

Answers –strong overcalls

1) (b) 6-9

AND if you have had the lesson AND if you have read the notes AND if you still didn't get this right

2) dble

3) 3C (is enough I think). Its not forcing but you need a sign of life from partner before you can go further.

4) bid 3H. Maybe partner will go to 4

5)no it's wrong. AND if you have had the lesson AND if you have read the notes AND if you still didn't get this right

Oh we've done that one haven't we?

A call of 1NT is clear cut and anything else is ~~hopeless~~ not quite right.

5) not the 3 spades ; not the 3 hearts; try the J diamonds.

Its best to avoid 4th highest type leads from honours against 6 NT.

(I have seen some bright spark *therefore* lead the J from J643 ; naturally it was my fault for telling them not to lead 4th highest. So ... I patiently explained that they shouldn't lead any card from a suit such as [Hon,x,x,x] versus 6NT. " They should get it now though shouldn't they ?"

7)(i) 6 Hrts

(ii) Q diamonds

(iii) K clubs. Ok confession time I didn't cover with this one recently and my partner who had Q94 was a bit boot faced. The point being that my play allowed declarer to make *two tricks* (they lost the 1st to the Q and later returned to hand and finessed the 10) instead of only the *one trick* if I had covered the J with the K.

8) Win with the Ace; play a diamond. Now 9 tricks are guaranteed.

Anyone ducking the K Hrts lead deserves to find an opponent with KQJ54 hrts and the Ace diamonds and thus go one off.

"But don't I normally duck when I have the Ace of the suit they led at NTs ? It's called *wait when weak* dontchakno ?"

Yes thank you I did know that and (clearly) more.

10982-----A3 is not *weak* but actually STRONG.

You should play *strike when strong* don't you know ?

9)(i) Ace hrts; Ace diamonds; K diamonds; Q diamonds discarding a *heart*.

10 spades for a spade finesse

(ii) Ace diamonds; K diamonds; Q diamonds discarding a heart.

That play guarantees 10 tricks.

Probably now draw trumps.

You may as well try for an 11th trick at some point too and lead a small club from dummy and hope the K club makes after all.

"Interesting , and we shouldn't try to draw trumps before taking those discards? " No.no.no.

