

- 1) 1Sp – Simple overcall. Why not ? Good suit ( need only be 5 at 1 level)  
10-15 pts –some shape –perfect
- 2) Dble . Of course –too strong for 1Sp –some shape etc etc
- 3) 1NT – did you double ? shame on you. With a balanced hand and stops in the opponents suit 1NT is clear ( 15-17 )
- 4) 4Sp. If you only bid 3Sp I will suspect you don't really know what you are doing. You bid 4 because you know partner has 16+ pts and 5(+) spades.  
Do the math and you get to 25
- 5) Now there is no reason to think p has bid a “shapely” double –theres will be a bog standard take out double 12+. Well it foesnt sound like they are very strong so pass is in order.
- 6) Back t partner bidding their own suit having started with a double – they have 16+ and 5+ suit . Well we have 9 but no liking for partner's suit . NTs are the order of the day. 3 of them.
- 7) Well partner has thrown a high encouraging 8 diamonds so has some goodies in that suit –probably the Ace diamonds. We certainly lead a diamond and leading the K could be right.
- 8)
  - (i) cover –hoping partner has the 10 s ( a promotion dontchakno )
  - (ii)cover – hoping partner has the Ace or 10 or ...., Just cover.
  - (iii)Don't cover.Can you see why there is no point in covering in (iii) but every point in (i) + (ii) ?  
Be good if you could. Think about what cards can be promoted ( if any )
- 8) Win. Don't draw trumps. ( If you do you go down . Check that out first ).  
Play K diamonds; play Ace diamonds; play Q diamonds throwing a heart.  
Now draw trumps.  
If you haven't got it yet really try and see why sometimes we draw trumps before taking our discards and sometimes we don't. But why ?
  - (ii) Win with Ace. Draw trumps. Play Ace diamonds; play K diamonds; play small diamond and ruff in hand. With luck the remaining diamonds have been established., They are all good.  
Return to dummys preserved K Hrts . Play winning diamonds.  
You make 12 tricks this way.  
I now see that you had 10 on top and didn't need to do any of these things –  
Even so to settle g=for 10 when 12 might be got is poor bridge.